

June 2008

Roadrunner News

Newsletter of the Long Beach Cactus Club

Founded 1933; Affiliate of the Cactus and Succulent Society of America, Inc.

Socotra

PROGRAM: Our very own Woody Minnich will talk about Socotra – an island in the Arabian sea. Woody is a renowned speaker, grower, and world traveler as well as our Programs Chairman.

LOCATION: **Dominguez Rancho Adobe**, 18127 South Alameda Street, Rancho Dominguez, CA 90220. Take the 91 Redondo Beach/ Artesia Freeway and exit south on Alameda. Signs for the Adobe are posted on the freeway and on Alameda. Coming from the freeway, the entrance to the Adobe is on the right or west side of Alameda. The meeting will be in the **Carriage House** which is at the south end of the Dominguez Rancho Adobe Museum. It is at your right as you turn off the entry road into the parking area.

TIME: **Sunday, June 22, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.** We will follow this schedule: 1:00 to 1:30 -- setup and refreshments, 1:30 to 3:30 -- general meeting and program, 3:30 to 4:00 – cleanup.

PLANT-OF-THE-MONTH:

Cactus: Variegates
Succulent: Variegates

REFRESHMENTS: We will follow the alphabet to determine who is to bring the snacks and finger foods. This month, those with last names starting with the letters **G through L** are asked to bring the goodies. Please feel free to bring something even if you don't fall into this group.

DOOR PRIZES, BIRTHDAY PLANTS & PLANT SALES: Free plant for first time visitors.

PLANT RAFFLE: Tickets are \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. **Members are asked to donate any plants they would like to pass along that they think others would like to buy.** Previous months' raffles have been big successes with several dozen plants available.

LBCC MEETING DATES 2008

		<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Jan	27	Hank Warzybok	Yards and Gardens
Feb	24	Paul Klaassen	What I did last Summer
Mar	30	Doug Dawson	Namibia
Apr	27	Guillermo Rivera	Argentina
May	18	Gary Duke	What kind of cactus is it?
Jun	22	Woody Minnich	Socotra, an island in the Arabian Sea
Jul	27	Mark Muradian	Bolivia
Aug	24	Kelly Griffin	A month in Madagascar
Sep	28		Annual auction
Oct	26	Buck Hemenway	South Africa
Nov	23	Todd Masilko	Socotra
Dec	??		Annual Holiday party

Thanks to our speakers earlier this year: Guillermo Rivera on Argentina, Gary Duke on cactus identification and a special nod to Woody who is also our program chair. The quality of programs at our meetings is second to none!

Here is a message from our April speaker -

Letter to the members of this club:

First of all, I would like to thank you for your assistance to my last presentation in your club. It is always nice to meet new people who share the same hobby and interests.

It is likely that I will be coming back to the US next year. I will have new presentations, including one on Chile and one on Peru that may be of interest to the club. I will be also working on another from Argentina (I believe you heard the one on Brazil this time).

Future trips

- . 2008 November Northwestern Argentina: As I mentioned, there is room (and \$ 200 discount)***
- . 2009 June Central Brazil (Uebelmannias, Discocactus, Melocactus)***
- . 2009 September North and Central Peru, including Machu Pichu:***
- . 2008 November Northwestern Argentina***

Also, if you would like to receive future newsletter regarding these expeditions, you can email me at rivera@intecar.com.ar to subscribe, or you can do it directly visiting my website at www.cactusexpeditions.com.ar

Thanks.

