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# ROADRUNNER NEWS

Newsletter of the Long Beach Cactus Club  
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**PRESENTATION: Robert A. Villa – *Tropical Sonora: Where Succulents and Other Tropical Species Radiate***

The Sonoran Desert region can be described as the receding hairline of the tropics, culminating in the precipice of the true tropical and temperate-tropical realm of northwestern México in eastern and southern Sonora. Noteworthy and novel botanical (and otherwise) records will be presented.

Robert Villa is a Tucsonan conservationist with a deep passion for the Sonoran Desert, dedicating most of his life to studying and documenting its bio-cultural diversity. His expertise spans amphibians, reptiles, plants, landscape evolution, ethnoecology, and gastronomy. He's worked on various multimedia projects across the region and had the honor of consulting with

Sir David Attenborough on his series, *Green Planet*. Currently, Robert presides over the Tucson Herpetological Society, serves on the Tucson Cactus and Succulent Society Board, and is a member of several botanical and herpetological groups.



## Cacti of the Month: **Thelocactus/Stenocactus**

### **Thelocactus**



Thelocactus species are small to medium-sized cacti known for their pronounced tubercles and well-defined ribs. They often have showy flowers, usually in shades of pink, purple, or white. The spines can vary significantly, from thin and needle-like to thick and twisted. Thelocactus is native to northeastern Mexico and the southwestern United States, particularly Texas and thrives in arid and semi-arid climates with high temperatures and low humidity. They prefer well-draining, sandy soils and are adapted to environments with intense sunlight and sporadic rainfall.

### **Stenocactus**

Stenocactus are characterized by their numerous and very narrow, sometimes wavy ribs, giving them a distinctive appearance. They are generally small to medium-sized and produce small flowers, often white or pale pink. Stenocactus is also native to central and northern Mexico and live in semi-arid to arid regions with hot summers and mild winters.





## Succulents of the Month: **Cotyledon/Tylecodon**

### **Cotyledon**

Cotyledon species are succulent plants, typically with thick, fleshy leaves that are often covered with a powdery bloom. The leaves can be rounded or elongated, sometimes with red margins. These plants produce tubular or bell-shaped flowers, usually orange or yellow, that hang in clusters. Cotyledon is native to southern Africa, including South Africa, Namibia, and Angola. They thrive in a Mediterranean climate with hot, dry summers and mild, wet winters. They are adapted to rocky or sandy soils and can tolerate drought conditions, making them ideal for xeriscaping.



### **Tylecodon**



Tylecodon species are deciduous succulents, known for their thick, sometimes twisted stems and branches. They shed their leaves during the dry season to conserve water. The leaves are usually small and cylindrical or lance-shaped. Tylecodon produces small, tubular flowers that are typically greenish, pink, or white. Tylecodon is also native to southern Africa, particularly South Africa and Namibia. Tylecodon grows in arid to semi-arid regions, where it experiences hot, dry summers and cool winters. They are adapted to survive in harsh environments with poor, well-drained soils. Tylecodon species often grow in rocky outcrops or sandy soils, where they can endure prolonged drought periods.

## 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>
August	Favorites (3)	Favorites (3)
September	Thelocactus/Stenocactus	Cotyledon/Tylecodon
October	AUCTION	
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	79	Henry Angulo	93	Dam	57
Maria Capaldo	15	Richard Salcedo	72	Shirley Kost	56
Russel Ray	8	Amy Angulo	36	Kelly Eddy	29
Krystoff Przykucki	4	Andrew Lander	11	Gretchen Lewotsky	28
		ScottBunnell	4	Derrick Cantú	24
		Lemono Lott	3	Raymond	23
				Dan Papilli	16
				Randy Stiver	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>
September	S, T, U, V
October	Auction
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)