

*April 2022*

# ROADRUNNER NEWS

Newsletter of the Long Beach Cactus Club  
Founded 1933; Affiliate of the Cactus and Succulent Society of America, Inc.

**Presentation: Stefan Burger: The Underground Cacti of Chile**



Learn about a world of geophytic cacti that have evolved and adapted to one of the most extreme habitats on the planet - the Atacama Fog Desert. This talk discusses members of the genera *Copiapoa* and *Eriosyce* that can be classified as geophytes, that is, they have evolved substantial underground storage organs in the form of retractile taproots where they accumulate water and nutrients to help them survive multi-annual droughts. These cacti are often very small in habitat and difficult to find - they are highly cryptic in nature and most plants live at or below ground level and can be almost impossible to see unless they are in flower. Join us on a journey from the city of La Serena to Antofagasta in search of these fascinating cacti. *\*Bonus segment on Chilean Dioscorea and Euphorbia.*

Stefan Burger is an Australian naturalist and environmental consultant living in Chile. He has an academic background in Applied Sciences and developed a fascination for cacti and other exotic plants from a young age. He now facilitates habitat tours in South America, works in conservation and independently researches cacti and desert ecology.



## Message from the President

Hello Club Members,

For the first time in 3 years, we are having a cactus sale!!! On May 22, from 10am-4pm at the Bellflower Women's Club, we will be hosting the 2022 Long Beach Cactus Club Plant Sale! We already have a few vendors lined up, but if you are interested in selling, please reach out to our Sale co-chair Nelson Hernandez at [nels.hernandez@yahoo.com](mailto:nels.hernandez@yahoo.com). We are also in need of volunteers to help with set up, clean up, and helping to host our vendors and patrons throughout the day. Please reply to this email if you will be able to help out; we greatly appreciate any and all who can make the day move smoothly.

As mentioned at the last meeting, we are beginning to form committees for the various functions and activities of the club. I envision having a chair or co-chairs for each, with other members lending assistance where needed. Nothing too demanding or formal, but a core group that can help the club achieve its goals in each area. I encourage everyone to think about how they would like to support the club, and we will have a sign-up sheet at the meeting. A quick refresher, and for those who were unable to make the April meeting, here are the areas in which we are looking for form committees: Programming/Host, Membership/Engagement, Sale/Show, Intercity, Auction, and of course, Xmas party.

We are still following LA County Covid guidance, which as I write this message remains mask-optional. Should there be any changes to this prior to the meeting, we will reach out with an update.

### **PRESENTATION**

Our presenter for March will be Stefan Burger, and he will present "The Underground Cacti of Chile." We'll be learning about geophytic cacti of Chile from someone who lives there! This will be a must-see presentation.

### **POM**

Succulent: Variegated

Cactus: Variegated

### **SNACKS**

This month Snacks will be brought to you those whose last name begins with letters I, J, and K.

### **CLUB MEMBERSHIPS**

The membership dues are \$20. Due to having to look for a new vendor, our name badges are now \$10.

### **SALES**

Contact me if you would like to be a vendor at our May meeting.

### **FREE PLANT/CUTTINGS TABLE**

Healthy, clean, and pest free plants and cuttings are welcome! There should be no soil on the roots if plants are bare root. Clean-up is crazy when this rule is not followed.

### **MEETING SET-UP AND TEAR-DOWN**

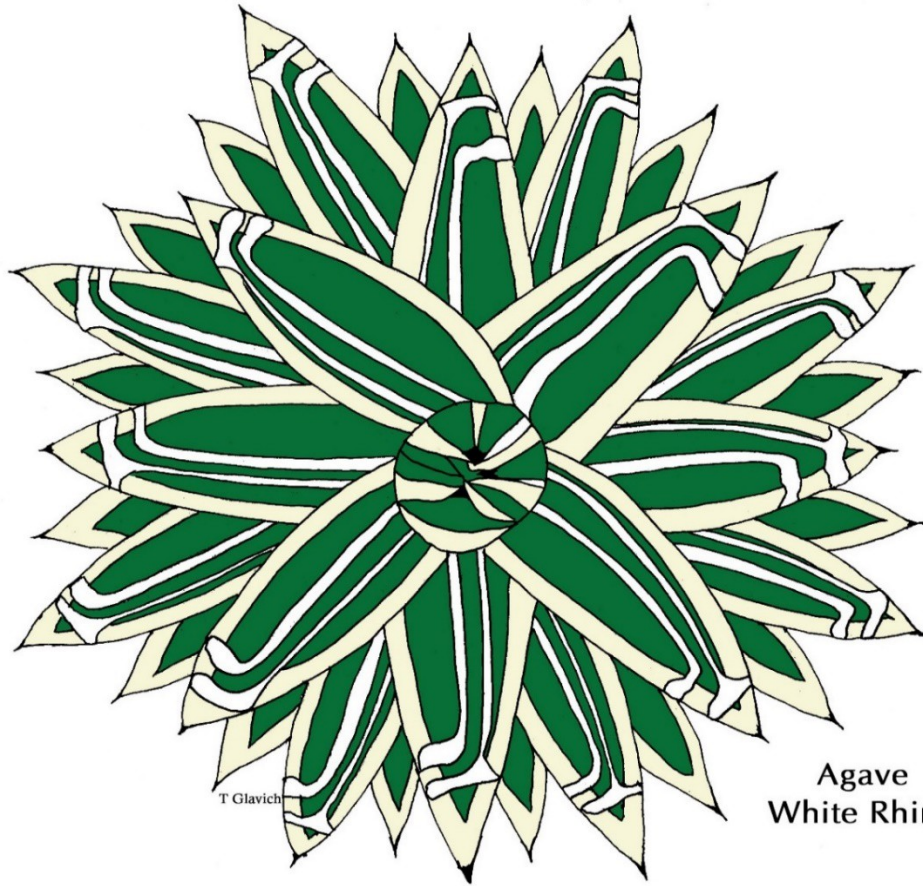
Many thanks to those who show up early and/or stay after our meetings to help with set-up and tear-down. You make a difference! When moving tables, they cannot be slid but need to be lifted. This is an old building and they need our help taking care of their floors.

