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ROADRUNNER NEWS

Newsletter of the Long Beach Cactus Club
Founded 1933; Affiliate of the Cactus and Succulent Society of America, Inc.

PRESENTATION: Thomas Cole

Thomas has spent more than 30 years in regenerative agriculture, livelihoods, community development and humanitarian response work. Presently based in Santa Barbara, he has many years field experience across Sub-Saharan Africa with significant time in Mozambique, Uganda and Ethiopia. His focal areas are in urban agriculture, agroforestry, post-conflict recovery, organic horticulture, agricultural extension, permaculture, natural resource management and food security. He spends much of his spare time in these countries climbing the odd mountain and researching succulent plants, primarily aloe, euphorbia and sansevieria.



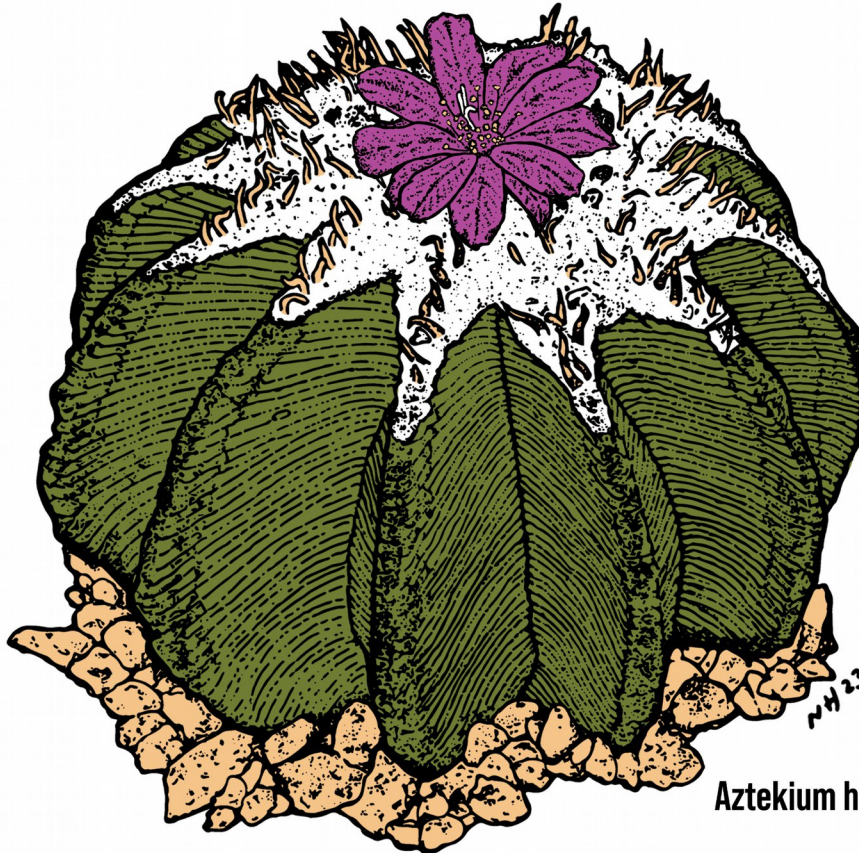
Thomas currently works as an agroecology and drought management advisor for global USAID food security programs, and provides technical agricultural support for numerous communities recovering from conflict and disaster. Over the last decade he has broad experience with internally displaced populations in Ethiopia, Democratic Republic of Congo and South Sudan and in refugee camps in eastern Chad and Northern Uganda. Previously he worked as the Africa Region Food Security and Livelihoods Advisor for Save the Children.

He is a co-founder and technical advisor for African Women Rising, a community-based organization empowering thousands of women in post-war Uganda. He is also founding partner and VP of sourcing and sustainability for Kaibae, a Santa-Barbara based company that revalues Lost Crops found in local communities across the world and reimagines them as potent health and beauty solutions. For the last 10 years he has also worked as a Strategic Philanthropic Advisor for several private family foundations, helping to guide strategic investment in a range of program areas including global health, sustainable agriculture and alternative basic education models.

In Santa Barbara, he is the co-owner and operator of Cold Spring Aloes, a small botanic garden, succulent plant nursery and award-winning garden design business. He received the Bouquet of the Year Award in 2017 from the SB Horticultural Society and is a multiple-time winner of the Santa Barbara Beautiful Award. In the last decade he has described three new species and one sub-species of aloe from Uganda (*aloe wanalensis*, *aloe butiabana*, *aloe lukeana* and *aloe labworana* ssp. *longifolia*), as well as three new sansevieria species (*S. conduplicata*, *S. lalakana* and *S. yumbiensis*). He is the co-author of a [Field Guide to the Aloes of Uganda](#)

Thomas has a Masters degree in Humanitarian Assistance from the Friedman School of Nutrition at Tufts University (US) and is a 5-time world Frisbee champion.

