

May 2000

# Roadrunner News

## Newsletter of the Long Beach Cactus Club

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### ADENIA, ADENIUM

**PROGRAM:** Bruce Hargreaves will present a slide lecture on **ADENIA, ADENIUM**. Working in South Africa, he became familiar with both of these unrelated species and intrigued with their names. According to the rules of nomenclature such near duplication should not be allowed. This idea developed into a talk. We will see examples of these plants from the field.

Bruce's twenty years in Africa began when he joined the Peace Corps. At the University of Malawi he taught parasitology; he taught botany at the University of Lesotho and at the University of Botswana where he was also senior curator of natural history at the museum. He was head of the herbarium in all three places.

Bruce's interest in plants dates from his childhood when he always had a cactus garden. When he was in high school, friends of his parents gave him his first *Euphorbia*, a subject which has become his specialty. He is a founding member of the Bakersfield C&SS and served last year as its president. He is currently teaching biology and microbiology at Taft College. His many articles have appeared in the CSSA journal, Asclepiadaceae and the Euphorbia Study Group Bulletin. We are honored to have him speak to us.

**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, May 21, 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:** *Gymnocalycium*

**Succulent:** *Adenia, Adenium*

**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 **V through W** 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 griseoleviridis*, *Notocactus magnificus* and others, including cuttings from our garden.

## 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
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<b>GARDEN CURATOR</b>	John Caceres	<b>PUBLICITY - LOCAL</b>	Amanda Knoles
<b>HISTORIAN</b>	Laverne Pitzer	<b>PUBLICITY - SHOWS</b>	Dick Hulett
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<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 LBCC PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Woody Minnich, Programs (661) 944-2784

Jun.	25	Kelly Griffin	DUDLEYAS
Jul.	23	Chris Barnhill	MESEMBS
Aug.	27	Stan Yalof	ASCLEPIADACEAE
Sep.	24	ANNUAL AUCTION	LBCC PLANT AUCTION. Everyone is invited but you must be a member to auction plants.
Oct.	29	Dylan Hannon	WESTERN MEXICO
Nov.	19	Seymour Linden	SOMALIA TRIP WITH FRANK HORWOOD
Dec.	17		HOLIDAY FEAST, FESTIVITIES & AUCTION.

## 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.

## 2000 LBCC PLANTS-OF-THE-MONTH

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>CACTUS</u>	<u>SUCCULENT</u>
January 23	Your favorite cactus	Your favorite succulent
February 27	<i>Mammillaria</i> - under 8" pot	<i>Aloe</i>
March 26	<i>Turbincarpus</i>	<i>Echeveria</i>
April 16	<i>Escobaria, Gymnocactus, Neolloydia, Ortegocactus</i>	<i>Crassula</i>
May 21	<i>Gymnocalycium</i>	<i>Adenia, Adenium</i>
June 25	<i>Discocatus, Melocactus</i>	<i>Dudleya</i>
July 23	<i>Neochilenia, Neoporteria, Pyrrhocactus, Horridocactus</i>	Mesembs excluding <i>Lithops</i>
August 27	Miniature (staged as mini.) - 3" max. pot	Asclepiads
September 24	LBCC AUCTION	
October 29	<i>Echinocereus</i>	<i>Fouquieria, Idria</i>
November 19	Monstrose, crests	<i>Euphorbia</i>
December 17	<i>Carnegiea gigantea</i> (mature specimens)	<i>Adansonia</i> (mature specimens)

## 2000 YEAR-TO-DATE POM STANDINGS THROUGH APRIL

<u>Advanced</u>		<u>Intermediate</u>		<u>Beginner</u>	
1. Hulett	51	1. Miller	51	1. Fletcher, H.&S.	45
2. de Tisné	38	2. Pitzer	33	2. Gillett	23
3. Hanna	21	3. Caceres	31	3. Wagner	20
4. Causey, B.	16	4. Williams, T.	15	4. Blair	8
5. Duke	12	5. Murray	14	5. Richardson	3
6. Wujcik	12	6. Causey, C.	13	6. Bunnell	2
7. Spotts	7			7. Davis	2

## APRIL PLANT-OF-THE-MONTH WINNERS

Judges - Woody Minich, Forrest Richardson, Skyler Richardson

### Cactus -- Advanced

1. Charles Spotts	<i>Gymnocactus roseus</i>
2. Dick Hulett	<i>Escobaria sneedii</i>
3. Dick Hulett	<i>Neolloydia conoidea</i>
3. Dick Hulett	<i>Escobaria henricksonii</i>