Looking forward seeing everyone on the 1<sup>st</sup>!

Stay safe and healthy,

Chris Bucka

**Cactus and Succulent Society of America**  
**55<sup>th</sup> Annual Cactus and Succulent**  
**Show and Sale**



T Glavich

Agave  
White Rhino

**July 1 - 3, 2022**

**The Huntington**

**Huntington Hours 10 AM to 5 PM**

**1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA**

**INFORMATION 626-405-3504**

Open to the public with paid admission or Huntington membership  
Advance online timed entry reservations are now required ONLY on weekends for both  
visitors & Members. NO WALK-INS. Limited daily capacity. Friday sale reservations  
strongly recommended.

Go to the [huntington.org](https://www.huntington.org) website for tickets

See [www.cssashow.com](https://www.cssashow.com) for further details.

## 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.

## Long Beach Cactus Club 2022 Plants of the Months

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>CACTI</u>	<u>SUCCULENTS</u>
January	Echinocereus	Haworthia
February	Notocactus & Parodia	Dudleya
March	Mammillaria clusters	Gasteria
April	Corypanthus & Escobaria	Euphorbia from Madagascar
May	Variegated	Variegated
June	Rebutia & Sulcorebutia	Pachypodium
July	Favorites (3)	Favorites (3)
August	Neoporteria & Neochilenia	Bromeliaceae
September	AUCTION	
October	Echinocactus & Ferocactus	Lithops & Conophytum
November	Miniatures (3) - pots under 3"	Miniatures (3) - pots under 3"
December	HOLIDAY PARTY	

## 2018 POM STANDINGS

<b>Advanced</b>		<b>Intermediate</b>		<b>Beginner</b>	
Gary Duke	94	Richard Salcedo	45	Charlie	20
Jim Hanna	16	Scott Bunnell	14	Shirley Kost	19
Krystoff Przykucki	10	James Lemos	14	Christine Isham	12
		Daniel Almanza	9	Will	12
		Andrew Lander	6	Kelly Eddy	10
		Kathy McNair	3	Gloria Hansen	10
				Julianne Skinner	9
				Sonita Bantad	7
				Jesse Arias	6
				Gavin Hunn	6
				Jenny	6
				Chris Bucka	5
				Jeff Preston	5
				Nelson H.	2
				Gretchen Lewotsky	2
				Lemono Lott	2
				Laurie Keller	1



# The Long Beach Cactus Club

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## Meeting Highlights:

- Monthly programs led by plant experts from around the world
- Mini shows each month with different categories of cacti & succulents
- Vendors selling plants, pots, tools, and more
- Monthly raffles
- Advice from members for plant identification and care

## Meeting Information:

1st Sunday of each month

1:00 pm

Woman's Club of Bellflower 9402 Oak St, Bellflower, CA

## **Member Sign Up**

\$20.00 per year, per membership

\$10.00 for engraved name badge (optional)

☐ Cash or ☐ Check - Made out to the Long Beach Cactus Club

Membership year: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (for mailing purposes): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

## SNACK AND REFRESHMENT SCHEDULE

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>LAST NAME STARTS WITH</u>
January	A, B
February	C, D
March	E, F, G
April	H
May	I, J, K
June	L, M
July	N, O
August	P, Q, R
September	Auction
October	S, T, U, V
November	W, X, Y, Z
December	Holiday Party

## LBCC OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2022

PRESIDENT	Christopher Bucka	SECRETARY	Gavin Hunn
VICE-PRESIDENT	William Ramirez	TREASURER	Nelson Hernandez
BOARD OF DIRECTORS	Scott Bunell, Kelly Eddy, Ed Hansen, Jennyfer Ibarra, James Lemos		
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VENDORS/PRIZES	Jim Hanna	PROGRAMS	James Lemos
MEMBERSHIP	Tanisha Herr	HISTORIAN	Ken Shaw
INTER-CITY SHOW	Crystal Eckman	MINI-SHOW	Christopher Bucka
LIBRARIAN	Lisa Weller	X-MAS PARTY	Gary Duke
PHOTOGRAPHER	Alon Ronn	REFRESHMENTS	Amy Angulo
PLANT SALE	Kelly Eddy	AUCTION	Gretchen Lewotsky
INSTAGRAM	Gavin Hunn	WEBSITE	Scott Bunnell

## 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)