

March 2002

Roadrunner News

Newsletter of the Long Beach Cactus Club

Founded 1933; Affiliate of the Cactus and Succulent Society of America, Inc.

SOQOTRA

PROGRAM: MARK MURADIAN will present a program on the SIGHTS, SOUNDS AND SMELLS OF SOQOTRA. Traveling from Yemen he visited the remote island in the Indian Ocean for two weeks in January, 2001 in the company of an international group of plant enthusiasts. He will show us a mixture of culture and plants including *Dracena cinnabari*, the dragon blood tree, *Dendrosicyos soqotrana*, the cucumber tree, *Dorstenia gigas* and *Adenium soqotranum*. He will play a tape of Yemeni music and burn frankincense purchased there as well as modeling the national costume for us. Gary James presented an excellent program on Soqotra a while back. This botanical paradise remains very difficult to visit so don't miss this meeting.

Mark has been interested in cacti and succulents for about fifteen years. His vehicles sport the vanity plates "CAUDEXX" and "I♥CACTI." He is a farmer from the Fresno area who raises peaches, plums, grapes and nectarines. The raised beds of large yuccas in his yard were built with a bulldozer and forklift. He is also a potter.

LOCATION: Dominguez Adobe, 18127 South Alameda Street, Rancho Dominguez, CA 90220. Take the 91 Redondo Beach/ Artesia Freeway and exit south on Alameda. Signs for the Adobe are posted on the freeway and on Alameda. Coming from the freeway, the entrance to the Adobe is on the right or west side of Alameda. We will meet in the cafeteria in the northeast of the big building next to the garden.

TIME: Sunday, March 24, 2002 at 1:30 p.m. Our use of the cafeteria is limited to the hours 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Because of this constraint we will follow this schedule: 1:30 to 2:00 -- setup and refreshments, 2:00 to 4:00 -- general meeting and program, 4:00 to 4:30 -- cleanup.

PLANT-OF-THE-MONTH: Cactus: *Copiapoa*
Succulent: *Adenium* (do not confuse with *Adenia!*)

REFRESHMENTS: We will follow the alphabet to determine who is to bring the snacks and finger foods. This month, those with last names starting with the letters **J through M** are asked to bring the goodies. Please feel free to bring something even if you don't fall into this group.

DOOR PRIZES, BIRTHDAY PLANTS & PLANT SALES: Free plant for first time visitors. Speaker Mark Muradian will bring some of his pots to sell.

PLANT RAFFLE: Tickets are \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. Members are asked to donate any plants they would like to pass along that they think others would like to buy. Previous months' raffles have been big successes with several dozen plants available.

PLANTS NEEDED FOR THE ADOBE: Father Pat McPolin is replacing the potted plants around the fountain and building. He would appreciate donations of cacti and succulents for the new twelve inch pots he has ordered. He says they don't have to be prizewinners: "They are all works from the hand of God."

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DIRECTORS, in alphabetical order, are Petra Crist, Bob Gillett, Jim Hanna, Dick Hulett (Past President), and Dot Miller.

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MEMBERSHIP

SEND APPLICATIONS to Sandra Fletcher, (310) 538-4078, P.O. Box 3366, Gardena, CA 90247-7066.
Dues are \$10 per year for regular membership, seniors \$7; each associate member (same household) \$2.50 additional. (Senior membership is for retired persons, 65 and older.) Checks should be made out to **LBOC**.

IF FOUR OR FIVE OR MORE MEMBERS are interested they may order **official Long Beach Cactus Club member badges**. The cost is \$6.50 per person. Please see treasurer, Sandra Fletcher, at the meeting.

NEWSLETTER

IF YOU HAVE ANY STORIES, cultivation tips, information about upcoming calendar events or news in general about cacti and succulents that might interest our members, please send them in or give me a call. Comments and suggestions are always welcome. Remember, this is your newsletter. The address is: E. Lisa Smith, 2075 E. Appleton St. #24, Long Beach, CA 90803-6205. Telephone: (562) 439-8056.

CLARENCE B. WRIGHT MEMORIAL DESERT GARDEN

COME AT 12:00 P.M., AN HOUR BEFORE THE REGULAR MEETING and help John Caceres plant, water and maintain our garden. Call John at (562) 949-7631 to find out other days that a work party might be arranged. Find out what's blooming each month and get ideas for your home garden.

SPECIAL THANKS to the **CLARETIAN ORDER** for allowing us to use the grounds of the **DOMINGUEZ SEMINARY** for our auction and the cafeteria for our monthly meetings. We appreciate the pleasant setting as well as being able to meet near our garden.

