

Minutes for the Long Beach Cactus Club – July 7, 2019

The July meeting of the Long Beach Cactus Club was called to order at 11:00am by Vice President **Ken Shaw** at Rancho Los Alamitos, CA and he welcomed 62 members as well as the attending LBCC board members.

Also in attendance was our guest speaker **J.D. Wikert**.

Announcements

The club has really grown in the last year since meeting at the Dominguez Adobe almost 10 years ago according to our Vice President and Historian, **Ken Shaw**. The first meeting at the Rancho had only 8 members and we were welcomed by Pamela.

The next major event is the **34th Annual Inter-City Sale and Show** with a combination of 3 locals clubs participating at the LA Arboretum with one third of the revenue from this show going to LBCC. Last year was a huge improvement with plant and member participation. This is the largest plant and succulent show in the world! Members need to bring plants to show. Members will be competing in beginner, intermediate and advanced categories. This is fantastic show, lots of fun and learning with a very large variety of plants. Plants should be brought on Thursday and Friday preferably in the morning. Also, all plants should be watered at least a week before the show to avoid any moisture or drainage problems.

J. D. Wikert Amazing Adromischus. Works in Sockeye Salmon restoration in northern California and is a succulent hobbyist. Small size, easy to grow and propagate and in the Crassula family. Basically, a flora of Southern Africa with 5 sub groupings with 28 plus species. These are based on the five flower characteristics and most are unbranched and holding their water storage in the oval shaped leaves with fused petals. Mostly slow growing but not endangered or extinct at this time. Geography of plant will help with successful growing and water cycle. Less organic potting mix will require more frequent watering. The smaller leaf will be more sensitive to the heat. Pests need to be treated frequently also. Leaf, seed and cutting propagation are also options. Many photos of different types available.

Questions?

Should old tired leaves be removed? Up to you as to what looks best? Either leave them on or take them off.

Pot size vs. plant size...plant must dry out between watering. Are they coastal plants? Yes. Each plant is different and it is up to you to determine the individual needs of your plant.

Judging of the Mini Show completed and time for the raffle! New members, birthdays in July, and raffle numbers.

Aaron Goldstein will announced the winners of the mini-show. First place beginners were **Alden Norris, Amy Angulo, Henry Angulo and Jim Tanner**. Intermediate winners were **Richard Salcedo, Kathy McNair and Andrew Lander**. Advanced winners were **Gary Duke** with an Aero carpus plant that is 60 to 70 years old. **Gary James** also had a winner in the Advanced Category. All plants would do well at the Inter City show.

James Lemos, Inter-City Show and Chair needs volunteers for security and other positions at the Inter City Show on Aug. 10 and 11. There are many different positions available. Bring your club ID and enter through gate only. Bring your plants and enter them for fun and to enhance your knowledge. Check your email for more information. We need about 15 more volunteers. Be sure and designate LBCC next to the sign-in sheet. Clerking is full at this time. **Kelly Griffin** will be one of the judges. Email James if you would like volunteer at jameslemos@yahoo.com

The meeting is adjourned and **Ken Shaw** thanked all members.