

*November 2019*

# ROADRUNNER NEWS

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

**PROGRAM:** Jeff Chemnick: The Genera of Cycads

In our gardens we frequently couple our cactus and succulents with cycads. But, how much do you know about them? Jeff Chemnick is an authority on Mexican cycads and is a research associate at Lotusland. He has published numerous articles and has described species of cycads new to science. Jeff is owner and operator of Aloes-in-Wonderland, a specialty nursery in Santa Barbara where he has an amazing collection of cycads, agaves, aloes, and similar beautiful plants with radial symmetry. In addition to his nursery and field research he owns and operates Mexico Nature Tours and leads botanical and ornithological ecotours throughout the country with focus on the state of Oaxaca. He is also on the IUCN's Cycad Specialist Group which determines the status of endangered species.

His presentation will cover everything you might wish to know about cycads: taxonomy, biogeography, pollination and seed dispersal mechanisms, threats and status, as well as horticultural and cultivation tips.

**TIME:** Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Please arrive at least half an hour early to set up Plants of the Month, buy plants from our vendors, ask questions regarding your plants, or socialize.



**LOCATION:** Rancho Los Alamitos, 6400 Bixby Hill Rd., Long Beach, CA. The Rancho is in a gated community, the entrance of which is at the south end of Palo Verde Ave. Tell the guard at the gate that you're going to the Cactus Club meeting. The meeting will take place downstairs in the Rancho Center's bullpen room.

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

**PLANTS-OF-THE-MONTH:**

**Cactus:** Miniatures (pots under 3")

**Succulent:** Miniatures (pots under 3")

**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 and bring any others they would like to sell.

## **LBCC news by Krystoff:**

- Despite some last minute misinformation on Facebook, 51 members & their guests attended the October 6<sup>th</sup> presentation by **Max Martin & Carlos Morera** from the Cactus Store.
- Their topic was not just succulents and cacti but also the people that are passionate about them: collectors, enthusiasts, and hobbyists. Their Rough-Cut documentary about how people may have been influencing plants and vice-versa was truly thought provoking and well received.



- Both Presenters as well as **Kathy McNair** judged the mini-Show & announced the winners; 42 members have so far shown their plants this year and the list is still growing. At the next meeting we will host our last mini-show this year. The winners will be awarded on Dec 1<sup>st</sup>.
- After the main Presentation, 32 LBCC members attended our Board Meeting and voted for the next year's leadership. Here are the results:
  - **James Lemos**—President & InterCity Show Committee Chair
  - **Christopher Bucka**—Vice President & Archive Committee Chair & Mini-Show Committee Chair
  - **Tanisha Herr**—Vice President & Communications Director
  - **Henry Angulo**—Treasurer & Plant Sale Committee Chair
  - **Gary Duke**—Christmas Party Committee Chair
  - **Mike Martin**—Rancho Garden Committee Chair
  - **Gretchen Lewotsky**—Auction Committee Chair
  - **Regina Fernandez**—Publicity Committee Chair
  - **MA Bjarkman**—CSSA Liaison & Presenter Confirmation
  - **Andrew Lander**—Newsletter Editor
  - **Woody Minnich**—Programming
  - **Amelia Angulo**—Refreshments & T-Shirts
  - **Lisa Weller**—Librarian
  - **Nelson Hernandez**—Historian

- **Jim Hanna**—Prize Plants & Plant-of-the-Month Selection
- The above 15 Officers will also serve on the Board next year; 8 Directors present at any given meeting will constitute a quorum and their decisions shall be binding.
- Neither the current President nor his two Vice Presidents will serve on the Board next year; however, the majority of the current Board Members will insure LBCC continuity.
- Two positions are still un-filled: the Secretary & the Mini-Show Photographer. Please let me know if you are interested.
- The Executive Director—**Pamela Young**—extended the Rancho's invitation to LBCC for another year, and there is no conflict to meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month like there was last May; however, our meetings will commence at 10:30AM, half an hour earlier, with a set up starting at 9:30AM. Neither our annual Plant Sale nor Auction will take place at the Rancho.
- **Kathy & Jeff McNair** invite you for another camp out on their property in the Anza Borego Desert: March 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, 2020. LBCC members only!
- At the next meeting:
- The new Board of Directors will introduce themselves to all members.
- The new Calendar of Events in 2020.
- 2019 Christmas Party update.
- Always park at the Rancho's parking lot; but if you have to park on the street, please park on the Rancho side only. Cars parked in front of local residents will be towed away.
- Please remember *we are only guests at the Rancho*; therefore, do not open any kitchen cabinets; if we run out of cups or creamers, please ask either **Amelia** or **Henry Angulo**, who are in charge of the supplies.
- Please sign-in as soon as you arrive to ensure you are included in our free raffle; if you cannot find the sign-up sheet, please ask for **Tanisha Herr**.
- Please leave your free cuttings at the designated table by the lobby.
- Please continue arriving **no later than 10:30AM!**

### Long Beach Cactus Club 2019 Meeting Schedule

Nov. 3	Jeff Chemnick: The Genera of Cycads
<b>Dec. 1</b>	<b>Holiday Party</b>
Jan. 5, 2020	TBA
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## 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.

