

*April 2024*

# ROADRUNNER NEWS

Newsletter of the Long Beach Cactus Club  
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## **PRESENTATION: Gary Duke - "Chile: More Than Copiapoas"**

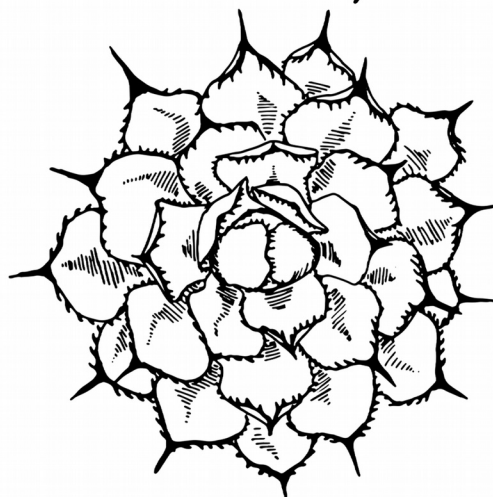
Gary more than just describes the family of Copiapoas, including some seldom seen. He also describes several Eriosyce, including several that grow underground belonging to the subfamily of Thelocephala and several wild flowers. He will also present drone footage of populations of Copiapoa solaris, columna-alba, hypogea and dealbata.

Gary Duke was on the Board of Directors to the Cactus and Succulent Society of America for over 8 years. He has been collecting cacti and succulents for over 50 years. He's an avid collector of cacti and also collects Tylecodons and Dudleyas. He is a retired Air Force officer with a doctoral degree in physics. During his military career, he moved his original and ever expanding collection of less than about 30 plants from Illinois, where he grew up, to Omaha, NE, Dayton, OH (where he started their first C&S Society, which is now defunct), San Pedro, CA, Montgomery, AL and Albuquerque, NM where he had been show chairman. He has also been President of the South Coast Cactus and Succulent Society and the Long Beach Cactus Society. Following his military career, he worked as a program manager for Boeing for 16 years. He has over 1000 different species in his private collection and enjoys propagating them. One can view some plants in his collection on his Instagram site: [garyduke53](#). He frequently gives slide presentations throughout southern California, including being invited to speak at the Huntington Botanical Gardens and at the Denver Cactus and Succulent Society. He has traveled to Aruba, Peru, Baja Mexico, Bolivia, Argentina and Chile to see cacti and succulents in habitat.



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**CACTUS &  
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*Ceramics & other plants too*

