

March 2004

Roadrunner News

Newsletter of the Long Beach Cactus Club

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

BORREGO SPRINGS

PROGRAM: GARY DUKE, will present a slide lecture on the Anza-Borrego Desert region. This presentation will feature information on where to go and what to see including trails, restaurants and hotels. Abundant wildflowers are blooming in late March and April. Other highlighted plants in the program will be *Bursera*, *Dioscorea elephantipes*, *Ferocactus*, *Echinocereus*, *Mammillaria*, *Opuntia* and ocotillo.

Gary is a longtime cactus enthusiast who is currently serving as our Vice President. He last spoke to us on the biodiversity of New Mexico.

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 28, 2004 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: Opuntioideae (*Opuntia*, *Peireskiopsis*, *Pterocactus*, *Quiabentia*, *Tacinga*, *Tephrocactus*, etc.)

Succulent: *Adromischus*

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 **R through S** 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.

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.

CLOSING OF SOUTH COAST BOTANIC GARDEN This LA County budget cut item is apparently on hold for the time being. The campaign of letters and phone calls to the Parks and Recreation Dept. and to Supervisor Don Knabe have resulted in the announcement that notice of the proposed closing of the garden was a mistake. We will notify you if the situation changes.

LBCC OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2004

PRESIDENT	Hank Warzybok (562) 429-7110	SECRETARY	Lisa Smith (562) 439-8056
VICE-PRESIDENT	Gary Duke (714) 840-0505	TREASURER	Sandra Fletcher (310) 538-4078

DIRECTORS, in alphabetical order, are John & Edwina Caceres, Bob Gillett, Dick Hulett (Past President), and Dot Miller.

COMMITTEES:

AFFILIATE REPRESENTATIVE	Lisa Smith	NEWSLETTER	Lisa Smith
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HISTORIAN	Laverne Pitzer	PUBLICITY - SHOWS	Dick Hulett
INTER-CITY SHOW CHAIRMAN	Harry Fletcher	REFRESHMENTS	Edwina Caceres
LIBRARY	Carol Causey	SHOW & TELL TABLE	Frances Gillett
MEMBERSHIP	Sandra Fletcher	SUNSHINE	Carol Causey
			Dot Miller

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 LBCC.

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 plant, water and maintain our garden. 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.

Southern California Cactus and Succulent Events – 2004

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| Apr. 10-11 | South Coast C&SS Show & Sale , South Coast Botanical Gardens, 26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes. (310) 832-2262 |
| Apr. | South Bay Epiphyllum Society Show & Sale , South Coast Botanical Gardens, 26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes. (310) 831-1209 |
| Apr. 24-25 | Green Scene Plant Sale , Fullerton Arboretum |
| May 1-2 | Sunset Succulent Society Show & Sale , Veterans Memorial Center, Garden Room, 4117 Overland Ave., Culver City, CA. (310) 822-1783. |
| May 16 | Huntington Botanical Garden Spring Sale , Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA. 10 to 5. (626) 405-2160. |
| May 22-23 | Gates Cactus & Succulent Society Annual Show & Sale 2004 , Jurupa Mountains Cultural Center, 7621 Granite Hill Dr., Riverside, CA 92509 |
| Jun. 5-6 | San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society Show & Sale , Balboa Park, Room 101, San Diego, CA. (619) 477-4779. |
| Jun. | Los Angeles C&SS Show and Sale , 11663 Magnolia Blvd., Encino (818) 363-3432 - Artie. |
| Jul. 1-3 | CSSA Show and Sale , Huntington Botanical Garden, San Marino, CA. Plant sales only on the 1 st (free admission day). (626) 405-2160 or 2277. |
| Aug. 14-15 | Inter-City Cactus and Succulent Show , LA County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA. |
| Sep. 4 | 21st Huntington Succulent Symposium , Huntington Botanical Gardens, San Marino |
| Oct. 9-10 | San Gabriel Valley C&SS Winter Show , LA County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia CA.
NOTE DATE CHANGE! |

2004 PLANT-OF-THE-MONTH RULES

At the April, 2003 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 8 points for first place, 6 points for second place, 4 points for third place, 2 points for show/honorable mention (HM) 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.

