

June 2001

# Roadrunner News

Newsletter of the Long Beach Cactus Club

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## CACTI OF NORTHERN MEXICO

**PROGRAM:** VINCE BASTA will present a slide lecture based on two trips he made to northern Mexico with Woody Minnich in fall 1999 and spring 2000. The program will be a travelogue featuring highlights of the regions as well as plants. Cacti featured will include *Ariocarpus*, *Astrophytum*, *Aztekium* and *Turbincarpus*. Local succulents will also be featured.

Vince is currently president of the San Gabriel Cactus and Succulent Society and was formerly that club's newsletter editor. He has been active in the hobby for about eight years.

**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, June 24, 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:**

<b>Cactus:</b>	<i>Ariocarpus</i> , <i>Astrophytum</i> , <i>Aztekium</i> , <i>Obregonia</i> , <i>Pelecypora</i>
<b>Succulent:</b>	<i>Adromischus</i>

**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.

**BOARD MEETING:** Before the regular meeting there will be a brunch board meeting from 10:30 to 12:30 a.m. at Bakers' Square, Bellflower and South, Long Beach. Officers, board and committee members are all invited. For directions, please see the map on the second page of this newsletter.

**LBCC OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2001**

<b>PRESIDENT</b>	Hank Warzybok (562) 429-7110	<b>SECRETARY</b>	Lisa Smith (562) 439-8056
<b>VICE-PRESIDENT</b>	Dick Hulett (310) 832-2262	<b>TREASURER</b>	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>	Theresa Davis/ Forrest Richardson
<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**

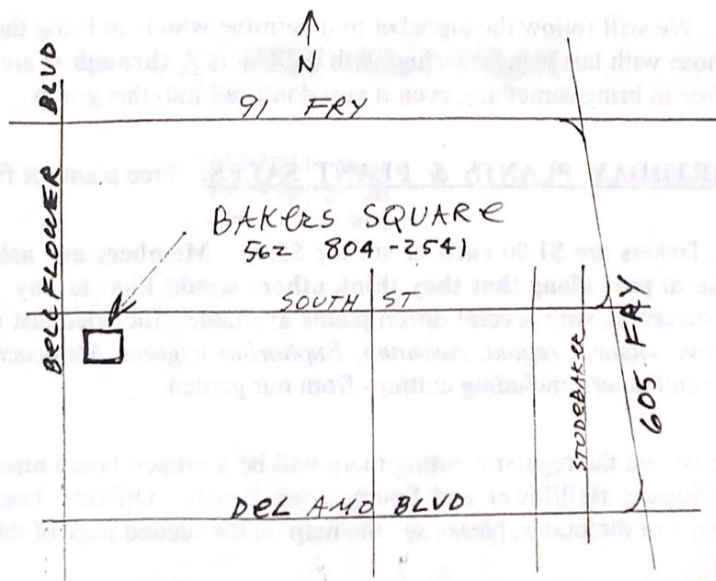
IF YOU HAVE ANY STORIES, cultivation tips, information about upcoming calendar events or news in general about cacti and succulents that might interest our members, please send them in or give me a call. Comments and suggestions are always welcome. Remember, this is your newsletter. The address is: E. 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.

**Board Meeting Location    Sunday, June 24, 2001    10:30 a.m.**



## 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 (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 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>Neoporteria, 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>	<i>Dudleya,</i>
May	<i>Coryphantha</i>	Madagascan <i>Pachypodium</i>
June	<i>Ariocarpus, Astrophytum, Aztekium, Obregonia, Pelecyphora</i>	<i>Dorstenia</i>
July	GARDEN TOUR	<i>Adromischus</i>
August	<i>Thelocactus</i>	Succulent Bromeliads ( <i>Hechtia, Dyckia, etc.</i> )
September	LBCC AUCTION	
October	<i>Epiphyllum</i>	<i>Lithops, Conophytum</i>
November	Your favorite cactus	Your favorite succulent
December	HOLIDAY PARTY	

## 2001 POM YEAR-TO-DATE STANDINGS THROUGH MAY

<u>Advanced</u>		<u>Intermediate</u>		<u>Beginner</u>	
1. Hulett	79	1. Fletcher, H.&S.	58	1. Gillett	52
2. Hanna	41	2. Miller	34	2. Wagner	41
3. de Tisné	38	3. Pitzer	31	3. Richardson/Davis	17
4. Duke	4	4. Caceres	29	4. Blair	12
		5. Williams	7	5. Warzybok	4
		6. Causey	6	6. Jaskulski, A.&P.	3
				7. Richardson, A.	2