## 2019 LBCC PLANTS-OF-THE-MONTH

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>CACTI</u>	<u>SUCCULENTS</u>
November	Miniatures (pots under 3")	Miniatures (pots under 3")
December	HOLIDAY PARTY, POM AWARDS	

## 2019 POM STANDINGS

<b>Advanced</b>		<b>Intermediate</b>		<b>Beginner</b>	
Gary Duke	142	Richard Salcedo	147	Amy Angulo	141
Gary James	71	Krystoff Przykucki	114	Henry Angulo	101
Jim Hanna	60	Andrew Lander	64	Alden Norris	80
Russel Ray	4	Regina Fernandez	58	Coni Nettles	66
Ken Shaw	2	Kathy McNair	50	Jim Tanner	33
		Mike Martin	42	Shirley Kost	32
		Scott Bunnell	18	Linda Pruden	24
		Jade Neely	10	The Prestons	22
		Jeff McNair	8	Chris Bucka	19
		Karenn Ohlinder	1	Tanisha Herr	15
		Hank Warzybok	1	Crystal Eckman	14
				M.A. Bjarkman	12
				Dean Woehrman	11
				Aaron Goldstien	10
				Lisa Weller	8
				Kelly Eddy	5
				Nancy Halbert	4
				Judy Leong	3
				Loyd Wilcox	3
				James Lemos	2
				Margot Taub	2
				Pat Blevins	1
				Angela Clubb	1
				Jean Dare	1
				Ivan Garibaldo	1
				Charina Tanaka	1



# The Succulent Bliss

by Krystoff Przykucki, LBCC President



## Judy Leong

Member since 2018

Focus: eclectic

Trivia: participating in our Plant-of-the-Month competition.



Amaryllis belladonna, a popular bulb originating in South Africa's Cape Province.



Judy's creative use of *Crassula ovata*—a South African native—popularly known as the Jade Tree.



Judy has an eclectic taste in succulents & cacti, a bit of everything.





Judy's *Melocactus matanzanus*, native to North Central Cuba, is still a baby.



Judy's *Mammillaria bocasana*—the high elevations endemic of Central Mexico—is known to grow on pure volcanic rock.



Judy's *Albuca bracteata*, sometimes referred to as *Ornithogalum caudatum*—a quite common plant of the Fynbos ecosystem in South Africa—is probably best known as the Pregnant Onion.





Judy's *Beaucarnea recurvata*—Eastern Mexico native—is still relatively young but already with a substantial caudex.



Judy's fast growing collection will soon need more space.





## **Jim Hanna**

Member since 1981 (Lifetime membership)

Focus: Rare Succulents

Trivia: Jim served as the LBCC Treasurer for 10 years, mostly in the 1990's.



Jim's rare (given the size) *Haworthia cymbiformis* f. *variegata*.



Jim's *Haworthia truncata*, native to the Little Karoo of the Western Cape Province in South Africa.







Jim's *Cyphostema juttae*, native to the rocky soils of Northern Namibia.







Jim's *Adenium Oleifolium*, native to the Bushland of Botswana, Namibia & Northern South Africa.



Jim often propagates hard-to-find caudiciform succulents, such as this Madagascar endemic: *Uncarina rooesliana*.





Roberta Hanna, Jim's wife, is an avid succulent & orchid grower in her own right, too.



Over four decades, together they have created a succulent paradise.



## 2019 CACTUS AND SUCCULENT CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- OCT. 25-27     HUNTINGTON FALL PLANT SALE  
HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS, 1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO, CA  
INFO 626-405-3504
- OCT. 26-27     PALOMAR CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY FALL SHOW AND SALE  
SAT 9 to 5pm, SUN 10 to 3pm  
SAN DIEGO BOTANIC GARDEN, 230 QUAIL GARDENS DRIVE, ENCINITAS, CA  
INFO: [EventCoordinator@PalomarCactus.org](mailto:EventCoordinator@PalomarCactus.org)

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Taken a good photo of your favorite succulent?

We want it for a future newsletter.

Email to the editor: [landruc@gmail.com](mailto:landruc@gmail.com)

## LBCC OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2019

PRESIDENT	Krystoff Przykucki [310-647-7300]	SECRETARY	Nancy Halbert
VICE-PRESIDENTS	Scott Bunnell, Ken Shaw	TREASURER	Henry Angulo
CSSA LIAISON	M. A. Bjarkman	NEWSLETTER	Andrew Lander
VENDORS/PRIZES	Jim Hanna	PROGRAMS	Woody Minnich
MEMBERSHIP	Tanisha Herr	HISTORIAN	Ken Shaw
INTER-CITY SHOW	James Lemos	MINI-SHOW	Karenn Ohlinder
LIBRARIAN	Lisa Weller	X-MAS PARTY	Gary Duke
PHOTOGRAPHER	Rose Bank	REFRESHMENTS	Amy Angulo

### LONG BEACH CACTUS CLUB COMMITTEES:

#### **Executive Committee:**

Task: monthly meetings.

