

October 2022

ROADRUNNER NEWS

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

PRESENTATION: Kelly Griffin on exploration and hybridization

Kelly is a succulent plant hybridizer, propagator and avid plant explorer. Like many of us, his interest in plants and particular succulent plants, started at a fairly young age.

Since his early exposure, Kelly has traveled to 20+ countries searching for plants, visiting Madagascar 5 times, South Africa 5 times and Mexico 25 plus times to name a few. He worked as the Curator of Succulents at Rancho Soledad Nursery for 11 years and for the past 10 years he has been working for Altman's Plants as Succulent Plant Development Manager.

He has become well known for his hybridizing and is responsible for over 100 succulent hybrids now in the trade, including Aloes, Agaves and Echeverias. His specialty that he is well known for are his Aloe hybrids that are 30 years in the making (Pink Blush, Delta lights, Christmas Sleigh and Coral Fire etc) and some Agave hybrids and selections too (Blue Glow, Snow Glow, Cubic, Black and Blue, Dragon toes, Spawn, and Crème Brûlée to name just a few). He is also responsible for obtaining seed from many interesting species and propagating the seed for all to enjoy in cultivation.

Kelly has been a member of the San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society since 1992. He has been on the board of Directors for the SDCSS for way too long, he served 4 years as that clubs President and 2 years as Vice-President. He was very honored to be named a Fellow of the San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society.

He currently serves as a director on the board of the Cactus and Succulent Society of America.

He will be bringing some of his hybrids and some seed grown plants for sale.



Photo by Kelly Griffin

Message From the President

Hello Club Members,

It was the hottest day of the year and it was Labor Day Weekend, but the Long Beach Cactus Club Auction was back for 2022 and was a success! Thanks to everyone who participated, and especially to those who submitted auction items. We had some amazing plants; I know more than a few people who went home happy with some new additions (myself included).

We have elections coming up in November, please let us know if you would be interested in running for any of the available positions: Director (2), Secretary, Vice President, President. We will have an open discussion at this month's meeting regarding the positions, as well.

We will also be looking for a new Club representative for the Intercity Show Committee. I want to thank Crystal Eckman for acting as our Intercity Liaison these past few years. She has gone above and beyond and ensured the Club was well represented at the Show.

PRESENTATION

Kelly Griffin will be our speaker this month, and he will be showing us a video and discussing his work in plant exploration and hybridization. Get ready to go behind the scenes with one of the experts!

POM

Succulent: Lithops & Conophytum
Cactus: Echinocactus & Ferocactus

SNACKS

This month Snacks will be brought to you those whose last name begins with letters S, T, U, and V

CLUB MEMBERSHIPS

The membership dues are \$20, and name badges are \$10. Please email Tanisha Herr at Succsnstufflb@gmail.com if you would like to have a nametag by the next meeting or if you have paid for a nametag and have not received it yet.

SALES

Contact me if you would like to be a vendor at our October 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 to seeing everyone on the 2nd!

Stay safe and healthy,

Chris Bucka

SNACK AND REFRESHMENT SCHEDULE

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>LAST NAME STARTS WITH</u>
October	S, T, U, V
November	W, X, Y, Z
December	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.

Long Beach Cactus Club 2022 Plants of the Months

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>CACTI</u>	<u>SUCCULENTS</u>
September	AUCTION	
October	Echinocactus & Ferocactus	Lithops & Conophytum
November	Miniatures (3) - pots under 3"	Miniatures (3) - pots under 3"
December	HOLIDAY PARTY	

2018 POM STANDINGS

Advanced		Intermediate		Beginner	
Gary Duke	140	Richard Salcedo	129	Christine Isham	56
Russel Ray	28	Scott Bunnell	38	Charlie Trailer	38
Jim Hanna	16	Alden Norris	24	Shirley Kost	35
Krystoff Przykucki	10	Kathy McNair	15	Will	30
Maria Capaldo	8	James Lemos	14	Gavin Hunn	21
Gary James	5	Andrew Lander	10	Crystal Eckman	20
		Daniel Almanza	9	Gloria Rodriguez	18
		Annie Morgan	2	Chris Bucka	14
				Jesse Arias	10
				Derrick Cantu	10
				Kelly Eddy	10
				Gloria Hansen	10
				Gretchen Lewotsky	10
				Julianne Skinner	9
				Sonita Bantad	7
				Shane Mullen	6
				Jenny	6
				Jeff Preston	5
				Nelson H.	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: _____

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		
CSSA LIAISON	M. A. Bjarkman	NEWSLETTER	Andrew Lander
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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



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