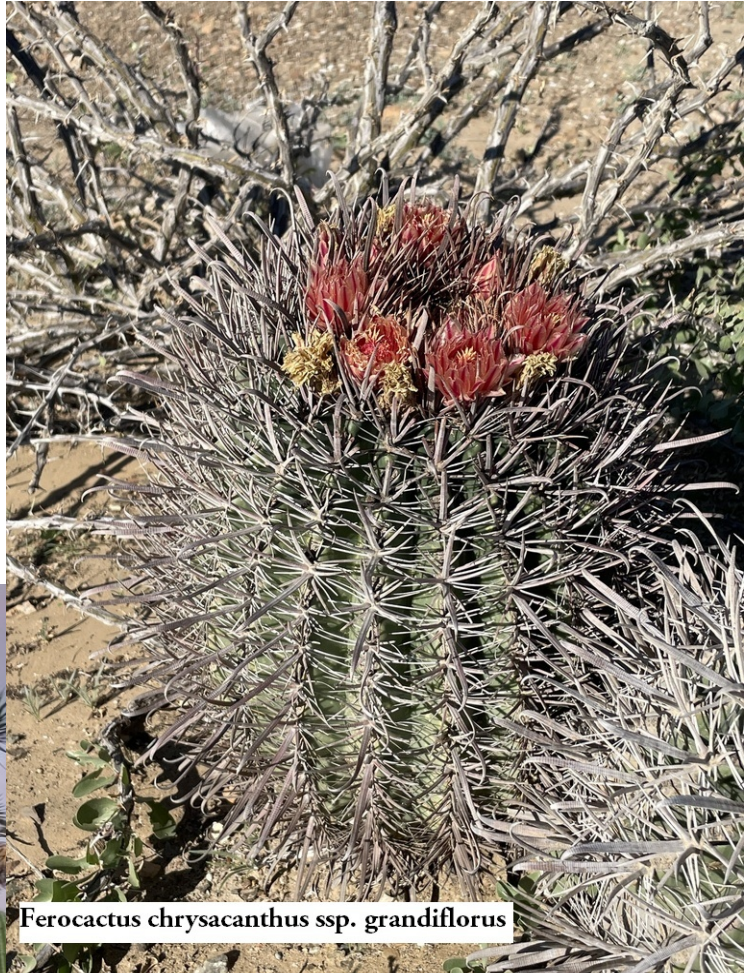


**SUNDAY**  
**MAY 5TH 12-4PM**  
**9402 OAK ST**  
**BELLFLOWER**  
**CALIFORNIA**

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## **Cactus of the Month: Echinocactus/Ferocactus:**

The genera Echinocactus and Ferocactus are collectively known for their impressive barrel-shaped bodies adorned with prominent ribs and spines. These iconic cacti are native to arid regions of southwestern United States and Mexico, extending into parts of Central America. They inhabit desert landscapes characterized by sandy or rocky soils, often in areas with low rainfall and high temperatures. These cacti can tolerate extreme conditions and are well-adapted to arid climates.



***Ferocactus chrysacanthus ssp. grandiflorus***



***Echinocactus platyacanthus* - Jorge López Manimal**

These cacti require full sun exposure to thrive. They are adapted to bright sunlight and require several hours of direct sunlight each day for optimal growth.

They prefer sandy or rocky soils that allow water to drain quickly.

## Succulent of the Month: Echeveria:



**Echeveria unguiculata**  
**P. Gonzalez Zamora**

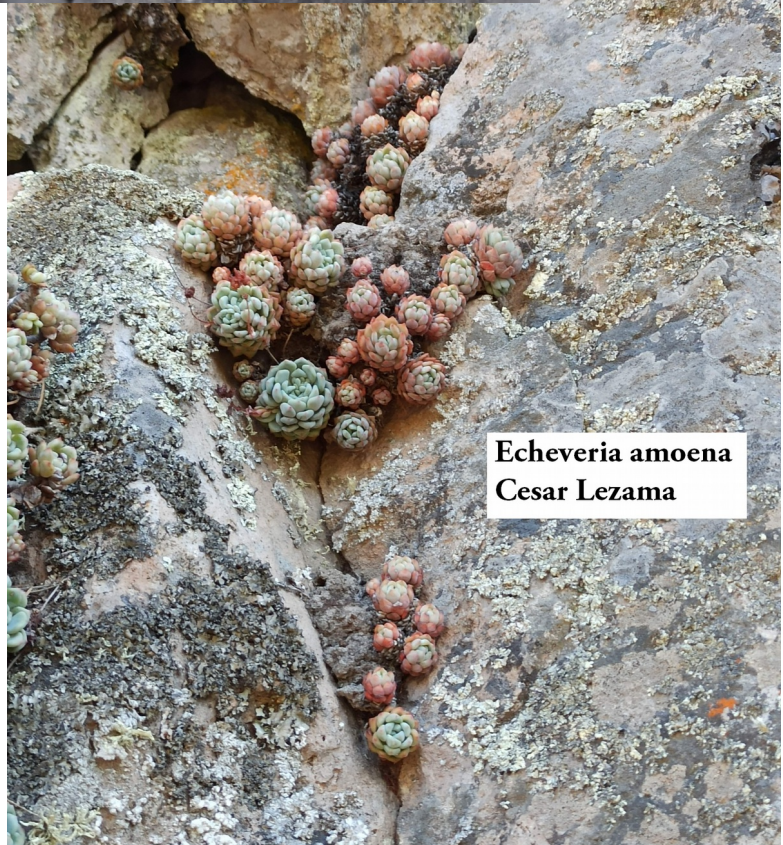
Echeveria is a popular genus of succulent plants known for their elegant rosette shapes, vibrant colors, and ease of cultivation. These plants belong to the Crassulaceae family and are native to various regions in Mexico, as well as parts of Central and South America.

