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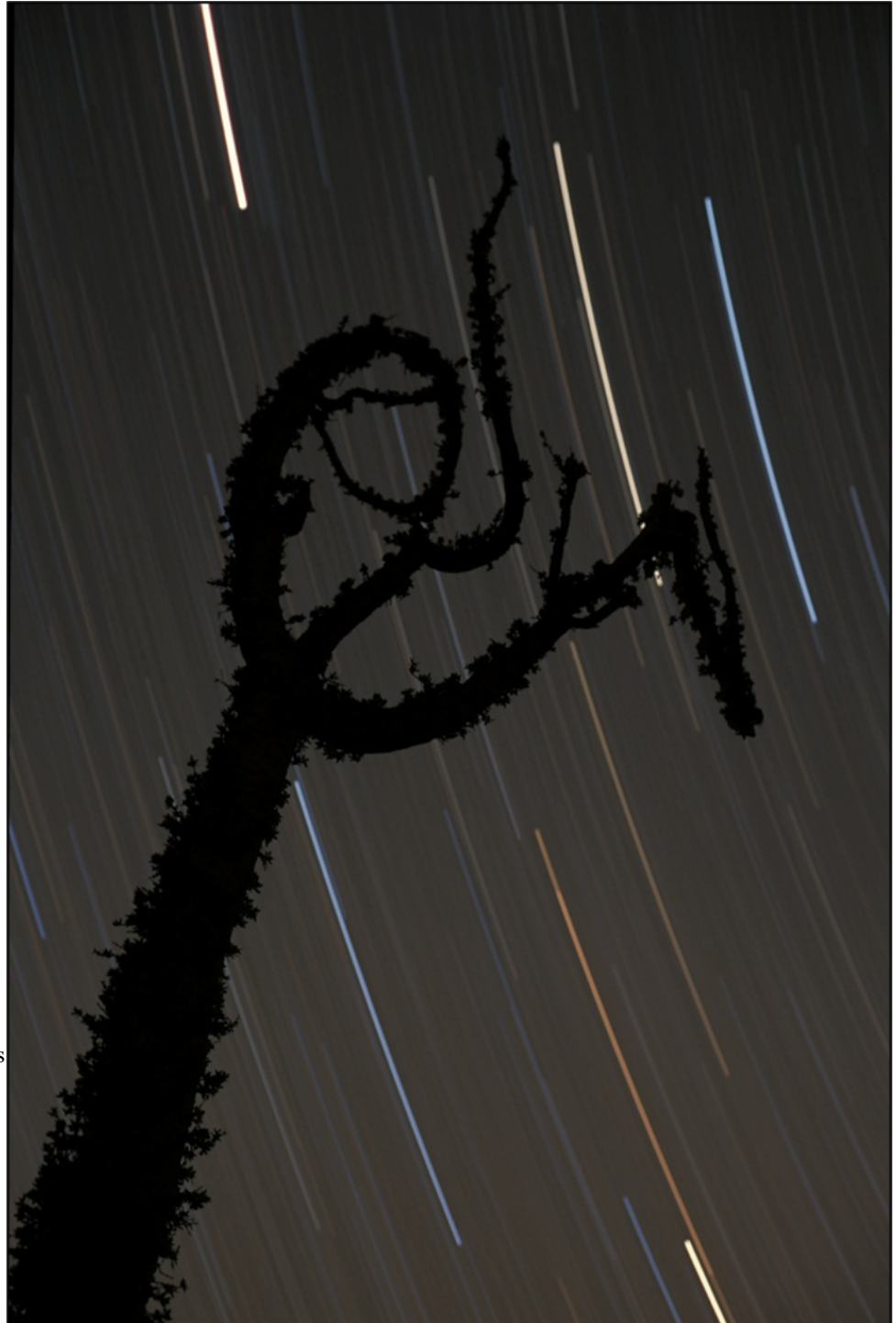
# ROADRUNNER NEWS

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

**PRESENTATION: Ernesto Sandoval – *A Natural History of Baja California***

Ernesto has traveled to the Baja California Peninsula over 15 times, beginning in 1995 over Winter and Spring Breaks. As a photographer, this is one of his favorite lectures because he's amassed a visually enticing collection of photographs from one of his favorite deserts. Boojum, Cardon, and other cacti such as the creeping devil and velvet cactus, Elephant trees, Agave, and Dudley are featured along with succulents such as *Pedilanthus macropcarus*. This particular version of the Sonoran Desert features visually stunning landscapes such as the Cataviña boulder field along with a few fog belts where *Tillandsia recurvata*, ball moss, can be seen growing on succulents & Montevideo Canyon with a Cardon Forest. As always, he'll throw in tidbits of horticultural information. He hopes you'll be inspired to visit what is probably the most lush desert in the world!

