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# Roadrunner News

Newsletter of the Long Beach Cactus Club

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## CACTI OF NORTHERN MEXICO

**PROGRAM:** RENE AND PATTY CARO will present a slide lecture on their recent trip to northern Mexico. They visited the San Luis Potosi/Tamaulipas area in October, 1999 with Woody Minnich. We will see in habitat views of *Ariocarpus*, *Astrophytum*, *Aztekium*, *Geohintonia* and *Obregonia*.

Rene and Patty have been growing cacti and succulents for about four and a half years. After buying their first plants at Home Depot, they went to the CSSA show at the Huntington where they met Joe Clements, director of the Desert Garden. Subsequently, they joined the San Gabriel Valley C&SS and have been enthusiastically pursuing the hobby and participating in shows and events ever since. We welcome them to our roster of speakers.

**LOCATION:** Dominguez Adobe, 18127 South Alameda Street, Compton, CA 90221. 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, January 23, 2000 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:** Your favorite cactus

**Succulent:** Your favorite succulent

**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 **A through D** 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. Included last month were excellent specimens of *Agave victoria regina*, *Aeonium*, *Bilbergia*, a *Dyckia fosteriana* hybrid, *Echeveria*, *Euphorbia royaleana*, *Euphorbia trigona*, *Melocactus griseoleoviridis*, *Notocactus magnificus* and others, including cuttings from our garden.

**BOARD MEETING:** After the regular meeting, there will be a brief board meeting at the Rancho to discuss this year's calendar of events and any other relevant business.

## LBCC OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2000

**PRESIDENT** Hank Warzybok (562) 429-7110      **SECRETARY** Alice Richardson (562) 434-3541  
**VICE-PRESIDENT** Dick Hulett (310) 832-2262      **TREASURER** Sandra Fletcher (310) 538-4078

**DIRECTORS**, in alphabetical order, are Joy Blair, Bob Gillett, Jim Hanna, Dot Miller and Laverne Pitzer.

### 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>	John Caceres	<b>PUBLICITY - LOCAL</b>	Amanda Knoles
<b>HISTORIAN</b>	Laverne Pitzer	<b>PUBLICITY - SHOWS</b>	Dick Hulett
<b>INTER-CITY SHOW CHAIRMAN</b>	Larry Grammer	<b>REFRESHMENTS</b>	Harry Fletcher
<b>LIBRARY</b>	Edwina Caceres	<b>SHOW &amp; TELL TABLE</b>	Carol Wujcik
<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	Sandra Fletcher	<b>SUNSHINE</b>	Laverne Pitzer

### 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 John Caceres plant, water and maintain our garden. Call John at (562) 949-7631 to find out other days that a work party might be arranged. 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.

### 2000 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, intermediate and beginner.
- 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.

## HOLIDAY PARTY 1999

Many thanks to Khobe Carvalho and Dave DeLuca for their hospitality in opening their charming home to us for our party this year. Thanks also to Khobe and Dave, Harry and Sandra Fletcher, Laverne and Reed Pitzer, and Bob and Frances Gillett for all their work in setting things up. Thanks to Bob and Sharon Thoerner for providing the tables and to all who helped in the cleanup.

The top ten point holders in the **Plant-of-the-Month** competition were: (1) Jacques de Tisné, 111, Intermediate; (2) Dick Hulett, 107, Advanced; (3) Laverne Pitzer, 100, Intermediate; (4) Tom Williams, 73, Beginner; (5) Bob Gillett, 67, Beginner; (6) John Caceres, 62, Intermediate; (7) Jim Hanna, 57, Advanced; (8) Carol Wujcik, 25, Advanced; (9) Joy Blair, 17, Beginner; (10) Dave DeLuca, 14, Beginner. They each received a show quality plant from Cactus Data Plants.

Members also brought in the plants they had received in previous years' **annual plant growing contests**. They were judged by Dave DeLuca. Top growers for the 1999 plant, *Raphionacme flanaganii*, were (1) Dick Hulett, (2) Tom Williams and (3) Earlean Wagner. Top growers for the 1998 plant, *Ortegocactus macdougalii*, were (1) Jacques de Tisne, (2) Laverne Pitzer and (3) Lupe Hulett. Top growers for the 1997 plant, *Euphorbia bupleurifolia*, were (1) Earlean Wagner, (2) Lupe Hulett, (2) Laverne Pitzer and (3) Annette Needleman.

A new plant for 2000 was distributed to members: *Gymnocalycium ragonessii*. Woody Minnich explained that this is an Argentine miniature cactus which grows in mud flats and has a flattened appearance like a cork.

The **mini-auction** brought out spirited bidders for plants provided by Jim Hanna, Dick Hulett, Woody Minnich and Rainbow Gardens. There was also a copy of Steve Hammer's new Lithops book. Thanks to all who participated and special thanks to Rainbow Gardens for donating a Christmas cactus.

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### Long Beach Cactus Club Membership Application

2000 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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BIRTHDAY MONTH: \_\_\_\_\_ TWO MOST FAVORITE CACTI OR SUCCULENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

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Our President Hank Warzybok is taking a world cruise and sends us greetings from abroad:

Hi Lisa & Alice, 12-4-99

The cruise is going very well. I have been to Greece, Italy, Crete, Morocco, Gibraltar, Madeira. We are in the middle of the Atlantic now. The food is wonderful. Its a feast 3 times a day. People are from all over the world. I have lectures during the day. They have entertainment every night & local folk shows in port. Give my regards to all the Cactus Clubbers at the Xmas Party. Took some succulent pictures. Seen Aloes & Euphorbias.

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