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# ROADRUNNER NEWS

Newsletter of the Long Beach Cactus Club  
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*Photo by Woody Minnich*

**MEETING PROGRAM:** Woody Minnich: *The New, Rare and Seldom Seen Cacti & Succulents of Mexico*

Mexico is considered by many to be one of the richest regions in the world for cacti. From the United States to the north, to its southern border of Guatemala, there are an amazing number of genera and species to be found. These range from the tiny *Turbinicarpus* to the giant *Pachycereus*. Within the reaches of Mexico, there are many diverse geologic environments. These habitats vary from the coastal and inland low lands to its many high mountain niches. For almost 50 years, I have been lucky enough to have traveled most all of Mexico. Thus, my favorite regions for exploring include the most popular Baja California, to the mysterious Sierra Madre Occidental, and the succulent rich Sierra Madre Oriental. It is from these famous territories that the majority of the highly desired collector's taxa are to be found.

One might think that Mexico, being so close to the United States, would have been totally explored and there would be nothing new to find. Nothing could be further from truth! We are now finding new species of cacti and other succulents at an astonishing rate. These new finds have become a reality mainly because of the construction of many new roads leading us into what was previously unexplored territory. Coahuila, Durango and Zacatecas embody many of these remote regions where few explorers have had the opportunity to botanize. And now, these areas are rapidly opening up!

The ever-popular genera of: Agave, Dasylirion, Fouquieria, Ariocarpus, Astrophytum, Aztekium, Echeveria, Gymnocactus, Mammillaria, Pelecephora and Turbinicarpus, are just a few of the genera where the addition of new species has become common. Due to all of the excitement and interest in these new plants, there have been numerous negative side effects that have evolved. This increased interest in these new plants, combined with the commercial powers of the internet/google, has created new distribution avenues for the marketing of the rare and or endangered species. Plants I have seen for many, many years are now facing new threats from commercial collecting. CITIES and the enforcement of local and international laws, regarding illegally collected plants, has had very little impact on curtailing the destruction of specific plant populations. This is especially true when plants are new or highly desired because of their scarcity in the collector's circuit.

**LOCATION:** Rancho Los Alamitos, 6400 Bixby Hill Road, Long Beach, CA 90815. We will meet in the meeting room next to the gift shop. Rancho Los Alamitos is located within Bixby Hill and accessed through the residential security gate at Anaheim and Palo Verde. From the 405 Freeway, exit at Palo Verde Avenue and turn south. From the 605 Freeway, exit at Willow, follow to Palo Verde and turn south.

**TIME:** Sunday, February 4, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. Setup will be from 12:30 – 1:30. Members will be working in the garden starting at 11 AM. Bring a lunch if you need to.

**PLANT-OF-THE-MONTH:**

**Cactus:** Echinocereus

**Succulent:** Haworthia, Astroloba

**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 **M through R** are asked to bring the goodies. Please feel free to bring something even if you don't fall into this group.

**FREE PLANTS:** A selection of plants are given away each month, one each to first time visitors, new members, and members who have a birthday that month. The rest are raffled off to attending members.

Members are encouraged to donate any plants they would like to pass along or that they think others would like to buy.

## Long Beach Cactus Club 2018 Meeting Schedule

Mar. 4	Woody Minnich: "The New, Rare and Seldom Seen Cacti & Succulents of Mexico"
Mar. 31	Ernesto Sandoval: "Cultivation & Propagation of Cacti & Succulents"
May 6	Tom Glavich: "The Genus Euphorbia"
May 18-19	Annual Long Beach Cactus Club Show and Sale
June 3	Greg Starr: "Agaves of Mexico"
July 1	Roxie Esterle: "Desperately Seeking Succulents in Baja CA"
Aug. 5	Gunnar Eisel: "From the Windowsill to the Poor house"
Aug. 11-12	Annual Intercity Show
Sept. 2	Jeremy Spath: "Agaves of Oaxaca, Mexico"
Sept. 15	Annual Long Beach Cactus Club Auction
Oct. 7	Tim Harvey: "Understanding & Growing Plants from Winter Rainfall Regions"
Nov. 4	Jeff Moore: "Soft Succulents"
Dec. 9	Holiday Party