Members: Henry Angulo (Treasury), Tanisha Herr (Membership), Nan Halbert (Minutes), Amy Angulo (Supplies), Woody Minnich (programming speakers), MA Bjarkman (speakers bios), Scott Bunnell (website), Andrew Lander (newsletter), Jim Hanna (prize plants).

Chair: Krystoff, 310-647-7300, [mamathemovie@gmail.com](mailto:mamathemovie@gmail.com)

#### **Rancho Garden Committee:**

Task: gardening at the Rancho's historical Cactus Garden.

Members: Alden Norris, Loyd Wilcox, Jeff Preston, Nan Halbert, John Drake, Rose Bank, Kitty Guzman, Art Guzman, Scott Bunnell.

Chair: Mike Martin, 562-743-7801, [martinslb@verizon.net](mailto:martinslb@verizon.net)

#### **Publicity Committee:**

Task: Publicity on the web, Facebook & Instagram.

Members: Scott Bunnell, Andrew Lander, Rose Bank, Kelly Eddy, Jim Hanna, Amy Angulo, Aaron Goldstein, Alden Norris, Jean Dare, Tanisha Herr, James Lemos, Henry Angulo, Russel Ray, Chris Bucka, Richard Salcedo, Tammi Wildman, Shirely Kost, Ivan Rus Garibaldo, Shirley Kost, Laurie Keller.

Chair: Regina Fernandez, 562-673-7660, [reginaspottery@gmail.com](mailto:reginaspottery@gmail.com)

#### **May Plant Sale & Show Committee:**

Task: Sale & Show on May 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>.

Members: Regina Fernandez, Amy Angulo, MA Bjarkman, Loyd Wilcox, Scott Bunnell, Rose Bank, Jim Hanna, Katrina Mosher, Gretchen Lewotsky, Aaron Goldstein, James Lemos, Kelly Eddy, Laverne Pitzer, Annette Hadjimarkos, Kathy McNair, Gary James.

Chair: Henry Angulo, 562-852-2576, [Hangulo111@gmail.com](mailto:Hangulo111@gmail.com)

#### **Inter-City Show Committee:**

Task: volunteers & plant participation on August 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>

Members: Krystoff Przykucki, Tanisha Herr, Henry Angulo, Amelia Angulo, MA Bjarkman, John Luhnnow, Karenn Ohlinder, Nelson Hernandez, Rus Garibaldo, Gretchen Lewotsky, Richard Salcedo, Gary Duke, Gary James, Jim & Roberta Hanna, Peter Walkowiak, Nancy Halbert, Russel Ray, Woody Minnich, Angela Clubb, Shirley Kost, Laurie Keller, Alden Norris, Annette Hadjimarkos, Tom Wang, Tim Jones, Lisa Weller, Crystal Eckman, Chris Bucka, Kelly Eddy, Rose Bank, Scott Bunnell, Lauren Lozano, Mike Martin, Joyce Shirado, Andrew Lander & Christine Isham.

Chair: James Lemos, 626-201-5519, [jameslemos@yahoo.com](mailto:jameslemos@yahoo.com)

#### **Auction Committee:**

Task: revenue for the club.

Members: Woody Minnich, Gary Duke, Henry Angulo.

Chair: Gretchen Lewotsky, 310-283-0677, [glew123glew@gmail.com](mailto:glew123glew@gmail.com)

**Mini-Show Committee:**

Task: Plant-of-the-Month.

Members: Jim Hanna, Karenn Ohlinder, Rose Bank, Regina Fernandez, Andrew Lander, Coni Nettles, Scott Bunnell, Aaron Goldstein, MA Bjarkman.

Chair: Christopher Bucka, 310-845-6306, [jtreeCP@gmail.com](mailto:jtreeCP@gmail.com)

**Christmas Party Committee:**

Task: annual holiday party.

Members: Tanisha Herr, Gary Duke, Jim Hanna, Henry Angulo.

Chair: Sue Burch, 562-552-4995, [bezoarb@icloud.com](mailto:bezoarb@icloud.com)

**Archive Committee:**

Task: documentation.

Members: MA Bjarkman, Krystoff Przykucki, Andrew Lander, Scott Bunnell.

Chair: Nan Halbert, 562-230-5853, [nancyhalbert@roadrunner.com](mailto:nancyhalbert@roadrunner.com)

**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)



Unidentified caterpillar on an Euphorbia tirucalli, photo by Andrew Lander