2004 LBCC PLANTS-OF-THE-MONTH

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>CACTUS</u>	<u>SUCCULENT</u>
January	<i>Astrophytum</i>	<i>Agave</i>
February	<i>Mammillaria</i> straight spine	<i>Haworthia</i>
March	Opuntioideae	<i>Adromischus</i>
April	Crest/monstrose	Crest/monstrose
May	<i>Stenocactus/Echinofossilocactus</i>	Bromeliaceae
June	Favorite Cacti (3)	Favorite Succulent (3)
July	<i>Neoporteria/Neochilemia</i>	Caudiciform <i>Euphorbia</i> of Africa
August	Inter-City Show & Sale	
September	LBCC Auction	
October	<i>Parodia/Notocactus</i>	<i>Pachypodium</i>
November	Miniatures under 3" (3)	Miniatures under 3" (3)
December	HOLIDAY PARTY	

2004 POM YEAR-TO-DATE STANDINGS THROUGH FEBRUARY

<u>Advanced</u>	<u>Intermediate</u>	<u>Beginner</u>
1. Hulett 37	1. Jaskulski 34	1. Luhnnow 45
2. Fletcher, H.&S. 31	2. Miller 32	2. Ohlinder 34
3. Hanna 19	3. Gillett 29	3. Crowley 8
4. Duke 16	4. Pitzer 23	4. Tan, K. 1
	5. Caceres 9	
	6. Tan, S. 1	

FEBRUARY PLANT-OF-THE-MONTH WINNERS

Judges: Karen Ostler, Phyllis Jaskulski, John Luhnnow

Cactus - Advanced

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| 1. Dick Hulett | <i>Mammillaria lasiacantha</i> |
| 2. H. & S. Fletcher | <i>Mammillaria pectinatus</i> |
| 3. Gary Duke | <i>Mammillaria microthele</i> |
| HM Gary Duke | <i>Mammillaria pringlei</i> |

Cactus - Intermediate

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| 1. Phyllis Jaskulski | <i>Mammillaria mieheana</i> |
| 2. Laverne Pitzer | <i>Mammillaria parkinsonii</i> |
| 3. Bob Gillett | <i>Mammillaria hahniana</i> |
| HM Dot Miller | <i>Mammillaria elegans v. Schmolli</i> |

Cactus - Beginner

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| 1. John Luhnnow | <i>Mammillaria carmenae</i> |
| 2. John Luhnnow | <i>Mammillaria sp.</i> |
| 3. John Luhnnow | <i>Mammillaria elongata 'Julio'</i> |
| HM Karenn Ohlinder | <i>Mammillaria solisioides</i> |

Succulent - Advanced

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| 1. H. & S. Fletcher | <i>Haworthia comptoniana</i> |
| 2. Dick Hulett | <i>Haworthia emelyae</i> |
| 3. Jim Hanna | <i>Haworthia truncata</i> |

Succulent - Intermediate

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| 1. Dot Miller | <i>Haworthia emelyae</i> |
| 2. Dot Miller | <i>Haworthia hayashi</i> |
| 3. John Caceres | <i>Haworthia cymbiformis</i> |
| 3. Phyllis Jaskulski | <i>Haworthia fasciata</i> |

Succulent - Beginner

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| 1. John Luhnnow | <i>Haworthia chloracantha</i> |
| 2. John Luhnnow | <i>Haworthia cv. Chocolate</i> |
| 3. Karenn Ohlinder | <i>Haworthia truncata</i> |
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

POTTERY ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Joe Wujcik, a Southern California potter who specializes in hand thrown and decorated pottery for growing and showing plants, is celebrating a major milestone as a craftsman. He has been creating useful, decorative pottery for the past 1/3 of a century.

Joe began studying his craft in 1971 under the instruction of Frank Susi, a master potter from Kent State University in Ohio. Joe has exhibited widely including in Florida, throughout the Midwest states, and across the Southwest. Currently, his work is found at the Desert Botanical Garden in Phoenix and at most major Southern California area cactus and succulent shows held throughout the year.

Joe still finds making pottery a challenge but it is one he enjoys meeting each day. "I look forward to creating useful pottery that supports and emphasizes the special appeal found in cactus and succulent plants. It is exciting to develop a new shape, glaze, or decoration that enables the plant grower to further communicate this appeal."

As a kickoff to this anniversary celebration, Joe will join two other leading potters in a spring sale. This sale will be held at the Cactus Data Plants nursery on Saturday, March 27, 2004 from 9 to 5. Joining Joe will be:

- Don Hunt – a San Diego area potter who specializes in wheel thrown exotic shapes with very beautiful and colorful glazes, and
- Mark Muradian – a Fresno area potter who creates hand built iron washed pots with engraved, rustic patterns.

And of course, Cactus Data Plants' greenhouses will be full of new plants to purchase and enjoy.

Join us for this anniversary celebration. Cactus Data Plants is located at 9607 E Ave S-12, Littlerock, CA 93543. For directions call: (661) 944-2784.

Joe can be reached at (714) 963-3146 or at Cactusvalleypots.com.