## MAY PLANT-OF-THE-MONTH WINNERS

Judges - Cynthia R. Covert, Marsha Huebner, Alice Richardson

### Cactus - Advanced

1. Jacques de Tisné *Coryphantha elephantidens*
2. Dick Hulett *Coryphantha posegeriana*
3. Dick Hulett *Coryphantha minima*

### Cactus - Intermediate

1. Dot Miller *Coryphantha* sp.
2. H. & S. Fletcher *Coryphantha hesteri*
3. H. & S. Fletcher *Coryphantha echinus*

### Cactus - Beginner

1. Bob Gillett *Coryphantha macromeris*

### Succulent - Advanced

1. Dick Hulett *Pachypodium horembense*
2. Jacques de Tisné *Pachypodium lamerei* v. *fisherensis*
3. Jacques de Tisné *Pachypodium baroni*

### Succulent - Intermediate

1. H. & S. Fletcher *Dorstenia gigas*
2. Laverne Pitzer *Pachypodium rosulatum*
3. Laverne Pitzer *Pachypodium horembense*

### Succulent - Beginner

1. Bob Gillett *Pachypodium rosulatum*
2. Bob Gillett *Pachypodium densiflorum*
3. Alice Richardson *Pachypodium lamerei*

## 2001 LBCC PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Woody Minnich, Programs (661) 944-2784

Jun.	24	Vince Basta	THE CACTI OF NORTHERN MEXICO Vince's trips with Woody to remote regions in search of cacti in flower.
Jul.	22	☼☼☼	GARDEN TOUR OF MEMBERS' HOMES.
Aug.	26	Tom Glavich	THE SUCCULENT BROMELIADS. Tom will show us plants in his collection and others' including the Huntington's
Sep.	23	ANNUAL AUCTION	LBCC PLANT AUCTION. Everyone is invited but you must be a member to auction plants.
Oct.	28	Rudy Lime	SMOLA. Succulent Medium of Living Art. Rudy will explain and demonstrate his style and methods of staging.
Nov.	18	Stan Yalof, Tom De Merritt, Phil Flavell	TRAVELS IN TEXAS. A journey through the southern parts of Texas and the cactus rich areas of the Big Bend.
Dec.	16	☆☆☆	HOLIDAY FEAST, FESTIVITIES & AUCTION.

## 2001 CACTUS & SUCCULENT CALIFORNIA AREA SHOW & EVENT SCHEDULE

(PLEASE VERIFY BEFORE GOING TO THE EVENT.)

Jun.	2-3	SAN DIEGO CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW & SALE. Rm. 101, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, San Diego. (619) 477-4779.
Jun.	16-17	ANNUAL LOS ANGELES CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW & SALE Sepulveda Garden Center, 16633 Magnolia Blvd. Encino Artie Chavez (818) 363-3432.
Jun thru Jul	30 1	CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY OF AMERICA (CSSA) NATIONAL SHOW & SALE Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino. Joe Clements (909) 624-2282.
Jul	1-6	CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY OF AMERICA (CSSA) CONVENTION Warner Center Marriott, 21850 Oxnard St., Woodland Hills, CA 91367. (818) 363-3432
Aug.	18-19	15TH ANNUAL INTER-CITY C&S SHOW & SALE. Los Angeles State & County Arboretum, Arcadia. Co- sponsored by the Los Angeles, Long Beach and San Gabriel Valley Clubs. One of the largest shows in the world. Tom Glavich (626) 798-2430 or Gene Oster (818) 998-9306
Sep.	1	HUNTINGTON SUCCULENT SYMPOSIUM at Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA 91108, at the south end of Allen St., (626) 405-2160 or 2277. Talks, Sales, Rare Plant Auction, Tours.
Sep.	8-9	SOUTH COAST C&S SOCIETY SHOW & SALE, Kiyoto Ken Nakaoka Memorial Community Center, 1670 W 162nd St. Gardena, CA. Dick Hulett (310) 832-2262 or airobatic@aol.com
Oct.	13-14,	ORANGE COUNTY C&S SOCIETY SHOW & SALE, Fullerton Arboretum ( part of Arrborfest)
Oct.	20-21,	THE SEVENTH ANNUAL WINTER SHOW OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY C&S SOCIETY, Los Angeles State & County Arboretum, 301 N Baldwin Ave., Arcadia.

