

November 2002

# Roadrunner News

Newsletter of the Long Beach Cactus Club

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## OAXACA TRIP

**PROGRAM:** LEO MARTIN will present a slide lecture on his recent TRIP TO OAXACA, MEXICO. Along with Jeff Chemnilek of Plants of Distinction Nursery in Santa Barbara, Leo spent twenty-one days there last November, hoping to see the cycad *Dion* on its home ground. He will show us new species of *Dion* as well as *Zamia* and *Ceratozamia*. We will also see a wide panorama of the flora of southern Mexico. On the Atlantic coast of Veracruz there is lowland rainforest that is now occupied by sugar plantations. At higher elevations there are pine and oak forests and the deserts of Oaxaca's central valleys.

Leo has been botanizing for thirty years. He is president of the Central Arizona Cactus and Succulent Society and a director of CSSA. He also runs a miniature Schnauzer rescue project.

**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, November 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: Crests  
Succulent: Variegates

**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 **N through W** 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.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS** will be held at this meeting. Nominees for the 2003 positions are President, Hank Warzybok; Vice President, Laverne Pitzer; Secretary, Lisa Smith; and Treasurer, Sandy Fletcher. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

## LBCC OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2002

**PRESIDENT** Hank Warzybok (562) 429-7110      **SECRETARY** Lisa Smith (562) 439-8056  
**VICE-PRESIDENT** Laverne Pitzer (562) 429-3271      **TREASURER** Sandra Fletcher (310) 538-4078

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

### COMMITTEES:

<b>AFFILIATE REPRESENTATIVE</b>	Lisa Smith	<b>NEWSLETTER</b>	Lisa Smith
<b>BIRTHDAY/PRIZE PLANTS</b>	Jim Hanna	<b>PROGRAMS</b>	Woody Minnich
<b>GARDEN CURATOR</b>	Open	<b>PUBLICITY - LOCAL</b>	Carol Causey
<b>HISTORIAN</b>	Laverne Pitzer	<b>PUBLICITY - SHOWS</b>	Dick Hulett
<b>INTER-CITY SHOW CHAIRMAN</b>	Harry Fletcher	<b>REFRESHMENTS</b>	Theresa Davis/ Forrest Richardson
<b>LIBRARY</b>	Carol Causey	<b>SHOW &amp; TELL TABLE</b>	Carol Causey
<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	Sandra Fletcher	<b>SUNSHINE</b>	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.

## 2002 LBCC PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Woody Minnich, Programs (661) 944-2784

Nov. 24

Leo Martin

OAXACA TRIP.

Dec. 15



**HOLIDAY FEAST, FESTIVITIES & AUCTION.**

Baker's Square, 5520 E. South St. Lakewood, CA  
 (562) 804-2541 Time 12:00 p.m. (Noon)

## 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>Sansevieria</i>
May	<i>Turbinicarpus</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	
October	<i>Echinocereus</i>	<i>Greenovia</i> , <i>Monanthes</i> , <i>Orostachys</i>
November	Crests	Variegates
December	HOLIDAY PARTY	

### 2002 POM YEAR-TO-DATE STANDINGS THROUGH OCTOBER

<u>Advanced</u>	<u>Intermediate</u>	<u>Beginner</u>
1. Fletcher, H.&S. 97	1. Pitzer 84	1. Gillett 82
2. Hanna 51	2. Miller 83	2. Jaskulski 53
3. Hulett 43	3. Williams 27	3. Wagner 33
4. Causey 23	4. Caceres 12	4. Krill 25
4. Duke 23		5. Bunnell 6
5. Wujcik 4		5. Krulik 6
		5. Richardson/Davis 6
		6. Tan 2

### OCTOBER PLANT-OF-THE-MONTH WINNERS

Judge - Gary Duke, Joy Blair, Tom Crowley

#### Cactus - Advanced

1. H. & S. Fletcher *Echinocereus* sp.

#### Succulent - Advanced

1. H. & S. Fletcher *Greenovia* hybrid

#### Cactus - Intermediate

1. Dot Miller *Echinocereus longispinus*  
2. Dot Miller *Echinocereus* sp.

#### Succulent - Intermediate

1. Dot Miller *Orostachys erubescens*  
2. Dot Miller *Monanthes subcrassicaulis*

#### Cactus - Beginner

1. Bob Gillett *Echinocereus emeacanthus*  
2. Bob Gillett *Echinocereus rubispinus*  
3. Bob Gillett *Echinocereus rubispinus*

#### Succulent - Beginner

None

# 30TH BIENNIAL CSSA CONVENTION

SATURDAY-THURSDAY  
JUNE 14-19, 2003

Hosted by  
The Henry Shaw Cactus Society  
of St Louis, Missouri

and featuring field trips to  
The Missouri Botanical Garden

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## Final List of Speakers

**Roger Brown**, frequent contributor of cultivation articles to the CSSA Newsletter *To The Point* :  
**Pseudolithos and Pampering your Cactus.**

