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# Roadrunner News

Newsletter of the Long Beach Cactus Club

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## PEOPLE, PLACES AND PENGUINS, PART 2

**PROGRAM:** **HANK WARZYBOK** our president will present a slide lecture profiling his 1999-2000 around the world natural history cruise. He gave us the first part of this talk last June. We look forward to seeing the conclusion of the voyage.

**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, January 28, 2001 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:** *Neoporteria, Neochilenia*

**Succulent:** *Pelargonium*

**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*, *Euphorbia trigona*, *Melocactus grisoleoviridis*, *Notocactus magnificus* and others, including cuttings from our garden.

## LBCC OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2001

**PRESIDENT** Hank Warzybok (562) 429-7110      **SECRETARY** Lisa Smith (562) 439-8056  
**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>	Carol Causey
<b>HISTORIAN</b>	Laverne Pitzer	<b>PUBLICITY - SHOWS</b>	Dick Hulett
<b>INTER-CITY SHOW CHAIRMAN</b>	Harry Fletcher	<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>	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 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.

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year!

Year 2000 was a good year for our club. 2001 should be even better. Our officers and board are essentially the same with the addition of Lisa Smith as Secretary. Thanks again to Alice Richardson for serving as Secretary for the last eight years.

Larry Grammer is stepping down as Inter-City Show Chairman after only seventeen years. Thanks, Larry, for your hard work. We are very lucky to have Harry Fletcher take over. This year's show should be a huge success. Dot Miller has taken the Sunshine spot from Laverne Pitzer who will continue as historian.

Our garden has a new look with the removal of a large tree thanks to the efforts of John Caceres. Thanks to all of our committee people for the fine job they do all year.

Our meeting will have the same format and we are looking forward to some great programs.

If you have any ideas how we can improve our club or you'd like to serve on any committees please contact any officer or board member.

Best wishes for 2001,  
Hank Warzybok

## 2001 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.

### 2001 LBCC PLANTS-OF-THE-MONTH \*

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>CACTUS</u>	<u>SUCCULENT</u>
January	<i>Neoperteria, Neochilenia</i>	<i>Pelargonium</i>
February	<i>Mammillaria</i> clusters - under 8" pot	<i>Gasteria</i>
March	<i>Notocactus</i>	<i>Haworthia</i>
April	<i>Melocactus</i>	Madagascan <i>Pachypodium</i> ,
		<i>Dorstenia</i>
May	<i>Coryphantha</i>	<i>Aloe</i> , small
June	<i>Frailea, Copiapoa</i>	<i>Adromischus</i>
July	GARDEN TOUR	
August	<i>Thelocactus</i>	<i>Euphorbia</i>
September	LBCC AUCTION	
October	<i>Epiphyllum</i>	<i>Lithops, Conophytum</i>
November	Your favorite cactus	Your favorite succulent
December	HOLIDAY PARTY	

\* This list is subject to revision when the 2001 program schedule is finalized.

### 2000 POM FINAL STANDINGS

<u>Advanced</u>	<u>Intermediate</u>	<u>Beginner</u>
1. de Tisné 90	1. Miller 116	1. Fletcher, H.&S. 134
2. Hulett 79	2. Caceres 84	2. Gillett 53
3. Hanna 67	3. Pitzer 70	3. Wagner 44
4. Duke 30	4. Williams, T. 41	4. Warzybok 26
5. Wujcik 27	5. Murray 20	5. Blair 8
6. Causey, B. 22	6. Causey, C. 16	6. Jaskulski 7
7. Spotts 11		7. Davis 5
		7. Richardson, S. 5
		8. Richardson, A. 3
		9. Bunnell 2

### NOVEMBER PLANT-OF-THE-MONTH WINNERS

Judges - Seymour Linden, Dick Hulett

#### Cactus - Advanced

1. Jim Hanna *Monvillea spegazzinii*

#### Succulent - Advanced

1. Jim Hanna *Euphorbia groenewaldii*  
 2. Jim Hanna *Euphorbia "Mrs. Ash"*  
 3. Jim Hanna *Euphorbia decaryi*

#### Cactus - Intermediate

1. Tom Williams *Mammillaria gemnispina*  
 2. Tom Williams *Astrophytum myriostigma*  
 3. Tom Williams *Notocactus sp.*

#### Succulent - Intermediate

1. Dot Miller *Euphorbia bupleurifolia*  
 2. Dot Miller *Euphorbia greenwayi "blue"*  
 3. Laverne Pitzer *Euphorbia decaryi*

#### Cactus - Beginner

1. Hank Warzybok *Mammillaria gemnispina*  
 2. Bob Gillett *Opuntia sp.*  
 2. Hank Warzybok *Cereus "Ming Thing Blue"*  
 3. Hank Warzybok *Cereus sp. "rojo"*

#### Succulent - Beginner

1. H. & S. Fletcher *Euphorbia unispina*  
 2. Hank Warzybok *Euphorbia neobossri*  
 3. Hank Warzybok *Euphorbia resinifera*  
 H Theresa Davis *Euphorbia obesa*

## NEOPORTERIA, NEOCHILENIA

*Neoporteria* is a genus of globular cacti from the high Andes of South America that becomes increasingly cylindrical in shape as it gets older. It is often brownish and or gray in color, has radially symmetrical flowers borne close to the crown which are externally hairy. There are about ninety species, most native to northern and central Chile although a few are found in southern Peru and Argentina.