2002 PLANT-OF-THE-MONTH RULES

At the November, 1996 meeting, the following rules were adopted for the Plant-of-the-Month (POM) competition:

- A maximum of three plants may be entered in each category (cactus and succulent).
- There will be three classes for entrants: advanced (blue tag), intermediate (pink tag) and beginner (yellow tag).
- Advanced and intermediate entrants must have had the plant in their possession for at least six months, beginners for three months.
- Entrants will receive 6 points for first place, 4 points for second place, 2 points for third place and 1 point for showing a plant that does not place.
- At the discretion of the judges there may be up to three third places in a category. If plants are not deemed to be of sufficient quality, no third place will be awarded.
- For an entrant to receive points, the entry tags must be collected by the person in charge of record keeping for POM.
- At the annual Christmas party, award plants will be presented to the ten highest cumulative point holders regardless of class.

2002 LBCC PLANTS-OF-THE-MONTH (tentative)

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>CACTUS</u>	<u>SUCCULENT</u>
January	<i>Mammillaria</i> , hooked spine	<i>Aloe</i>
February	<i>Mammillaria</i> clusters, straight spine - under 8" pot	<i>Tylecodon</i>
March	<i>Copiapoa</i>	<i>Adenium</i>
April	<i>Rebutia</i> , <i>Sulcorebutia</i>	<i>Sanseveria</i>
May	<i>Turbincarpus</i>	<i>Graptopetalum</i> , <i>Pachyphytum</i> , <i>Tacitus</i>
June	Cacti of Southern Mexico	<i>Bursera</i>
July	<i>Frailea</i> , <i>Blossfeldia</i> , <i>Mila</i>	Bromeliads
August	INTER-CITY SHOW	
September	LBCC AUCTION	<i>Greenovia</i> , <i>Monanthes</i>
October	<i>Echinocereus</i>	<i>Orostachys</i> Variegates
November	Crests	
December	HOLIDAY PARTY	

2002 POM YEAR-TO-DATE STANDINGS THROUGH FEBRUARY

<u>Advanced</u>	<u>Intermediate</u>	<u>Beginner</u>
1. Fletcher, H.&S. 26	1. Pitzer 24	1. Gillett 29
2. Hulett 19	2. Williams 17	2. Jaskulski, 14
3. Hanna 17	3. Miller 15	3. Krill 7
4. Duke 10		4. Bunnell 6
5. Causey 3		4. Richardson/Davis 6
		5. Tan 2

FEBRUARY PLANT-OF-THE-MONTH WINNERS

Judges - Larry Grammer, Woody Minnich

Cactus - Advanced

1. Gary Duke	<i>Mammillaria lenta</i>
2. H. & S. Fletcher	<i>Mammillaria plumosa</i>
3. Gary Duke	<i>Mammillaria geminispina</i>
3. Dick Hulett	<i>Mammillaria spinosissima</i>

Cactus - Intermediate

1. Tom Williams	<i>Mammillaria</i> sp.
2. Tom Williams	<i>Mammillaria plumosa</i>
3. Dot Miller	<i>Mammillaria bocasana</i>

Cactus - Beginner

1. Phyllis Jaskulski	<i>Mammillaria mieahana</i>
2. Bob Gillett	<i>Mammillaria schmollii</i>
3. Phyllis Jaskulski	<i>Mammillaria longimamma</i>
HM Bob Gillett	<i>Mammillaria fragilis</i> (graft)

Succulent - Advanced

1. Jim Hanna	<i>Tylecodon reticulatus</i>
2. H. & S. Fletcher	<i>Tylecodon wallichii</i>
3. Jim Hanna	<i>Tylecodon paniculatus</i>
3. H. & S. Fletcher	<i>Tylecodon reticulatus</i>
HM H. & S. Fletcher	<i>Tylecodon cacalioides</i>

Succulent - Intermediate

1. Tom Williams	<i>Tylecodon reticulatus</i>
2. Laverne Pitzer	<i>Tylecodon</i> sp.
3. Dot Miller	<i>Tylecodon paniculatus</i>

Succulent - Beginner




1. Bob Gillett	<i>Tylecodon dinteri</i>
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CACTUS AND SUCCULENT
CALENDAR OF UP COMING EVENTS
FOR 2002

