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## Photo Contest Winners

Single Flower 'Clarity Sun Diego'  
By Svante Lundqvist

Multi Flower 'Frühlingspracht'  
By Gail Hatfield

Epi Art Fish Bowl  
By Gilbert Hatfield



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Board Meetings are the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. also held online. All members are welcome to attend the board meeting. If you are interested in attending request the zoom link from the Membership Secretary, Correspondence Secretary, or the President.

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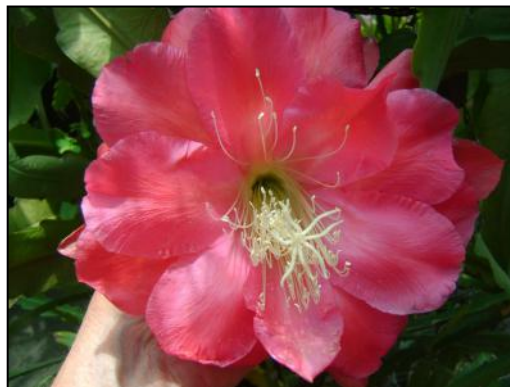
January      13 General Meeting  
                  27 Board Meeting

February     10 General Meeting  
                  24 Board Meeting

Due to COVID-19 all meetings being held online.

For the up to date calendar check out:

<http://sdepis.org/news-information/calendar/>



'Zona Rosa'

Photo by Steve Pincott

## President's Corner



Happy New Year to everyone near and far! I am looking forward to being your new president.

I would like to share a bit about me, especially for those who I have not had the pleasure of meeting in person. I am fairly new to SDES, but my family has been growing epies since I was a kid growing up here in San Diego. I remember when my mother bought her first epi hybrids and a *Epiphyllum oxypetalum* from a local nursery and I remember how fun it was to see them bloom. From my mom I developed a love of all things garden related. After years of pursuing a career that took me away from San Diego, I was able to return a few years ago and had the pleasure of meeting folks from the SDES at one of the Del Mar Home Shows. I learned so much from my first encounter that I was excited to attend a Mother's Day event and at that time I joined up. I jumped in head-first and soon started volunteering at meetings and the Safari Park. I count myself lucky to have found all you wonderful epi enthusiasts. My collection of epies has grown substantially from the few I inherited from my mom to lots that I have now acquired through sales, trades, and gifts (not to mention all the other epiphytic plants that I am now hooked on). I look forward to future acquisitions and as we know there is always more to learn about Epi hybrids and species.

2020 was a challenging year where we learned to Zoom, hold an online epi sale, and conduct a photo contest via our web site. This coming year we'll probably continue with more of the same until we can once again gather together in Balboa Park for our monthly meetings. In the interim we will continue to meet via Zoom and learn about epies as we go.

I want to thank our outgoing president Cindy Decker and the SDES Board for all their help and encouragement as I embark on the coming year as your new president. Here's hoping 2021 will bring us lots of joy and lots of blooming epies.

Be well and be safe,

*Gretchen*

## Meeting Program

### January's program:

This month we will feature a video of George French giving a talk about epies. Afterwards there will be time for questions and answers facilitated by a panel of experts.

Come out and join us on Zoom, January 13th at 7:00 p.m. PDT. Check your email for the Zoom link.



*George French with Eckhard Meier  
c 1994 in George's Garden  
Photo by Chuck Everson*



*George French in his garden holding his  
hybrid 'Pop'  
Photo by Jerry Moreau*

# Keep In Touch



Members are the most important part of our society. The epies are what bind us. Together we create more beauty for all to enjoy. As in any group, we are more potent together. Lifelong friendships are made in the society. Knowledge, plants, and passions are shared between members. Mostly, fun is had by all. We have members all over the world.

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Welcome to our newest member!!!  
 Emily Orme of Shelton, WA



Photo by Jose Almandoz

‘Welcome’

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# Safari Park Epi Collection & Display

by Jerry Moreau

In December we got a rest from working at the park. We had one work party at the beginning of the month; then due to the pandemic and the high incident of COVID cases in Southern California, San Diego county closed down, including the Safari Park. Therefore volunteers were not allowed onsite. We hope to be back soon.