*Neoporteria* was established by Britton and Rose, later split into several separate genera but subsequently reunited by Rowley and Donald. There are two main groups in the genus: *Neoporteria* in the narrower sense and the earlier genus *Neochilenia*. The flower petals of *Neochilenia* are erect when fully unfolded and colored white, yellow or reddish. Older plants often produce whole clusters of flowers around the crown. They do not require special care. Examples are *N. calderana*, *N. chilensis*, *crispa*, *N. esmeraldana*, *N. huascensis*, and *N. pulchella*.

The flower petals of *Neoporteria* in the narrower sense are inclined and straighter and are carmine pink in color. They often feature attractive spine formations. They require mineral soil and a bright location. In summer they have a rest period and should not be watered or sprayed. Their main growth period is in the autumn. Examples are *N. laniceps*, *N. nidus*, *subgibbosa*, *N. villosa*, and *N. wagenknechtii*.

There are also dwarf *Neoporteria*s with a pronounced taproot such as *N. occulta* or *N. reicheri*. They are accustomed to extreme locations, often just cracks in rocks where they have to be very economical with water. They demand a particularly permeable, mineral soil and must be watered sparingly.

Reference:: The Encyclopedia of Cacti, Willy Cullmann, Erich Gotz, Gerhard Groner  
Timber Press, Oregon (1986)

## PELARGONIUM

*Pelargonium* is a large genus of the Geranium family centered mainly in South Africa. They range in form from thick stemmed succulent shrublets to geophytes with large underground caudices. They are winter growing requiring a period of total dormancy and no water for several months during the summer. Leaves are often small and frilly. Flowers are bilaterally symmetrical and can be brightly colored or with fine lines and markings. Examples are *P. succulentum*, *P. reniforme*, *P. laxum*, and *P. alternans*.

## TOP TEN PLANT-OF-THE MONTH WINNERS FOR 2000

1. Harry & Sandy Fletcher	134	Beginner
2. Dot Miller	116	Intermediate
3. Jacques de Tisné	90	Advanced
4. John Caceres	84	Intermediate
5. Dick Hulett	79	Advanced
6. Laverne Pitzer	70	Intermediate
7. Jim Hanna	67	Advanced
8. Bob Gillett	53	Beginner
9. Earlean Wagner	44	Beginner
10. Tom Williams	41	Intermediate



The Los Angeles Cactus & Succulent Society is hosting:

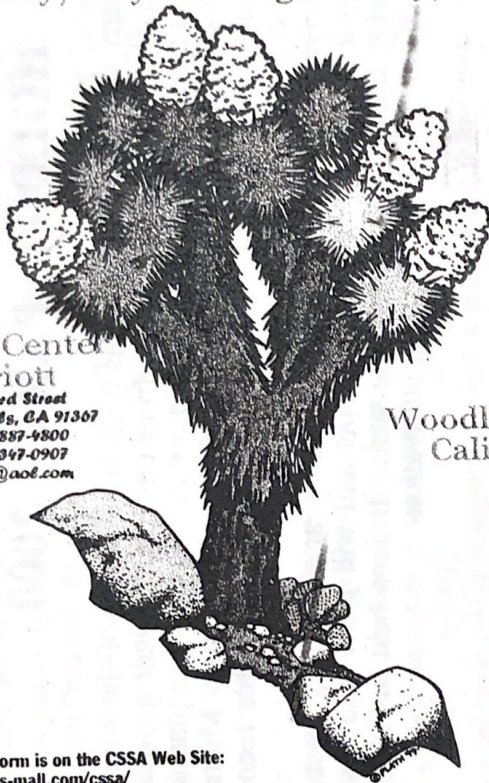
CSSA's Convention for 2001

Sunday, July 1 through Friday, July 6

Plant & Book Sales

Warner Center  
Marriott  
21850 Oxnard Street  
Woodland Hills, CA 91367  
Phone: 818 887-4800  
FAX: 818 397-0907  
wcmarrriott@aol.com

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Woodland Hills  
California

Pre- & Post-Tours

Our registration form is on the CSSA Web Site:  
<http://www.cactus-mall.com/cssa/>

Information: Art Chavez (Host Chairman)  
818 363-3432 or color@gte.net

Information: LoWilla Wilson (CSSA Secretary)  
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