### Cactus - Intermediate

1. John Caceres	<i>Ortegocactus macdougallii</i>
2. Dot Miller	<i>Ortegocactus macdougallii</i>
3. Laverne Pitzer	<i>Ortegocactus macdougallii</i>

### Cactus - Beginner

1. H. & S. Fletcher	<i>Escobaria minima</i>
2. Bob Gillett	<i>Ortegocactus macdougallii</i>
3. H. & S. Fletcher	<i>Ortegocactus macdougallii</i>

### Succulent -- Advanced

1. Carol Wujcik	<i>Crassula</i> sp.
2. Dick Hulett	<i>Crassula columella</i>
3. Bob Causey	<i>Crassula</i> sp.

### Succulent -- Intermediate

1. Carol Causey	<i>Crassula gollum</i>
2. Dot Miller	<i>Crassula clavata</i>
3. Tom Williams	<i>Crassula coralita</i>

### Succulent - Beginner

1. H. & S. Fletcher	<i>Crassula coralita</i>
2. Bob Gillett	<i>Crassula corymbulosa</i>
3. H. & S. Fletcher	<i>Crassula alstonii</i>

## CALENDAR OF UP COMING EVENTS FOR 2000

- APR. 8 & 9 CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY OF SO. NEVADA SHOW AND SALE— LAS VEGAS, NV. CONTACT CLEM GOEWERT —  
[Cgoewert@worldnet.att.net](mailto:Cgoewert@worldnet.att.net)
- APR. 8 & 9 SOUTH COAST CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW & SALE AT THE SO. COAST BONTANICAL GARDENS  
26300 CRENSHAW BL. PALOS VERDES, CA. #310-832-2262
- APR. 24 & 25 GREEN SCENE PLANT SALE AT THE FULLERTON ARBORETUM
- MAY 6 & 7 SUNSET CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE  
VETERANS MEMORIAL CENTER, GARDEN ROOM  
4117 OVERLAND AVE. CULVER CITY, CA. INFO. #310-822-1783
- MAY 20 & 21 GATES CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY 25th SHOW AND SALE—SAT. 1 TO 5 SUN. 10 TO 5 —SAT. SALE STARS AT 10 am  
SAN BERNADINO COUNTY MUSEUM, 2024 ORANGE TREE LANE  
REDLANDS, CA.
- MAY 20 & 21 HUNTINGTON BONTANICAL GARDENS YEARLY PLANT SALE  
1151 OXFORD RD. , SAN MARINO, CA. INFO.—#626-405-2160 or 2277
- JUN. 3 & 4 SAN DIEGO CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY —SHOW AND SALE  
BALBOA PARK ROOM 101, SAN DIEGO, CA. INFO.—#619-477-4779
- JUN. 17 & 18 LA CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE  
116633 MAGNOLIA BL. ENCINO—INFO. 818-363-3432—ARTIE
- JUL. 1 & 2 CSSA ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE —HUNTINGTON BONTANICAL  
GARDENS —SEE ADDRESS ABOVE.
- JUL. ????? SAN GABRIEL ANNUAL PICNIC AND AUCTION AT JEAN MULLENS  
2124 SANTIAGO ST., COVINA —FOR INFO. #818-967-5481
- AUG. 19 & 20 14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL INTERCITY SHOW AND SALE—LA COUNTY ARBORETUM  
301 NO. BALDWIN AVE., ARCADIA, CA. INFO. #626-944-2784—WOODY  
or DICK HULETT #310-832-226 — [airobatic@aol.com](mailto:airobatic@aol.com)
- SEPT. 24 LONG BEACH CLUB ANNUAL AUCTION AT DOMINQUEZ ABODE  
18127 SO. ALAMEDA ST. COMPTON (DOMINQUEZ HILLS) CA.
- SEPT. 2 HUNTINGTON BONTANICAL GARDENS SUCCULENT SYMPOSIUM  
ALL DAY AT THE HUNTINGTON.
- OCT. 14 & 15 ORANGE COUNTY SHOW SALE TO BE HELD AT THE FULLERTON  
ARBORETUM
- OCT. 21 & 22 SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CACTUS AND SUCCULENTS SOCIETY  
SHOW AND SALE— LA COUNTY ARBORETUM ADDRESS ABOVE.