A few volunteer milestones to note:

5 years Dennis Hughes

20 years Ron Crain

100 hours David Cheever

250 hours Barb Alvarez

750 hours Cindy Decker

1000 hours Marie Dempewolf

2000 hours Velma Crain

3000 hours Sandra Chapin

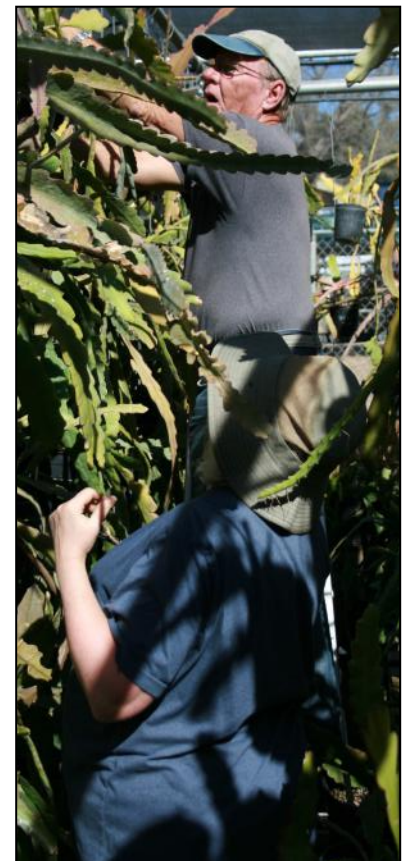


Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped out in 2020! We greatly appreciate your hard work and dedication to the collection and display. collection and display is greatly appreciated.



*A few of our members volunteering out at the park this past year. (L-R—clockwise) Dean DeLibertis, Beth Jackson, Tim Paule, Velma Crain, & Marie Dempewolf.*

Photos by Jerry Moreau

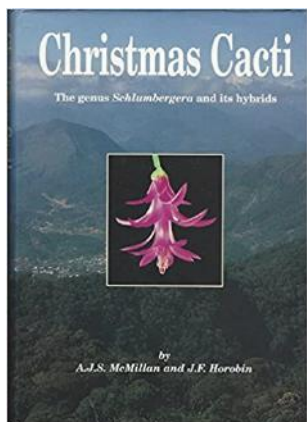


**Details of How To Become A Volunteer at the Safari Park**  
can be found on our website. Click on <http://sdepis.org/volunteer/epi-house/>

# Pruning Schlumbergera

By Dick Kohlschreiber

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In the book *CHRISTMAS CACTI* by McMillan and Horobin, they don't mention too much about pruning plants. But I have found that some plants throw out these long branches and you have to prune them back to have a nice looking plant. Many of the Cobia hybrids are especially bad about having long branches and it's hard to have a nice compact plant.

I have found that a good time to prune is in January or February right after the blooming season. You want to look over your plants anyway because if you're going to have problems with a plant, it will happen after the blooming season. Remember if you have withered looking plants, that indicates root problems. Pull on the plant and very often the entire plant will pull out since the roots have rotted. The main thing is to refrain from watering withered plants - that just makes matter worse. You're better off keeping the plant dry and in a shaded place.

When you start pruning, you want to shape the plant. I very often will take stems off to the edge of the pot. It's better to twist off the joints rather than cut them and I've found this easy to do. I like to take the branches and divide them into single segments or joints. Then you should let them harden for at least a week, in a cool shaded spot, before you plant them. I have had joints that have sat for a month or more and they're still viable. In fact, they will often form roots just sitting in a tray.

If I have some joints that are from a rare variety or one that is difficult to grow, I'll make up a sand box to root the cuttings. I use one of those clear plastic shoeboxes and some clean sand. Pour boiling water over the sand to sterilize it and pour off the excess water after it cools. You can plant the joints in the sand or just lay them on top of the sand. Put the lid on shoebox and keep it in a warm place but not in direct sunlight. If you have a lot of joints, you can plant them in a Cornell Mix (2 parts

potting soil and 1 part No.2 perlite) in pots or in a flat. Try to keep these in a warm spot and don't water them too much until you see that the joints are rooted. I normally don't use Rootone on the joints although some people think that really helps.

After the joints are rooted, plant 4-5 of them in a pot and you can have a nice size blooming plant by next Fall.