Guillermo Rivera

CACTUS & SUCCULENT EVENTS - 2008

- JUNE 14th GATES CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY 29th SHOW AND SALE----SAT. 9 TO 4
JURUPA MOUNTAINS CULTURAL CENTER, 7621 GRANITE HILL DRIVE, GLEN AVON, CA
INFO. 909-360-8802
- JUNE 14th-15th INTERNATIONAL FERN SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE, 9-4:30, LA COUNTY ARBORETUM
- JUNE 14th -15th LOS ANGELES CACTUS AND SUCCULENT SOCIETY SHOW AND SALE
SEPULVEDA GARDEN CENTER, 16633 MAGNOLIA BL., ENCINO, CA.
SHOW INFORMATION-CALL 818-363-3432
- JUNE 27th - 29th CSSA ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE – HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS
1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARION, CA
626-405-2160 OR 2277 PLANT SALES START JUNE 27TH THRU JUNE 29TH
THE SHOW OPENS TO THE PUBLIC JUNE 28TH THRU JUNE 29TH
- JULY 19 WESTCHESTER BEGONIA SOCIETY 49th ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE 9-5, COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 80th & SEPULVEDA.
- JULY 25th -27th ORANGE COUNTY SUMMER SHOW AND SALE AT THE FULLERTON
ARBORETUM, 1900 ASSOCIATED ROAD, FULLERTON, CA
SHOW AND SALE FRI 12PM TO 4PM SAT & SUN 10AM TO 4PM
INFO 714-870-4887
- AUG. 16th - 17th 23rd ANNUAL INTERCITY SHOW AND SALE-LA COUNTY ARBORETUM
301 NO. BALDWIN AVE., ARCADIA,CA. INFO. CALL TOM GLAVICH
AT 626-798-2430 or BARBARA HALL AT 818-368-6914
- AUG. 30th HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS SUCCULENT SYMPOSIUM. ALL DAY AT
THE HUNTINGTON.
HUNTINGTON BOTANICAL GARDENS, 1151 OXFORD ROAD, SAN MARINO CA.

Special opportunities -

1. Matt Maggio – moving sale - large cactus & succulents for sale
818-782-2075
2. Glen Carlzen – moving sale – 600+ cactus & a few succulents
562-696-7853
colenyx2@yahoo.com
3. cactus & succulents in the ground, new owner doesn't want them
626-303-5203

LBCC OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2008

PRESIDENT Eunice Thompson (562) 419-9646 **SECRETARY(TEMP)** Cindy Arakaki
VICE-PRESIDENT John Luhnnow **TREASURER** Cindy Arakaki (323) 269-6111
DIRECTORS, in alphabetical order, are John & Edwina Caceres, John Luhnnow, Dot Miller and Gary Duke (Past President)

COMMITTEES:

AFFILIATE REPRESENTATIVE	Hank Warzybok	NEWSLETTER	John Matthews
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INTER-CITY SHOW CHAIRMAN	Harry Fletcher	REFRESHMENTS	OPEN
LIBRARY	Edwina Caceres	SHOW & TELL TABLE	Carol Causey
MEMBERSHIP	OPEN	SUNSHINE	Dot Miller

MEMBERSHIP

SEND APPLICATIONS to Cindy Arakaki (323) 269-6111, 8238 Bleeker St., So San Gabriel, CA, 91770. **Dues** are \$15 per year for regular membership, seniors \$10; each associate member (same household) \$2.50 additional. (Senior membership is for retired persons, 65 and older.) Checks should be made out to **LBCC**.

IF FOUR OR FIVE OR MORE MEMBERS are interested they may order **official Long Beach Cactus Club member badges**. The cost is \$6.50 per person. Please see treasurer, Cindy Arakaki, at the meeting.

NEWSLETTER

IF YOU HAVE ANY STORIES, cultivation tips, information about upcoming calendar events or news in general about cacti and succulents that might interest our members, please send them in or give me a call. Comments and suggestions are always welcome. Remember, this is your newsletter. The address is: John Matthews, 23221 Redbud Ridge, Santa Clarita, CA 91354. Telephone: (661) 297-5364.

CLARENCE B. WRIGHT MEMORIAL DESERT GARDEN

COME AT **12:00 P.M.**, AN HOUR BEFORE THE REGULAR MEETING and help plant, water and maintain our garden. Find out what's blooming each month and get ideas for your home garden.

SPECIAL THANKS to **RANCHO SAN PEDRO** and the **DOMINGUEZ RANCHO ADOBE MUSEUM** for allowing us to use the grounds for our auction and the site for our monthly meetings. We appreciate the pleasant setting as well as being able to meet near our garden.

LIBRARY

WANT TO CONSULT A BOOK ON CACTI AND SUCCULENTS OR A COPY OF THE **CSSA JOURNAL**? Call librarian Edwina Caceres at (209) 564-2677 and she will bring the requested items to the next meeting for you to check out.