**XERO** *def.* dry  
**XEROPHYTE** *def.* a plant that grows in arid regions, as the cactus  
**XEROTICA 2000** *def.* a succulent gathering of people who are passionate about xerophytes

## A Succulent Gathering

Looking for something exciting to do this summer? The Vancouver Desert Plant Society is hosting the Pacific Northwest Cactus & Succulent Conference July 7 - 9, 2000. Experience the incredible knowledge of guest speakers, workshop leaders and fellow Conference participants. See beautiful photographic images of rare and unusual plants. Renew old acquaintances and make new friends who share your passion for xerophytes. Buy some great stuff. Win a few prizes. Have a little fun.

### CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

With informative, entertaining lectures and hands-on workshops, Xerotica 2000 will have a diverse format allowing newcomers to the hobby to feel at home, while providing stimulating discussion for the seasoned collector.

#### Guest lecturers include

Steve Hammer, Jon P. Rebman and Mac Clarke, to name a few. As well, we'll have a brand new 3-D (stereo) presentation by Eva & Voytek Foik.

Friday Night Wine & Cheese Reception

Saturday Night Banquet Dinner, Auction and Xerotica Slide Presentation

Plant Displays, serious cacto-holic discussions, socializing and much more ...!

### A VANCOUVER VACATION

A beautiful city, Vancouver has a lot to offer its visitors. Botanical gardens, succulent restaurants, shopping, beaches, entertainment and fun attractions. Extend your Conference visit and make it a great vacation.

### WHAT DOES XEROTICA MEAN TO YOU?

Write a short description of your own definition of Xerotica and we will share your succulent thoughts for fun throughout the Conference. Anonymity is an option for the shy at heart ... keep it fun and not too spicy! Poems & songs welcome!

### VANCOUVER ACCOMMODATIONS

The Walter Gage Residence at the Conference site has beautiful shared accommodations and single suites. To reserve rooms, fax or mail the Request for Accommodation Form, or call the UBC Reservations Office at 604.822.1000 if you do not have the form.

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TV in common lounge, washroom shared between 4 guests	
<b>Single Suite</b> with private washroom*	\$ 72.00
<b>Double Suite</b> (1 queen-size bed)*	\$ 110.00
<b>Court Suite</b> (2 twin beds, 1 queen-size bed)*	\$ 124.00
*(includes TV, phone, kitchenette, private washroom)	

**Alternatively,** Vancouver offers a variety of beautiful hotels. Call Tourism Vancouver at 1.800.HELLOBC for details.

### PHOTO CONTEST

Do you have some xerotic photos in your collection? Send them to us and our panel of catophile experts will award 1st, 2nd & 3rd prizes during the Conference Banquet! As well we will be displaying photos and doing a slide show to wet your succulent appetites.

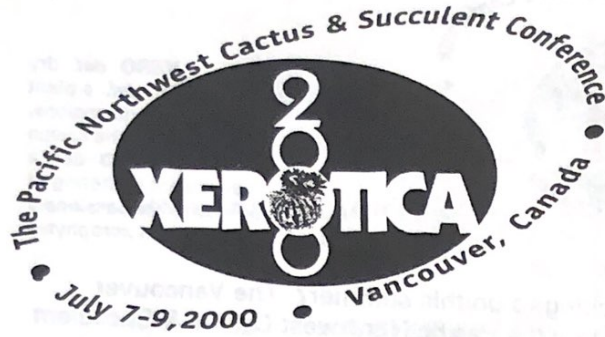
#### Deadline for entries June 22, 2000

#### CONTEST RULES:

- enter as many images as you like in 35mm slide format, or photos 4 x 6 and larger
- Xerotica 2000 reserves the right to show your photo(s) during the Conference and/or to have them published
- organizers not responsible for lost or damaged images
- send us your duplicates, as entries will not be returned

### XEROTICA 2000. For the xero in all of us

For more information, contact XEROTICA 2000 604.461.5823 email: wpc@e-mailanywhere.com



## REGISTRATION FORM

Register before  
May 31, 2000  
and SAVE \$\$\$!

**YES! Register me for Xerotica 2000.**

PLEASE PRINT:

Registrant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Prov/State \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Tel \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_

(Note: The spouse/guest pays Conference Fee only if attending the Conference)

CONFERENCE FEES: Early Bird Registration before May 31: \$85 Cdn / \$65 US  
Registration after May 31: \$95 Cdn / \$73 US

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET DINNER & AUCTION: \$35 Cdn / \$28 US

### AMOUNT ENCLOSED:

Registrant	Conference Fee	\$ _____
	Saturday Banquet Dinner	_____
Spouse/Guest	Conference Fee	_____
	Saturday Banquet Dinner	_____
	<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

Please mail cheque or money order payable to:

XEROTICA 2000, c/o 99 Linden Court, Port Moody, BC V3H 5C2

Tel: 604.461.5823 Email: wpc@e-mailanywhere.com

**CONFERENCE LOCATION** (a map will be mailed on request):

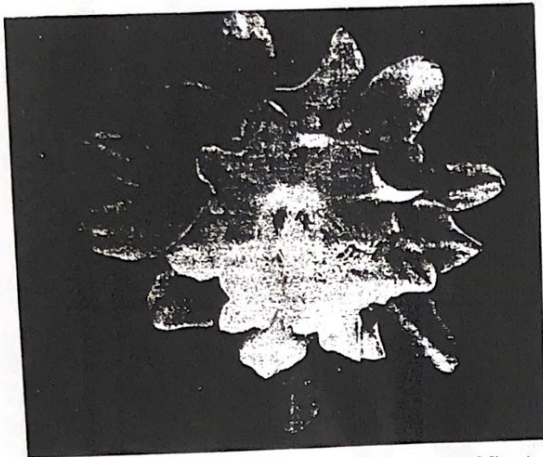
University of British Columbia Conference Centre, Isabel MacInnes Lounge  
5961 Student Union Blvd., Vancouver, BC

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*(Pictured: Epicactus 'Doris W. Pittman', ESA Reg. #11891, 1995. Photograph by Galem D. Pittman)*

**"Orchid Cactus" Floral Competition**  
Exhibits - Raffle - Plant & Cutting Sale  
Sunday, May 21, 2000 - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Ayers Hall - Arboretum of L.A. County - 301 N. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia, Ca.  
information: 562-438-4554 - e-mail: epinut01@juno.com



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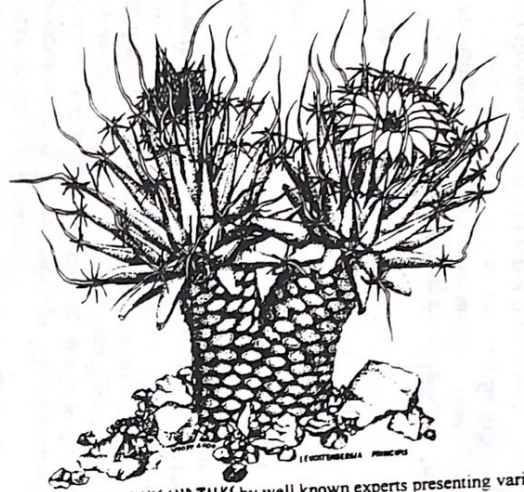
Show / Sale - July 1 & 2, 2000 10:30am-4:30pm  
Presale - June 30, 2000 10:30am-4:30pm  
**Huntington Botanical Gardens**

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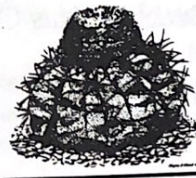
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**JUNE 17 & 18, 2000**



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From the *Roadrunner News* archives, 1990

## GYMNOCALYCIUM

By Victor Turecek  
as told to Joe Wujcik

This "very rewarding" South American genus includes plants of a wide variety of sizes that are found throughout a large area from southern Brazil and Bolivia southward through Argentina. These globular plants grow in habitats ranging from arid flatlands and grasslands to rocky hillsides with an altitude of almost 3,000 meters.

There are over 50 different species of Gymnos but these could easily be lumped into only about one-half this many for simplicity. Propagation is easy from either seed or pups. (Victor was pollinating his plants when interrupted for this interview).

The secret to growing a winning Gymno is "a happy medium:"

- \* The plant should not have full sun but still needs strong light. A lath-house, greenhouse, or up to 40% shade cloth will give proper growing conditions here in Southern California.
- \* The usual porous potting mix is sufficient. Good drainage is required.
- \* Regular watering is needed. Of course, the amount of watering will depend upon factors such as the potting mix and the time of year (more in the March-through-October growing season).
- \* Light fertilizing is desirable but the amount should be controlled. An often seen mistake is the plant which has been pumped up by too much feeding and so has lost some of its natural color. Of course, feeding should be timed with the plant's growing season.
- \* These strong plants require no special insect protection other than your usual regimen.
- \* Special winter protection is not vital as most are frost hardy and can take temperatures down to around 28 degrees (F.). Plants native to Southern Brazil and Paraguay are most likely to need protection.

The ideal Gymno's appearance differs from species to species. In general, strong spines are a must. Although most plants have tan or yellow spines, some other colors are found. The "ideal" body color could also vary from a dark red in strong sun (*G. mihanovichii*) through green to even a blue green.