A few (Barnell Larry) Cobia hybrids:

'Ashley'	'Pasadena'
'Bridgeport'	'Sanibel'
'Cambridge'	'Santa Cruz'
'Heather'	'Sleigh Bells'
'Holiday Splendor'	'Windsor'

## For more information

### History Of Christmas Cacti

[https://cactus-epiphytes.eu/z\\_page\\_les\\_cactus\\_de\\_noel\\_2.htm](https://cactus-epiphytes.eu/z_page_les_cactus_de_noel_2.htm)

### How to care for a Christmas Cactus

<https://www.wikihow.com/Care-for-a-Christmas-Cactus>



'Sleigh Bells'  
Photos by Joyce Carr



'Sanibel'

# Wondering about Winter

By Gretchen Ward

Winter has barely begun. Most of us know that winter begins with the winter solstice around December 22, which is also the shortest day of the year. When winter ends at the spring equinox around March 21, our epies should be starting to form lots of buds as we head into blooming season. According to dictionary.com “The word winter, is recorded in Old English and is related to the words wet and water. Winter, wet, and water have many cognates in Germanic and other Indo-European languages. The word’s longevity is a hint to its importance. The Anglo-Saxons counted their years by how many winters had passed.”



Here in San Diego it looks like we might not be having a wet winter this year. We will have to decide how much to water our epies now that we have some colder temperatures to deal with. I always check the soil moisture before I water. The last thing we want to do is get our plants too wet when it is very cold. It is a bit of a balancing act to find that sweet spot for watering when the winter rains do not come. In San Diego it can be hit or miss when it

comes to how wet the next few months will be. Our more dependable winter rainy season is pretty variable these days. And in other parts of the world it can be just as unpredictable. Additionally, December is not a wet season everywhere. In some places it is the dry season. It wasn’t so long ago that we were in drought mode here so we know what that can be like and as our climate fluctuates, we may slip into a drought once again. Dictionary.com further shares that “Places close to the equator don’t see the same winter, spring, summer, and fall seasons as other parts of the world. Instead, there’s a rainy season and a dry season. India sees its rainy monsoon season from July to November, while Florida is hit with its rainy season from May through October.” And we know that here in our part of southern California we typically see January, February, and March as our wettest months.

So, break out your fuzzy slippers and pull on that fleece jacket as you tend to your epies in our San Diego winter. I know I am glad that I’m not looking out my window at icicles and snow drifts (apologies to our members in colder climes). I’ve tried to raise epies where it snows and it’s no easy task. I’ll take my San Diego wet winters with a little rain or a lot and count my blessings as I hope to soon be counting blooms.

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## Honorary Life Member Jim Davis passes

Jim Davis passed away in the middle of December. He was married to Michele Davis of Gray/Davis Epiphyllums. Michele and Jim joined the society in 1983. They were very active members for many years. In 1996 Jim, Michele, and Jean Gray all received Honorary Life Membership.

In 1987 Jim built the Gray Davis Epiphyllums grafting house at the Davis’ Santee home in 1987. He took off from his work

twice a year – during the fall to cover the shade house with plastic for the winter and again in spring to remove the plastic for summer,



*The Gray/Davis Epiphyllum grafting house Jim built. Photo by Patricia Neal*



*Phil Peck awarding Jean Gray, Michele & Jim Davis Honorary Life Membership above and Jim & Michele at a holiday party. Photos by Chuck Everson*

# Volunteer of the Year 2020

Awarded annually, the Roger Chapin Memorial Trophy is in memory of Roger Chapin. This award is for an outstanding volunteer in SDES. Roger was a member for 13 years. During this time he served as both president (2001 & 2002) and a director. Roger volunteered many years at the Safari Park and served as the curator and coordinator of the epi collection for eight years. He taught the pre-meeting workshop for several years. Roger loved epies and SDES. He shared his knowledge talking to the public at all the shows, sales, and events put on by the Society. Roger was an Honorary Life Member of SDES. The award is nominated by the president.

The Volunteer of the Year award for 2020 went to Gerry Mikas and Gilbert Hatfield. President Cindy Decker put out a request for nominees and a resounding response recognized the efforts and incredible work that Gerry and Gilbert put in to make our online sale so successful. Gerry and Gilbert volunteered to run the sale with Gerry managing the inventory and sending out all the orders and Gilbert managing the online store. Job well done guys, CONGRATULATIONS!



