

September 2021

# ROADRUNNER NEWS

Newsletter of the Long Beach Cactus Club

Founded 1933; Affiliate of the Cactus and Succulent Society of America, Inc.

**MEETING PRESENTATION:** Gary James on Yemen and Socotra Island

I will present a slide illustrated talk about Yemen and Socotra Island for our next Long Beach Club meeting. I made the trip in 1999 prior to the present war that is causing so many problems. I was invited to Yemen by Bruno Mies from Germany and joined him, Fritz Biel, and John Lavranos for the visit.

We spent some time in Sanaa the capital of Yemen to obtain the necessary permits to visit Socotra. After the necessary permits were obtained we arrived at the island and spent a month there and were able to collect a small number of plants to bring home. I will share photographs of Sanaa and Socotra.

I am now retired after spending 29 years on the faculty at Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa teaching biology. I have

had a life long interest in succulent plants having grown up near the Huntington Botanic Garden where I used to visit when it was free to do so. My present interest in succulent plants is with succulent Pelargoniums. These are mostly winter growers and have done well for me in Costa Mesa where it is not too hot during the summer.

**LOCATION:** Woman's Club of Bellflower, 9402 Oak St., Bellflower 90706

**TIME:** 1 PM, September 5<sup>th</sup>



*Gary James (right) speaking with Karenn Ohlinder (left), Scott Bunnell walking by in the center*

## Message from the President

Hello Long Beach,

We are coming to the end of a crazy year. With the auction coming up, along with our Holiday Party, and most importantly, elections. Some discussion to be had and decisions to be made.

### **ELECTIONS**

The offices of President, Treasurer, and Directors will be up for election.

The position of President asks first and foremost, that you are able to make non-biased decisions that are in the best interest of the club. It also requires that you keep an eye on the future of the club and plan for that as best you can. You need to be able to express your perceptions to the club and

/or board so that action if necessary can be taken. You are the steering wheel; the club and board are the engine. The club will become stagnant if you both are not working together.

The position of Treasurer requires a desire and ability to do bookkeeping for the club. It is important that the club's books are kept up to date. Quarterly and event reports are to be available when called for. This is necessary in order for the club to gain non-profit status. With this status comes many benefits; we can have bank accounts with tax ID#'s and the club will be able to take credit card payments for sales, auctions, online memberships and renewals. To maintain this status, record keeping is important. It is not as technical as you might think but current records are a must for filing of taxes every year.

Please consider becoming a part of the board as a Director. We are a steering committee for the club. With the expected increase in memberships, there is important work to be done. A board member is a club member who gets to help point the club in a friendly but productive direction. To be a director all that is asked of you is to help the club with decisions for now and decisions for the club's future. As director, the club asks you to keep the club's best interest in mind when decisions are made. There will be 4 positions available. Two positions for two years and two for one year. After this election, all positions will be for a period of two years. Each year after this election, two Director positions will be voted on. This will only happen once to get all the Director positions in place.

Please contact me if you are interested in or have questions about a position.

### **PRESENTATION**

Our next meeting is September 5, and our speaker will be Gary James. Gary will give us a presentation on his trip to Socotra. This is going to be "old school." Gary spent a month there and has some nice photos to prove it! More on Gary's presentation in this issue.

### **INTER-CITY SHOW**

Crystal will wrap this up for us. We did well. A few Long Beach Cactus Club members were mentioned in an LA Times article.

### **CLUB MEMBERSHIPS**

A big welcome to our newest members:

Jessie Arias, Long Beach

Kyle Medina, Los Angeles

Ian Paredes, Long Beach

Charlie Trailer, Corona

A club membership form is included in this email. Either as an attachment or included in the Road Runner. Please use it to renew your membership. Copies will be available at the meeting.

### **SNACKS**

Snacks this month will be brought to you by the letters **Q, R, and S**. If your last name starts with any of those letters, please bring a snack. Yes, we're going to give it a shot. Please bring snacks that are individually packaged. No coffee yet but bottled water will be available. Let's do better this time.

## **POM**

For this month we will move October POM to September since we are planning for an Auction in October.

Succulent: Agave

Cacti: Ariocarpus

## **SALES**

There is one confirmed vendor for September's meeting, Gary Duke. There is plenty room for more. Contact me if you would like to be a vendor at our September meeting. We ask that sellers donate an item to our auction. Members are also welcome to bring a plant or plant-related item to donate for the raffle.

## **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 showed up early last meeting to help with set-up and to those who stayed after to help with tear-down. You made a difference! For this month's set-up, I should get there between 11:30 and 11:45. We will be setting up in the first room and will start with 60 chairs and two tables. The tables will go near the door, one for membership and the other for raffle sales.