**Alan Butler**, proprietor of Brookside Nurseries, and editor of *Asklepios* and the *Sansevieria Journal*, publications respectively of the International Asclepiad Society and the International Sansevieria Society : **Sansevieria for the Connoisseur and Flora of Oman.**

**Joe Clements**, formerly of the Huntington Botanical Gardens in California and Director of the CSSA: **Growing Cacti from Seed.**

**Sheila Collenette** of the UK, noted botanical explorer and a favorite at previous conventions:  
**Aloes of the Arabian Peninsula and Travels in Djibouti.**

**Hugo Cota-Sanchez**, Assistant Professor and Director of the Herbarium at the University of Saskatchewan: **Survival Strategies of Epiphytic Cacti and Epiphytic and Semi-Epiphytic Cacti You Can Grow.**

**Bob Harris** of the host Henry Shaw Cactus Society and the Bonsai Society of Greater St Louis:  
**Lecture / Demonstration on Bonsai Techniques for Succulents.**

**Tim Jackson** of California: **Winter-Growing Mesembs from Seed-It's Easy.**

**Bob Kent**: **Haworthias from Seed to Adult - Species and Hybrids.**

**John Lavranos**, CSSA Fellow, noted botanical explorer: **The Horn of Africa** in two parts.

**James Mauseth**, University of Texas at Austin, CSSA Fellow and co-author of A Cactus Odyssey: Journeys in the Wilds of Bolivia, Peru, and Argentina, will give a 2-part series: **What Basic Cactus Botany Teaches Us About Better Growing**.

**Peter Raven**, Director of The Missouri Botanical Garden, will be our special banquet speaker. He will discuss **Threatened Species Worldwide and the Missouri Botanical Garden**.

**Jon Rebman**, Curator of Botany at the San Diego Natural History Museum, author of the forthcoming Atlas of Baja California Cacti, will present two talks on **Cacti of Baja California**.

**Gideon Smith**, Director of Research and Scientific Services at the National Botanical Institute, Republic of South Africa, co-author of Regions of Floristic Endemism in Southern Africa and Guide to the Aloes of South Africa, will speak on **Southern Africa: Truly A Succulent Plant Paradise and What's Happening In Succulent Plant Systematics In South Africa?**.

**John Spain** of Connecticut: **Beds and Containers for Hardy Cacti and Hardy Cacti You Can Grow in Your New Beds and Containers**.

**Rob Wallace**, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, will give a 2-part series: **What Is DNA And What Do I Do With It?**

#### Schedule

(Daily Registration Is Now Available As Well As Weekly Registration.)

Saturday, June 14, 2003

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Registration.
6:00 pm	Welcoming reception.

Sunday, June 15, 2003: Succulents Day 1

7:00 am	Sales area open to lottery winners.
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Sales area open to all.
9:00 am	Welcoming Remarks.
9:30 am	Gideon Smith: Southern Africa: Truly A Succulent Plant Paradise.
10:30 am	John Lavranos: Travels in the Horn of Africa, Part I.
11:30 am	Sheila Collette: Aloes of the Arabian Peninsula.
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm	Lunch.
2:00 pm	Roger Brown: Pseudolithos.
3:00 pm	Alan Butler: Sansevieria for the Connoisseur.
4:00 pm	Bob Kent: Haworthia from Seed.
6:00 pm	Banquet. Peter Raven: Endangered Species and the Missouri Botanical Garden. Present Awards.

Monday, June 16, 2003: Succulents Day 2

8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Sales area open to all.
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9:00 am	Alan Butler: Flora of Oman.
10:00 am	Gideon Smith: What's Happening In Succulent Plant Systematics In South Africa?
11:00 am	Tim Jackson: Winter-Growing Mesembs from Seed--It's Easy.
Noon - 1:30 pm	Lunch.
1:30 pm	Sheila Collenette: Travels in Djibouti.
2:30 pm	John Lavranos: Travels in the Horn of Africa, Part II.
3:30 pm	Bob Harris: Bonsai Techniques for Succulents.
7:00 pm	CSSA Auction.

Tuesday, June 17, 2003: Field Trips

Morning	Depart for Field Trips
All day	Sales area closed.
6:00 pm	Newsletter Editor's Meeting.
8:00 pm	cacti_etc Meeting.

Wednesday, June 18, 2003: Cacti Day 1

8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Sales area open to all.
9:00 am	Jim Mauseth: What Basic Cactus Botany Teaches Us About Better Growing, Part 1.
10:00 am	Jim Mauseth: What Basic Cactus Botany Teaches Us About Better Growing, Part 2.
11:00 am	Jon Rebman: Cacti of Baja California, Part 1.
Noon - 1:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm	Hugo Cota-Sanchez: Survival Strategies of Epiphytic Cacti.
2:30 pm	Joe Clements: Cacti from Seed.
3:30 pm	John Spain: Beds and Containers for Hardy Cacti.
6:00 pm	Affiliates' Meeting: Select the 2007 CSSA Convention Host City.