37th Annual **Inter-City**
Cactus & Succulent
Show and Sale



Aztekium hintonii

August 4th, 2023 - Sale 8AM-5PM

August 5th & 6th, 2023 - Show & Sale 8AM-5PM

Los Angeles County Arboretum - www.intercityshow.com

Hosted by the Long Beach, Los Angeles and San Gabriel Valley Cactus & Succulent Societies

📷 Instagram: @intercityshow 📘 Facebook Group: intercityshow

We encourage you to bring your own box to the sale

Plant of the Month - Crests/Monstrose

Fasciated plants, also known as crested plants, are botanical anomalies characterized by the abnormal elongation and flattening of their stems, leaves, or other plant parts resulting in the formation of flattened, fan-shaped, or crested growth patterns that deviate from the plant's typical appearance. Similarly, monstrose plant growth refers to an abnormal or mutated growth pattern exhibited by certain plants. It is characterized by the development of unusual, distorted, or grotesque forms that differ significantly from the typical growth habit of the species. While the exact mechanisms behind fasciation are not fully understood, it is believed to result from disturbances in cell division, hormone signaling, or vascular tissue development. The causes of fasciation & monstrose growth can vary and may include genetic mutations, hormonal imbalances, bacterial or fungal infections, physical injuries, or environmental stress factors.



Obregonia denegrii: Normal, Crested, Monstrose



Myrtillocactus geometrizans : Normal, Crested, Monstrose



Photo: Giromagi

Agave potatorum: Normal, Crested, Monstrose

LBCC PLANT-OF-THE-MONTHS RULES

At the April, 2003 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 8 points for first place, 6 points for second place, 4 points for third place, 2 points for show/honorable mention (HM) 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.

Long Beach Cactus Club 2023 Plants of the Months

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>CACTI</u>	<u>SUCCULENTS</u>
July	Crests/Monstrose	Crests/Monstrose
August	Columnar Cereus	Adromischus
September	Lobivia/Echinopsis	Pelargonium/Sarcocaulon
October	AUCTION	
November	Miniatures (3) - pots under 3"	Miniatures (3) - pots under 3"
December	HOLIDAY PARTY	

2023 POM MINI-SHOW STANDINGS

Advanced		Intermediate		Beginner	
Gary Duke	81	Henry Angulo	67	Derrick Cantu	54
Russel Ray	17	Richard Salcedo	49	Kelly Eddy	48
Kathy McNair	11	Amy Angulo	43	Chris Bucka	19
Maria Capaldo	13	Charlie Traier	11	Gretchen	12
Ken Shaw	6	Alden Norris	9	Dan Papilli	11
		Andrew Lander	4	Nathan Adams	9
		Daniel Almanza	1	Angela Clubb	6
		Lemono Lott	1	Dam (pronounced "Dom")	6
				Shane M.	6
				Nathan Adams	4
				Nelson Hernandez	4
				Julianne Skinner	3
				Victoria Bruno	2
				Alan Ronn	2
				M.A. Bjarkman	1
				David Cantu	1
				German R.	1
				Brian Simmons	1
				Christine	1


CSSA's Special Invitation to the 2023 Colorado Springs Convention To all CSSA Affiliate Cactus and Succulent Societies

All of the members of the Colorado Cactus and Succulent Society look forward to meeting many convention attendees from the many CSSA affiliate societies on July 12-16 at the Colorado Springs CSSA Convention. The incredible view of 14,115' Pikes Peak outside the convention hotel will inspire and refresh, as will the 70-80F days and cool nights in the low 60's.

The line-up of speakers of particular interest to CSSA members includes, Ernst van Jaarsfeld, Elisabeth Sarnes from Germany, speaking for the first time at one of our conventions, Panayoti Kelaidis, and Stefan Burger. All of the speakers' biographical information and presentation topics are detailed on the CSSA website, https://cssaconvention.com/speakers_2023.html We would also encourage CSSA affiliate societies to sponsor a speaker of their choice, acknowledging the CSSA affiliates generous contributions at previous CSSA conventions.

There is so much more: field trips, an enormous plant sale, the auction and banquet, and, not least, the opportunity to meet and have in depth conversations with the speakers and your fellow succulent enthusiasts from the other affiliate chapters. Please take a good look at the CSSA website for additional information and I look forward to meeting each of you in July.

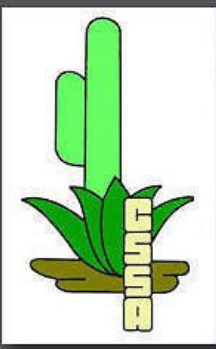
Rod Haenni, Convention Co-Chair
President, CSSA



*Cactus and Succulent Society of America
2023 Biennial Convention*

July 12 to 16, 2023

Succulents with Altitude
Colorado Springs, Colorado





The Long Beach Cactus Club

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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 members for plant identification and care

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

\$10.00 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: _____

2023 SPEAKERS AND MEETING DATES

July 2nd - Thomas Cole
August 13th - Nonhuman Teachers
September 3rd - Ernesto Sandoval
October 1st - Sale/Auction
November 5th - Rob McGregor
December 3rd - Holiday Party

SNACK AND REFRESHMENT SCHEDULE

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>LAST NAME STARTS WITH</u>
July	M, N, O
August	P, Q, R
September	S, T, U, V
October	Auction
November	W, X, Y, Z
December	Holiday Party

LBCC OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2023

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PHOTOGRAPHER	Alon Ronn	REFRESHMENTS	Amy Angulo
PLANT SALE	Kelly Eddy	AUCTION	Gretchen Lewotsky
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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