## LBCC PLANT-OF-THE-MONTHS 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.

## 2018 LBCC PLANTS-OF-THE-MONTH

MONTH	CACTI	SUCCULENTS
March	Echinocereus	Haworthia, Astroloba
April	Rebutia, Sulcorebutia	Echeveria
May	Echinocactus, Ferocactus	Monadenium, Jatropha
June	Opuntias, Tephrocactus	African Euphorbias
July	Lobivia, Echinopsis	Pachypodium
August	Thelocactus, Stenocactus	Asclepiads
September	Coryphantha, Ecobaria	Fockea, Raphionacme
October	Neoporteria, Neochilenia	Cotyledon, Tylecodon
November	Miniatures (3) - pots under 3"	Miniatures (3) - pots under 3"
December	HOLIDAY PARTY	

2018 PLANT OF THE YEAR: ***Thelocactus bicolor* v. Parras**

## 2018 POM STANDINGS

Advanced		Intermediate		Beginner	
Gary Duke	60	Krystoff Przykucki	54	Henry Angulo	22
Ken Shaw	26	Mike Martin	27	Nan Herbert	19
		Jade Neely	16	Rose Bank	14
		Scott Bunnell	15	Jim Tanner	8
		Margaret Lander	12		
		Andrew Lander	8		
		Kathy McNair	1		

**2018 CACTUS AND SUCCULENT CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**  
**TENTATIVE, as of 11/14/2017**

- MAR. 22-24** ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SPRING SHOW AND SALE  
THURS. 22nd 6-9PM FRI. MAR. 23rd 9-7PM SAT. MAR. 24TH 9-5  
1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA  
INFORMATION CALL 562-587-3357
- APR. 7-8** SOUTH COAST CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW & SALE  
9-4 pm SOUTH COAST BOTANICAL GARDENS, 26300 CRENSHAW BLVD., PALOS VERDES, CA  
INFO: 310-378-1953 <http://www.southcoastcss.org>
- APR. 29** HUNTINGTON PLANT SALE  
10 to 5pm  
HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS, 1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA. 626-405-3504
- MAY 5-6** SUNSET CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE  
VETERANS MEMORIAL CENTER, GARDEN ROOM, 4117 OVERLAND AVE., CULVER CITY, CA  
INFO. 310-822-1783
- MAY 6** SOUTH BAY EPIPHYLLUM SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE  
9am to 4pm SOUTH COAST BONTANICAL GARDENS, INFO. 310-833-6823
- MAY 11-12** GATES CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY 35TH SHOW AND SALE  
FRI & SAT 9-4:30 pm, INFORMATION ON LOCATION CALL 909-910-9195
- MAY 18-19** **LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB PLANT SHOW AND SALE**  
**10-4 pm RANCHO LOS ALAMITOS, 6400 BIXBY HILL ROAD, LONG BEACH, CA**  
**INFO. 562-631-5876**
- MAY 26-27** CENTRAL COAST CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY ANNUAL SHOW & SALE  
(10-4PM), LUDWICK CENTER, 864 SANTA ROSA, SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA  
INFO. 805-237-2054, [www.centralcoastcactus.org](http://www.centralcoastcactus.org)
- JUNE 2-3** SAN DIEGO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY—SUMMER SHOW & SALE  
BALBOA PARK, ROOM 101, SAN DIEGO, CA INFO. 858-382-1797
- JUNE 9-10** LOS ANGELES CACTUS and SUCCULENT SOCIETY PLANT SHOW AND SALE  
JUNE 9TH 9-4--10th 9-3  
SEPULVEDA GARDEN CENTER, 16633 MAGNOLIA BLVD., ENCINO, CA.  
INFO. [www.lacactus.com](http://www.lacactus.com)
- JUN 29-JUL 1** CSSA ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE  
HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS, 1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA.  
PLANT SALES START JUNE 29TH THROUGH JULY 1st 10am to 5pm  
SHOW OPENS June 30th THUR JULY 1st 10am-5pm INFO. 626-405-3504
- JULY 19-21** ORANGE COUNTY CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SUMMER SHOW AND SALE  
THURS. 19TH 6-9pm FRI. JULY 20th 9am-7pm SAT. 21st 9-5pm  
1000 S. State College Bl., (Anaheim United Methodist Church) Anaheim, CA  
INFORMATION CALL 949-212-8417
- AUG. 11-12** **33rd ANNUAL INTERCITY SHOW AND SALE AT THE LA COUNTY ARBORETUM**  
**9am-5pm daily.**  
**301 NO. BALDWIN AVE., ARCADIA, CA.**  
**INFO. CALL TOM GLAVICH 626-798-2430 or JOHN MARTINEZ 805-390-2139**
- SEPT. 1** HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS SUCCULENT SYMPOSIUM  
ALL DAY AT THE HUNTINGTON 626-405-3504