2008 LBCC PLANT-OF-THE-MONTH 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.

2008 LBCC PLANTS-OF-THE-MONTH

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>CACTUS</u>	<u>SUCCULENT</u>
January	Echinocereus	Gasteria
February	Parodia & Notocactus	Aeonium, Sedum & Sempervivum
March	Neoporteria & Neochilenea	Sansevieria
April	Cereus(columnar cactus)	Euphorbia(Madagascar)
May	Melocactus	Mesembs other than Lithops
June	Variegates	Variegates
July	Favorite cacti(3)	Favorite succulent(3)
August		
September		
October	Epiphytic cacti	Monadenium & Jatropha
November	Miniature under 3"	Miniature under 3"
December		

HOLIDAY PARTY

Note – no counts were reported to your editor so these totals are unchanged.

2008 POM YEAR-TO-DATE STANDINGS THROUGH APRIL

Advanced

1. G.Duke 100
2. J.Hanna 57
- 3.

Intermediate

1. Dot Miller 51
2. P.Jaskulski 21
3. R.Gillett 20

Beginner

1. K.Ohlinder 52
2. S. Bunnell 2
- 3.

APRIL PLANT-OF-THE-MONTH WINNERS

Cactus – Advanced

1. G. Duke Cephalocereus senilis
2. G. Duke Oreocereus hendriksenianus
3. G. Duke Pilocereus machrissii

Succulent - Advanced

1. Jim Hanna Euphorbia milii
2. Jim Hanna Euphorbia francoisii
3. Jim Hanna Euphorbia rossii

Cactus – Intermediate

1. R. Gillett Pseudopilo-cereus fulvilanatus
2. P. Jaskulski Oreocereus celsianus
3. R. Gillett Cereus trichocereus pachanoi

Succulent – Intermediate

1. P. Jaskulski Euphorbia suzannae
2. R. Gillett Euphorbia platyclada
3. P. Jaskulski Euphorbia horrida
3. Dot Miller Euphorbia

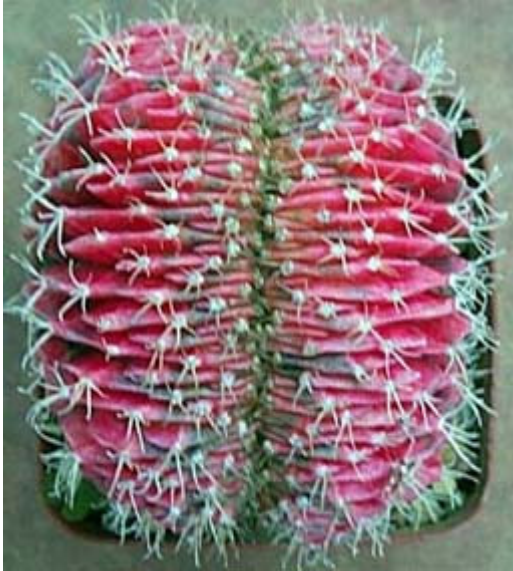
Cactus – Beginner

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Succulent – Beginner

- 1.
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Cactus and Succulent of the Month June 2008 - *Variegates*



Variegated *Gymnocalycium*

All variegates are mutants. Something has gone wrong with the cellular structure of the leaf or stem growth tip (apical meristem) of the plant. As a result of this mutation, chlorophyll is missing from some or all layers of the plant epidermis.

Variegation is known in most plant families, and variegated plants have a place in most gardens. The bright yellow and white of variegated foliage adds pattern and rhythm to many herbaceous borders. In succulent plants variegates are generally separated from normal plants, and compete against other variegates to put them on an equal footing. Variegated plants grow slower and are generally smaller than non-variegates of the same species. Colored areas are also generally weaker, and more susceptible to fungus, sunburn and other defects. A large well grown variegate of any species is truly an

achievement.