Ernesto Sandoval has been wondering and seeking questions and answers to why plants grow and look the way they do for nearly 40 years. Now he explains and interprets the world of plants to a variety of ages and from amateur to professional gardeners. He regularly lectures to various Western Garden Clubs throughout the year, particularly to succulent clubs throughout California. Desert plants are his particular passion within his





general passion for plants. He describes himself as a "Jose of All Plants, Master of None" and loves learning from the experiences and passions of others and his own. Ernesto thoroughly enjoys helping others, particularly gardeners, understand why and how plants do what they do.

When he was about 13 he asked his dad why one tree was pruned a particular way and another tree another way. His dad answered bluntly "Because that's how you do it." Since

then he's been learning and teaching himself the answers to those and many other questions by getting a degree at UC Davis in Botany and working from student weeder/waterer to Director over the last 30 years at the UC Davis Botanical Conservatory, and now as a Graduate Student getting his Masters (maybe a PhD??) in Horticulture and Agronomy at UC Davis.



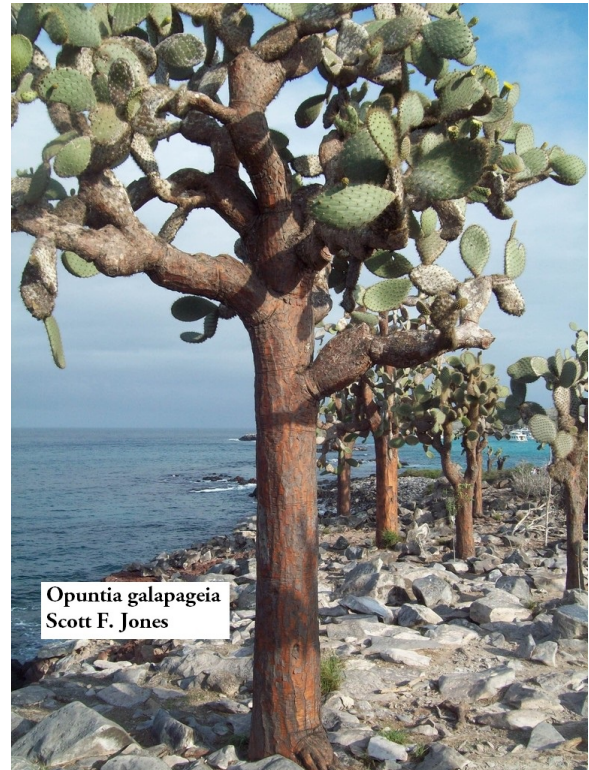


## Cacti of the Month

### Opuntia:

The genus name "Opuntia" is derived from the ancient Greek city of Opus, in the region of Locris. Theophrastus, a Greek philosopher and botanist, mentioned that a plant grew in the region of Opus that could be propagated by rooting its leaves. The name was later applied to the prickly pear cacti due to their similar propagation characteristics.

Opuntia species are widespread throughout the Americas, from Canada to Argentina. They thrive in a variety of habitats, including deserts, grasslands, and rocky slopes. The southwestern United States and Mexico have particularly high



### Tephrocactus:

The genus name "Tephrocactus" comes from the Greek word "tephra," meaning "ash," referring to the ash-gray color of the plant's surface. This name highlights the distinct, often grayish appearance of these cacti.



Tephrocactus species are native to the high-altitude regions of Argentina, especially in the provinces of Salta, Catamarca, and Mendoza. They grow in arid environments among rocks and in sandy soils.

## Succulent of the Month

### Pachypodium:

The genus name "Pachypodium" is derived from the Greek words "pachys," meaning "thick," and "podion," meaning "foot" or "stem." This name refers to the thick, swollen stems that are characteristic of these plants.

Pachypodium species are native to Madagascar and southern Africa, including countries like Namibia, Botswana, and South Africa. They thrive in arid and semi-arid regions, often found in rocky outcrops and dry, scrubby landscapes.

**Pachypodium namaquanum**

Jean Audissou



**Pachypodium lealii**





## 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>
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

Advanced		Intermediate		Beginner	
Gary Duke	65	Henry Angulo	81	Shirley Kost	50
Maria Capaldo	15	Richard Salcedo	53	Dam	28
Krystoff Przykucki	4	Amy Angulo	30	Gretchen Lewotsky	27
		Andrew Lander	11	Derrick Cantú	23
		ScottBunnell	4	Kelly Eddy	23
		Lemono Lott	3	Dan Papilli	14
				Randy Stiver	11
				Raymond	11
				Christian Navarro	10
				Nathan Adams	6
				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>
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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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)