## Roger Chapin Award Past Recipients

First year awarded 2009  
 2009 Ron & Velma Crain  
 2010 Linda Sinkovic  
 2011 Cindy Decker & Beth Jackson  
 2012 Bob Buchs  
 2013 Bill Greene  
 2014 Janice Wakefield  
 2015 Jill Rowney  
 2016 Tim Paule & Dennis Hughes  
 2017 Mildred Mikas  
 2018 Jerry Moreau  
 2019 Gretchen Ward

## Now is the Time

✓ **Begin to feed with low or no nitrogen fertilizer**, such as "Hi Bloom" or "Bloom". Low/no nitrogen fertilizers will have label ratings around 0-10-10 or 2-10-10. Either liquid or time-release granules can be used. If liquid is used, another application may be needed in a month. Plants that are not large enough to support blooms can be fertilized with a higher nitrogen content, such as 5-10-10.

✓ **Watch for pests.** Keep plants free of debris where pests can breed and hide. Wet weather is snail and slug weather. Bait or hand pick them. Spray with insecticides only when necessary and follow directions carefully.

✓ **Protect epies from freezing temperatures.** New tender growth is especially susceptible to cold temperatures and winter winds.

✓ **Prune out unproductive and unsightly growth** to allow more energy to be used by newer and healthier branches. However, if you live in an area where your epies will be exposed to more freezing nights, this unproductive or damaged growth will help protect the

healthier growth from the elements. You may want to forgo pruning a bit longer.

✓ **Let epies enjoy the winter rains.** As long as your epies are in loose draining soil, the rains won't hurt them and will help wash out the fertilizer salts that can build up in potted plants. If you have epies sitting on shelves or tables, make sure they're not sitting in puddles of water after heavy rains. If you collect rain water for future use, store in covered opaque containers to prevent algae build-up and mosquito larvae infestation.

✓ **Pick ripe apples (seed pods).** After removing the seeds from the pod, they can be planted immediately without having to be dried out. However, artificial light and heat may be needed to encourage germination.

✓ **Do not repot plants that you want to bloom this spring.** Some buds are already starting their earliest formative stages. Once buds set, don't rearrange your plants. Moving plants can cause forming buds to drop. If you want to rearrange them, do it now.

## New Board Member Profile

# Sal Castellitto

Sal has been growing epies since 2017. He says, "I don't remember my first epi and I love them all, not having a favorite. I started getting plants at the Mother's Day shows, at meetings from the raffle table, and as gifts from new friends I've made through the society." He is a member of both SDES and the ESA. He will be joining the SDES board as corresponding secretary in 2021. He adds, "I look forward to letters and emails from and communicating with members."

Sal thinks that SDES is an important place to learn about epies, meet people of like mind and develop an epi hobby. He also likes to share with neighbors and complete strangers about his hobby, "so as to encourage them to take up the same or just be a conversation starter. You never know who you'll meet."

Sal says, "I see epies as a most beautiful bloom for its varied shapes, colors and sometime fragrance. I love collecting different colored epies and varieties. I have chosen epies because I also love (and have lived in) the tropics so it's like being there again."

Sal grows epies in one shade house and under two pergolas (recently built for that purpose.) "I find gardening allows me to acknowledge and be with nature in the moment with a higher being, whatever you call it."

Born in New Jersey, Sal is a first-generation Italian-American. He was raised in a working-class family of traditional bakers. His parents emigrated from the mountain villages near Naples, Italy.

He received an early education in public schools, an undergraduate degree from St. Peter's Jesuit University and holds a MA in International Development Studies from The American University in Washington, DC. He also holds a California Teaching Bilingual Teaching Credential and is fluent in Neapolitan dialect, Spanish, Italian and Portuguese. He has lived, studied and worked overseas.

He relocated to San Diego from Washington, DC in 1990 and lives in Scripps Ranch with his wife Ivette and their two dogs. They also have two



*Sal & Ivette at an SDES holiday banquet in 2019  
Photo by Jerry Moreau*

adopted children currently attending university. Both Sal and Ivette enjoy gardening, musical theatre, the opera, and charity volunteer work and cooking. He and his wife also collect Lladro figurines, books and enjoy hosting international students in their home.