Great Variegates

Agave – A striking form of *Agave turncata*, a common garden Agave is well known, but since it is slow to propagate, is not generally available. There are several forms of variegated *Agave americana*. There are forms with a green center stripe and yellow edges, a yellow stripe and green edges, a green center and white edges, a white center and green edges, yellow centers and crinkled edges, random yellow and green banding, and dozens more. Other species of *Agaves* have also produce variegates, with the same variety of variegation.

Cacti - variegates can be found in many genera. *Gymnocalycium* are the most often seen, but some columnar variegates and some *Ferocactus* variegates are also common in cultivation. The odd variegate appears in many seedling batches. Variegated *Turbinicarpus*, *Astrophytum*, *Matucana* and *Ariocarpus* have been seen at some of recent shows.

Many of these are artificially propagated by grafts. The famous 'Red Caps' and 'Yellow Caps' are *Gymnocalycium* or *Lobivia* variegates that have no chlorophyll at all, and live only by being grafted onto a root stock. These are harder to grow well than they appear.



Variegated Monstrose Lobivia

Sansevieria - There are dozens of named and unnamed varieties. Look for “Bantel’s Sensation, Futura, Silver Moon, Silver Princess, and variegated varieties of some of the cylindrical forms. Unlike normal *Sansevierias*, these can be difficult to grow. They will not tolerate cold and wet conditions. *Sansevieria* variegates can only be propagated through the tuber. Cuttings of the leaves will root, but will almost always revert to an unvariegated form. On the other hand, normal *Sansevierias* will often put out a variegated pup. These should be removed from the main plant and grown on their own roots to preserve the variegation.



Gasteria shozodan

Gasteria - The Japanese have made an art of *Gasteria* and *Haworthia* variegated cultivation. Read the 2000 CSSA Journal for just a sampling of the wonderful cultivars. Miniature white species, yellow species, even the

occasional pink can be found. There are dozens of variegated *Gasterias* shown at our shows, and available from all of the local vendors. Look for *Gasteria* ‘Little Warty’, a nice white and green species, as well as many of the yellow and green species such as the Japanese hybrid *Gasteria* ‘shozodan’, shown above.

Euphorbia - A number of columnar variegates are available, *E. ammak*, being the one most often seen. There are also some cristate and monstrose variegates as well.



Haworthia attenuata x pumilla
variagate

Haworthia - “Gray Ghost” is a *Haworthia retusa* variegated. There are several *Haworthia limifolia* variegates that look as if they were painted with mustard. Shown above is a variegated hybrid between *Haworthia attenuata* and *Haworthia pumilla*. Offsets are produced on the flower stalks, these are variegated, as are the flowers themselves.

G. Rowley, **Teratopia**

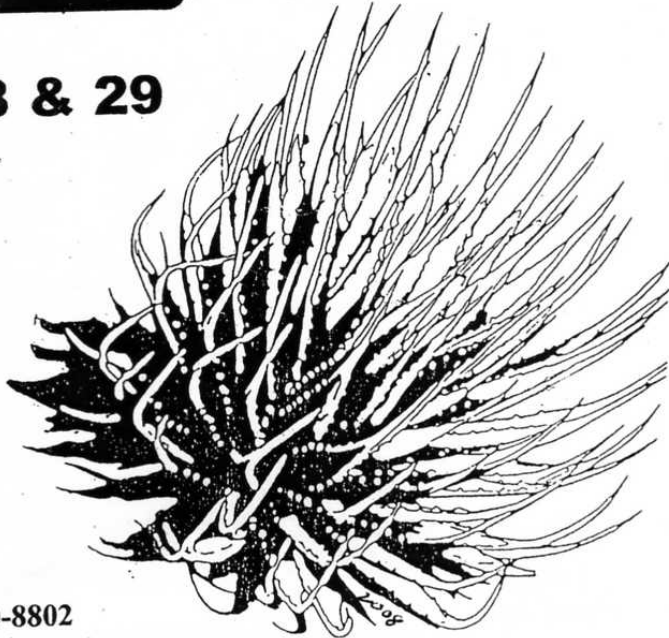
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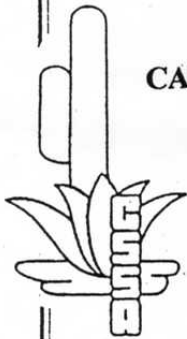
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