- JAN. 12 SAN DIEGO CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY WINTER SHOW AND SALE, BALBOA PARK, ROOM 101, SAN DIEGO, CA. INFO. CALL #619-477-4779
- APR. 13 & 14 SOUTH COAST CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW & SALE AT SO. COAST BOTANICAL GARDENS 26300 CRENSHAW BL., PALOS VERDES, CA. #310-832-22
- APR. 26 & 27 GREEN SCENE PLANT SALE AT THE FULLERTON ARBORETUM
- MAY 4 & 5 SUNSET CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE VETERANS MEMORIAL CENTER, GARDEN ROOM 4117 OVERLAND AVE. CULVER CITY, CA. INFO. #310-822-1783
- MAY 18 & 19 GATES CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY 27th SHOW AND SALE—SAT. 1 TO 5 SUN. 10 TO 5—SAT. SALE STARTS AT 10 am SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY MUSEUM, 2024 ORANGE TREE LANE REDLANDS, CA.
- JUN. 1 & 2 SAN DIEGO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY—SHOW AND SALE BALBOA PARK ROOM 101, SAN DIEGO, CA. INFO. #619-477-4779
- JUN. pending LA CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE 116633 MAGNOLIA BL. ENCINO—INFO. 818-892-1669 STEVE FRIEZE
- JULY 6 & 7 CSSA ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE—HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS AT 1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA. 626-405-2160 or 2277
- AUG. 24 & 25 16th ANNUAL INTERCITY SHOW AND SALE—LA COUNTY ARBORETUM 301 NO. BALDWIN AVE., ARCADIA, CA. INFO. CALL TOM GLAVICH AT 626-798-2430 or GENE OSTER AT 818-998-9306
- AUG. 31 HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS SUCCULENT SYMPOSIUM ALL DAY AT THE HUNTINGTON.
- SEPT. 22 LONG BEACH CLUB ANNUAL AUCTION AT DOMINGUEZ ADOBE 18127 SO. ALAMEDA ST. COMPTON (DOMINGUEZ HILLS) CA.
- OCT. 12 & 13 ORANGE COUNTY SHOW SALE TO BE HELD AT THE FULLERTON ARBORETUM
- OCT. 19 & 20 SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE—LA COUNTY ARBORETUM ADDRESS ABOVE.

2002 LBCC PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Woody Minnich, Programs (661) 944-2784

Mar 24	Mark Muradian	SIGHTS, SOUNDS & SMELLS OF SOCOTRA.
Apr 28	Joe Wujcik	BEST POTS FOR STAGING. A master potter shares his knowledge.
May 26	Woody Minnich	TURBINICARPUS. New program.
Jun. 23	Leo Martin	OAXACA TRIP.
Jul. 28	Tom Glavich	THE TERRESTRIAL BROMELIADS
Aug. 25	NO MEETING	INTERCITY SHOW
Sep. 22	ANNUAL AUCTION	LBCC PLANT AUCTION. Everyone is invited but you must be a member to auction plants.
Oct. 27	Gary Duke	NATURAL HYBRIDS OF THE JAVILLA MTNS. <i>Echinocereus</i> of New Mexico.
Nov. 24	Tom Knapik (Tentative)	SUCCULENTS AROUND THE WORLD.
Dec. 15	  	HOLIDAY FEAST, FESTIVITIES & AUCTION.

Long Beach Cactus Club Membership Application

2002 DUES INFORMATION -- ONE YEAR:

Regular Membership \$ 10.00
 Senior Membership (retired person, age 65 or older) 7.00
 Associate (same household) 2.50

Please make out checks to LBCC (Long Beach Cactus Club) and give or send them to Treasurer, Sandra Fletcher, P.O. Box 3366, Gardena, CA 90247-7066

Renew or join on or before the Holiday Party to receive a free plant as a thank you from the club. These will be distributed at the party or in January.

NEW MEMBER RENEWAL TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____ DATE: _____

NAME: _____

ASSOCIATE MEMBER(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

HOME PHONE: (____) _____ WORK PHONE: (____) _____

E-MAIL: _____

BIRTHDAY MONTH: _____ TWO MOST FAVORITE CACTI OR SUCCULENTS: _____

CACTUS & SUCCULENT

SHOW & SALE

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CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY

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Jim Hanna at 562-928-3046 or jimhanna@earthlink.net

DIRECTIONS: Coming from the 10, take 465 south to Crenshaw, go south on
Crenshaw or take 110 south to Pacific Coast Hwy. 46 or take 101 Crenshaw and turn right

The cactus in this picture is *Melocactus aureus*, called the Turkey Cup, because it flowers
from the dense "cup" of spines at its crown. Come on see more! Or, come and see more!