Thursday, June 19, 2003: Cacti Day 2

8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Sales area open to all.
9:00 am	Rob Wallace: What Is DNA And What Do I Do With It? Part 1.
10:00 am	Rob Wallace: What Is DNA And What Do I Do With It? Part 2.
11:00 am	Hugo Cota-Sanchez: Epiphytic and Semi-Epiphytic Cacti You Can Grow.
Noon - 1:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm	John Spain: Hardy Cacti For Your New Beds and Containers.
2:30 pm	Jon Rebman: Cacti of Baja California, Part 2.
3:30 pm	Roger Brown: Pampering Your Cacti.
6:00 pm	Closing Banquet: Singin' the Blues.

Duke Benadom (CSSA Convention Chairman) [DukeBenadom@earthlink.net](mailto:DukeBenadom@earthlink.net) or [DukeB@advancedbionics.com](mailto:DukeB@advancedbionics.com)

### CSSA Promotional Article (2002 #1)

As you have probably figured out by now, these occasional affiliate newsletter articles are aimed at affiliate club members who are not members of CSSA. We are, of course, hoping that a number of you will actually join CSSA. Membership at \$35 a year is a real bargain these days. Your club doubtless has membership application forms available.

There are many reasons for being a member of CSSA in addition to being a member of your local club. First of all you will get your own copy of the CSSA Journal and newsletter six times a year. These publications are full of valuable information for the dedicated cactophile/succulentophile, and while they are sometimes late in arriving, they are always well worth the wait. In addition, as a member of CSSA you will have access to the Seed Depot, the Round Robins, the CSSA Slide Show Library, and be able to participate in CSSA field trips in the USA and abroad. You will also have the opportunity to compete for one of the Herman Schwartz travel grants to visit one of the succulent plant rich areas around the globe.

By joining CSSA for 2003, you will be able to attend our biennial convention to be held in St. Louis, Saturday through Thursday, June 14 – 19, 2003. Convention attendance is restricted to CSSA members. Our co-hosts in St. Louis this year are the Henry Shaw Cactus Society and the Missouri Botanical Garden. Though not located in cactus country, the St. Louis area has much to offer succulent plant enthusiasts. The Missouri Botanical Garden is one of the premiere botanical gardens of the world and, of course, had a prominent role in plant exploration in Western North America leading to the discovery of many new cactus species. One can learn much of this fascinating history by visiting the well-designed exhibits in the Botanical garden's herbarium, an opportunity that will likely be available to convention attendees.

The convention itself is to be held at the Marriott Saint Louis Airport Hotel, an extremely convenient venue for travelers to the city. Located in the center of the country, St. Louis can be reached relatively quickly and inexpensively from either coast. The hotel itself has all the amenities expected of a first class hotel.

For any serious cactophile/succulentophile, the guts of the convention are the various speaker programs. Leo Martin has put together an excellent roster of speakers covering every aspect of the hobby, from hard-core science to travelogues to succulent culture for amateur collectors, etc. The speakers roster includes several old time favorites from past conventions including inveterate plant explorers John Lavranos and Sheila Collette, who will talk on their travels to exotic venues. My University of Texas colleague, James Mauseth, voted most popular speaker at the San Diego Convention in 1997, who will speak on cactus botany and what it teaches us about cactus cultivation. Rob Wallace will regale us with tales of succulent plant classification based on analysis of DNA (ask him about the botany of beer – another of his areas of expertise). In addition there are a number of new speakers that I'm really looking forward to hearing. Space allows me to mention only a few. One of the new speakers includes Roger Brown, well known to many of us through his cultivation articles in the CSSA newsletter *To the Point*. Joe Clements, a fellow board member, will speak on growing cacti from seed, and Bob Kent (one of the truly superb growers of Haworthias) will give a talk on how to grow these wonderful plants. Also, Jon Rebman will talk about the cacti of Baja California and Gideon Smith of South Africa, co-author of the *Guide to the Aloes of South Africa* and *Regions of Floristic Endemism in Southern Africa*. The latter is a wonderful book, destined to become a classic of succulent plant biogeography. Some of the other topics to be covered include sansevierias, epiphytic cacti, succulent bonsai techniques, winter-growing mesembs, and winter-hardy cacti.

The folks at the Henry Shaw Cactus Society are well aware of the fact that many of us have family members who are not cactophiles so they are trying to promote coming to St. Louis for the convention as a family vacation. To that end, they are publicizing lots of other interesting sites and activities available in the St. Louis area. Space prevents me from mentioning all of them all here, but there is, of course, the famous Gateway Arch, the Mastodon State Historic Site, the Shaw Nature Reserve, Grant's Farm, the Sophia Sachs Butterfly House, the Stone Hill Winery, Brewery tours and the very fine St. Louis Zoo. For more information about these various offerings as well as other aspects of the upcoming St. Louis Convention, please see recent and upcoming issues of *To the Point*, the CSSA newsletter. You may also want to visit the CSSA website (<http://www.cssainc.org/convent.html>), which is updated regularly, for additional information.

I wish you all good growing,

Bob Barth, Publicity Chair,  
CSSA Board of Directors

# Long Beach Cactus Club Membership Application

2003 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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