

*November 2024*

# ROADRUNNER NEWS

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

**PRESENTATION: Levi Stafford – A Blitz Flora of Northern Baja with Culture of *Pachycormus Discolor***

A quick survey of the botanical diversity in Baja California Norte covering the highlights of both coasts of the peninsula in spring. A demonstration on the culture of *Pachycormus discolor* will follow.

Levi Stafford is the head grower for Grow Nursery. They specialize in developing high quality succulent trees and growing rare and unusual succulents from seed.



## Succulents & Cacti of the Month: MINIATURES

This month, the Cacti and Succulent of the Month are both miniatures. Miniatures are defined differently for different shows. In most cases, the definition is a mature plant in a pot with an inside diameter less than three inches. Some shows define the miniature category as any plant displayed as a miniature. This allows seedlings and young plants to be entered as miniatures. Others require the plant to be the smallest in a genus. We'll use the broad definition for the Plant of the Month.



*Bulbine mesembryanthemoides*



*Tylecodon booliae* in a one inch pot

The miniature category is one of the most popular in our shows, with the number of entrants often one of the largest. The key to success is staging plants. Particular attention must be paid to the relation of the plant to the pot, the top dressing, and any rocks. The importance of color, geometry, and texture are all magnified in the smaller scale of miniatures.



## 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>              |
|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 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          | 151 | Henry Angulo        | 129 | Dam                | 101 |
| Maria Capaldo      | 15  | Richard Salcedo     | 97  | Shirley Kost       | 63  |
| Russel Ray         | 8   | Amy Angulo          | 47  | Raymond            | 43  |
| Krystoff Przykucki | 4   | Andrew Lander       | 19  | Kelly Eddy         | 35  |
|                    |     | ScottBunnell        | 4   | Dan Papilli        | 31  |
|                    |     | Lemono Lott         | 3   | Gretchen Lewotsky  | 28  |
|                    |     |                     |     | Derrick Cantú      | 24  |
|                    |     |                     |     | Randy Stiver       | 15  |
|                    |     |                     |     | Nathan Adams       | 11  |
|                    |     |                     |     | Christian Navarro  | 10  |
|                    |     |                     |     | Sandra Leier       | 4   |
|                    |     |                     |     | Cole James         | 2   |
|                    |     |                     |     | Nelson Hernandez   | 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> |
|--------------|------------------------------|
| 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 |              |                   |
| CSSA LIAISON       | M. A. Bjarkman   | NEWSLETTER   | Andrew Lander     |
| 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)