## Cynthia R. Covert

### Garden Creations

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Hank Warzybok, President  
Long Beach Cactus Club

Dear President Warzybok;

*It was a pleasure to meet all of you at the May 20th meeting.  
I am always happy to see so much interest in the plants I enjoy .*

*You have a great club & you are fortunate to meet at the Dominguez  
Adobe ... a wonderful location. The newsletter produced by Lisa  
Smith is top notch; thanks to Lisa for sending me a copy.*

*The garden tour after the meeting was a treat. Your garden is  
beautiful. Thanks to Hank, Dick & John (The plants are happy in  
their new home).*

*Thanks again for inviting me & my Alpines to your meeting.*

Happy Gardening,

*Cynthia Covert*

P.S.

*I will be at the San Juan Capistrano Mission Garden & Art Show  
on June 9 & 10  
and will be looking for some of you at the Orange County Club on  
June 28th.*

## Alpine Sempervivums

Sempervivums are found, growing among rocks & gravel, in the mountains of Europe & Western Asia. Alpine succulents do not mind cold winters and require minimal care. They do need a little protection from our hot summers.

**WATERING:** Sempervivums require good drainage and will rot if kept too moist. Allow to dry before watering, then water well. It is best to let Sempervivums stay on the dry side to get through a heat wave (when nights stay warm). Do not water during the heat of the day (when temperatures are in the high 90's or above). Water in the late afternoon so the plants will be well drained before the heat of the following day. Remember Semps are drought tolerant and do not like heat and humidity (good air circulation is helpful).

**LIGHT:** Sempervivums enjoy full sunlight through the winter and need filtered sunlight in the summer. Avoid dense shade (plants will stretch, lose their form and will not color well). Midday summer sun may burn Semps; filtered sunlight is best in the summer.

**PROPAGATION:** Sempervivums are easy to propagate from the many chicks that each plant develops; Set the chick on top of moist potting soil (must be fast draining) and watch it grow. Repotting Semps keeps them actively growing. Large old pots slow down and need to be restarted. When a rosette is 2 or 3 years old it may bloom and die leaving many chicks behind to continue the colony. Nothing will stop this process and the blooms are lovely.

**FEEDING:** Apply a balanced liquid house plant food or fish emulsion (follow manufactures directions at half strength) at the beginning of Spring and again in the Summer.

**PESTS:** I have selected the most pest resistant Sempervivum varieties for our climate, however I have found it necessary to keep a layer of fine granite on the soil surface to guard against root pests. In the hot summer mealy bugs & aphids can also be a problem. A blast of water may wash them off or a little rubbing alcohol will clean the plant. There are also chemicals available to deal with these pests, however care must be taken in selecting the proper material. Some chemicals will damage Sempervivums.

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**Cactus & Succulent Society  
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**Cactus & Succulent  
Show & Sale**

June 29, June 30  
& July 1



Huntington Botanical Gardens  
1151 Oxford Road  
San Marino, CA

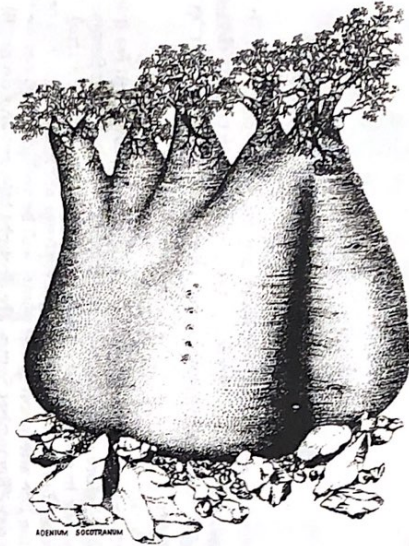


For Information Call: (909) 624-2282  
or (626)405-3508, (562)920-3046

2001 A CACTUS ODYSSEY

**16<sup>th</sup> Annual Inter-City  
Cactus and Succulent Show**

Sat. & Sun, August 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> - 9 to 5 each day  
L.A. County Arboretum 301 N Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, CA



ADENIUM BOCCOTRANUM

For more information, please contact Gene Oster 818-998-9306  
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