The vendors and show plants will be in the second room (back room). We can start with three tables for the show plants, one table for snacks, and tables for vendors as needed.

When moving tables, they cannot be slid and need to be lifted. This is an old building and they need our help taking care of their floors.

Let's have another great meeting!

See you then,

James

## 35th Annual Inter-City Show Recap

That's a wrap for the 2021 Inter-City show & sale! The dedication and passion from our club members always shines at this event. Here's some highlights from the show:

- A total of 1,190 cacti & succulents were exhibited at the show
- There was a record number of Novice exhibitors, 67 to be precise. That's more than triple the number of Advanced exhibitors, go novices!
- James Lemos took home best Novice Succulent with *Aloe castilloniae* as well as the Show Spirit award
- Gary Duke ended the show with the 4th most points among Open showers
- Richard Salcedo ended up in 5th for most points in show among Advanced
- Henry Angulo placed 3rd for most points in show among Novices
- In addition to several plants making the trophy table, Peter Walkowiak won 1st for most points in show!
- The sale was also a huge success, although a final tally has yet to be released. This is great news because our club gets a portion of these funds to keep things running and growing.



From left to right: Henry Angulo (treasurer), Tanisha Herr (membership), Scott Bunnell (former vice-president), Charlie Trailer (new member), Christine Isham (member), Peter G Walkowiak (former InterCity co-chair), Krystoff Przykucki (former president), Richard Salcedo (member), Crystal Eckman (InterCity co-chair & the youngest ever), Gavin Hunn (Secretary), James Lemos (president) on Friday during setup, photo thanks to Krystoff





Top Left: Tanisha Herr and her red ribbon *Aeonium leucoblepharum*, photo thanks to Krystoff Przykucki

Top Right: Gavin Hunn's blue ribbon *Ficus petiolaris*

Bottom Left: Gary Duke's *Copiapoa cinerea* winning best Chilean cactus

Bottom Right: Past Long Beach club president Krystoff Przykucki and his blue ribbon *Mammillaria magnifica*, photo thanks to Krystoff Przykucki





Judging team Gary Duke, Tony Marino, Gavin Hunn, Krystoff Przykucki, and Scott Bunnell working the Astrophytum division

The Los Angeles Times wrote a wonderful article on the Inter-City show, including interviews of some Long Beach members with some excellent photos ([link to article](#)). The Inter-City show Instagram page (@intercityshow) also has photos and videos from the show and sale.



A view of the trophy table, photo thanks to Ian Paredes



One of the many sales tables, photo thanks to Ian Paredes

Overall this year was a huge success. The amount of participation from novices exemplifies how interest in the hobby continues to grow. Thank you to all the Long Beach club volunteers and exhibitors who helped make this year happen. We couldn't have done it without you all!





# The Long Beach Cactus Club

*Est. 1933*

**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 experts for identification & growing tips

**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

\$5.00 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: \_\_\_\_\_



## Contest: Count the Seed Pods



**How many seed pods does this multi-headed medusoid Euphorbia have?**

The first person to email the correct answer, or the closest answer, to the Roadrunner News will win 10 seeds from this Peter Walkowiak hybrid. Seeds from this plant have had a good germination rate. Send answers to [landruc@gmail.com](mailto:landruc@gmail.com)

The solution will appear in next month's Roadrunner.

(Select and copy the blacked out text for a hint:

## Long Beach Cactus Club 2021 Plants of the Months

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>CACTI</u>	<u>SUCCULENTS</u>
January	Hooked spine Mammillaria	Tylecodon & Cotyledon
February	Copiapoa & Matucana	Crassula
March	Gymnocalycium	Aeonium
April	Melocactus	Echeveria
May	Cereus	African Euphorbia
June	Favorites (3)	Favorites (3)
July	Favorites (3)	Favorites (3)
August	Opuntia & Tephrocactus	Sansevieria
September	Ariocarpus	Agave
October	AUCTION	
November	Miniatures (3) - pots under 3"	Miniatures (3) - pots under 3"
December	HOLIDAY PARTY	

## 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
July	M
August	N, O, P
September	Q, R, S
October	T, U, V
November	W, X, Y, Z
December	Holiday Party

## **LBCC OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2021**

PRESIDENT	James Lemos	SECRETARY	Gavin Hunn
VICE-PRESIDENT	Christopher Bucka	TREASURER	Henry Angulo
CSSA LIAISON	M. A. Bjarkman	NEWSLETTER	Andrew Lander
VENDORS/PRIZES	Jim Hanna	PROGRAMS	Woody Minnich
MEMBERSHIP	Tanisha Herr	HISTORIAN	Nelson Hernandez
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	Henry Angulo	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)