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- SEPT 15**      **LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB ANNUAL PLANT AUCTION**  
**12-5PM**  
**RANCHO LOS ALAMITOS, 6400 BIXBY HILL ROAD, LONG BEACH, CA 90615**  
**INFO. 562-631-5876**
- Oct. 13-14**      BAKERSFIELD CACTUS and SUCCULENT SOCIETY  
SHOW & SALE SAT. 10-5---SUN. 11-3 ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, 2216 17th STREET  
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93304 FREE ADDMISSION & PARKING, INFO 661-8318488
- OCT. 27-28**      PALOMAR CACTUS &SUCCULENT SOCIETY FALL SHOW AND SALE  
SAT 10-5, SUN 10-3, SAN DIEGO BOTANIC GARDENS  
230 QUAIL GARDENS ROAD, ENCINITAS, CA  
INFO brita\_miller@yahoo.com ph.858-776-7216
- NOV. 3-4**      SAN GABRIEL CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE  
9am-4pm BOTH DAYS  
LA COUNTY ARBORETUM 310 NO. BALDWIN, ARCADIA, CA  
MANNY RIVERA 626-780-6957 or JOHN MATTHEWS 661-714-1052

**LBCC OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2018**

PRESIDENT	Ken Shaw [562-631-5876]	SECRETARY	<b>OPEN</b>
VICE-PRESIDENT	Scott Bunnell	TREASURER	Jade Neely
DIRECTORS: Gary Duke, Jim Hanna, John Luhnnow, Ken Shaw, and Hank Warzybok			

**COMMITTEES:**

AFFILIATE REPRESENTATIVE	Hank Warzybok	NEWSLETTER	Andrew Lander
BIRTHDAY/PRIZE PLANTS	Jim Hanna	PROGRAMS	Woody Minnich
GARDEN CURATOR	<b>OPEN</b>	PUBLICITY – LOCAL	<b>OPEN</b>
HISTORIAN	Ken Shaw	PUBLICITY – SHOWS	Peter Walkowiak
INTER-CITY SHOW CHAIRMAN	Peter Walkowiak	REFRESHMENTS	<b>OPEN</b>
LIBRARY	<b>OPEN</b>	SHOW & TELL TABLE	<b>OPEN</b>
MEMBERSHIP	Krystoff Przykucki	WEBMASTER	<b>OPEN</b>

**NEWSLETTER**

IF YOU HAVE ANY STORIES, cultivation tips, information about upcoming events, photos, corrections, or news in general about cacti and succulents that might interest our members, please send them in. **Comments and suggestions are always welcome. Remember, this is your newsletter.** Physical address: Andrew Lander, 3041 Roxanne Ave., Long Beach, CA 90808. Cyber address: [landruc@gmail.com](mailto:landruc@gmail.com).

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