Echeveria species are primarily found in mountainous regions, rocky slopes, and semi-desert, receiving intermittent rainfall, and experiencing moderate to warm temperatures.

Echeverias thrive in moderate temperatures, preferring warm days and cooler nights. They are adapted to a range of climates, from semi-tropical to arid, but generally prefer mild conditions.

They prefer bright, indirect sunlight. While they can tolerate some direct sun, protection from intense afternoon sunlight is advisable, especially in hot climates, to prevent sunburn.

Overall, Echeverias are cherished for their beauty and versatility, making them popular choices for succulent enthusiasts and gardeners alike.



**Echeveria amoena**  
**Cesar Lezama**

## 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 2024 Plants of the Months

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>CACTI</u>	<u>SUCCULENTS</u>
April	Echinocactus/Ferocactus	Echeveria
May	CLUB SALE	
June	Rebutia/Sulcorebutia	Bromeliaceae
July	Opuntia/Tephrocactus	Pchypodium
August	Favorites (3)	Favorites (3)
September	AUCTION	
October	Thelocactus/Stenocactus	Cotyledon/Tylecodon
November	Miniatures (3) - pots under 3"	Miniatures (3) - pots under 3"
December	HOLIDAY PARTY	

## 2024 POM MINI-SHOW STANDINGS

<b>Advanced</b>		<b>Intermediate</b>		<b>Beginner</b>	
Gary Duke	47	Henry Angulo	36	Shirley Kost	19
Maria Capaldo	15	Richard Salcedo	30	Gretchen Lewotsky	18
Krystoff Przykucki	4	Amy Angulo	13	Derrick Cantú	13
		ScottBunnell	4	Kelly Eddy	12
		Lemono Lott	3	Randy Stiver	11
		Andrew Lander	2	Christian Navarro	8
				Dan Papilli	7
				Dam	7
				Nathan Adams	4
				Cole James	2
				Sandra Leier	1
				Erika Villalobos	1
				Clifford Vu	1
				Tom's Bonsia Cacti	1



# The Long Beach Cactus Club

*Est. 1933*

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## SNACK AND REFRESHMENT SCHEDULE

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>LAST NAME STARTS WITH</u>
April	H, I, J
May	Show & Sale
June	K, L, M
July	N, O
August	P, Q, R
September	Auction
October	S, T, U, V
November	W, X, Y, Z
December	Holiday Party

## LBCC OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2024

PRESIDENT	Nelson Hernandez	SECRETARY	Kelly Eddy
VICE-PRESIDENT	William Ramirez	TREASURER	Henry Angulo
BOARD OF DIRECTORS	Daniel Almanza, Christopher Bucka, Scott Bunell, Lemono Lott, Alfonso Molina		
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VENDORS	Lupe Casas	PROGRAMS	Nelson Hernandez
MEMBERSHIP	Lawrence Hofman	HISTORIAN	Ken Shaw
INTER-CITY SHOW	Henry Angulo & Scott Bunell	MINI-SHOW	<i>Open</i>
LIBRARIAN	William Ramirez	X-MAS PARTY	<i>Open</i>
PHOTOGRAPHER	Dereck Diaz	REFRESHMENTS	Erika Villalobos
MAY SALE	Henry Angulo	AUCTION	Gretchen Lewotsky
INSTAGRAM	Scott Bunnell & Nelson Hernandez		
WEBSITE	German Rivera & Scott Bunnell		

## 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](mailto:landruc@gmail.com)







# THE DUKES RARE PLANT & POTTERY SALE

**SATURDAY APRIL 6TH  
9AM TO 2PM**  
4660 Rio Ave.  
Long Beach, Ca

**Additional parking  
available behind Johnny  
Rebs**

**@GARYDUKE53**  
**@PORT\_TOWN\_POTTERY**  
**@EAST\_LOS\_SUCCULENTS**  
**@POTTERYBYPATRICE**  
**@GRANNYKITCHENLOVE**  
**@TWENTYSIXLEAVES**  
**PAINTED ROCKS BY MONICA**