Sal works as a federal officer. He is currently assigned to the San Diego International Airport-Federal Inspection Service. He started his career at the San Ysidro Port of Entry and has held various duties through the years. He plans to retire in 2021.

Sal also has a background in vocal music performance and voice over-video narrative. "In 1974, I studied voice and opera performance with graduate students at the Julliard School of Music. At that time, I also sang baritone/bass with the St. Cecilia Chorus of New York City with scheduled performances at Carnegie Hall."

When we asked Sal about epies, he said "My only tip to newbies is to be patient, ask lots of questions from epi folks who know so much, attend meetings, volunteer, just be social with those you meet and have fun with epies."

Sal's final thoughts are, "I believe in karma so always be your best. Think before you speak and really listen to what people are saying. Meet people where they are in their lives and show them you have a respect and genuine interest in knowing who they are, their friendship and the great potential of all peoples."

## New Board Member Profile

# Lauren Burnette

Lauren came to San Diego from Rhode Island. She moved here eleven years ago, when she married Gary, a retired Navy Captain. They both work for the Navy (as civilians) in Point Loma. She has worked for the Navy for twenty one years in different positions (Catering Manager, Protocol Officer, and Project Manager).

Lauren joined the SDES in 2013 and has also been a member of the ESA since 2018. In 2019 she served as the refreshment coordinator for SDES. She discovered epis at the Mother's Day show in 2013. She says, "I was instantly hooked! I bought 3 cuttings, didn't save the names, and put them all in the same pot. Rookie mistake. The next two plants I got were from estate sales so NOID. My NOID estate sale plant bloomed when my family was visiting and we were all hooked!"

When we asked about her collection, she says, "My epi collection is a bit of an addiction. I love all the colors and sizes and want them all! They look like enormous Christmas cactus and are relatively easy to grow. When they bloom it's an event! I would recommend never putting multiple types of cuttings in one pot. Start pots with 3 cuttings and in a one gallon pot. Use the soil mix and fertilize as recommended. Dappled shade yet give them some sun."

Lauren has been growing epis for seven years. She adds, "I have no interest in hybridizing. I just enjoy caring for, nurturing, and enjoy the blooms. My friends are awed by them and I share lots of plants and cuttings like those who have been generous and kind enough to share with me! Of course the raffle table has been the main supplier of epi cuttings for my collection."

Lauren credits SDES with helping her learn more about epis. "My influencers are all in our own SDES. Paula Reynolds has shared great tips, Gretchen Ward lovely cuttings and advice, and Mildred Mikas cuttings and knowledge. Ron Crain has given me the technical knowledge through his pre-meeting seminars. The scheduled talks during our general meetings have been informative and a delight. When I went home from my first SDES meeting I told my husband that I found 'my people!'"

She has always loved plants. She started gardening in 1990 when she married her first husband. His father was a professional gardener for a large estate in Newport, RI and would share plants when he divided hostas and dahlias or if he had extra from the greenhouse such as cosmos and impatiens. She adds, "Moving to CA I was excited to grow a lemon tree and succulents. Gardening is my Zen and all I really want to do! My tiny garden is filled with over 50 epis, various plants and a koi pond. When I retire I want a large yard, a greenhouse and a dog to give my three legged cat company."

Lauren was born in San Jose. Her family moved to NJ when she was six and then to RI when she was ten years old. She lived in RI for 33 years before moving to San Diego when she got married. Her degree is in Hotel Management but her background is really in organizing weddings and events. She is currently working on two scientific conferences as we speak. "They will be virtual this year which is new of course." She has two nieces in their 20's "that I adore and they call me Nonni, and 24 year old twin stepsons who are handsome smart young men and I am so proud of them."

Lauren and her husband love to travel. She adds, "Once the kids were grown we started going to Europe every year. We spent Christmas last year in Spain and Portugal and Italy the year before. We love road trips and exploring together!"

Lauren has met a lot of celebrities "and in 2010 David Copperfield made me disappear. I can't tell you how, I promised."



# Disocactus: ancestors to our epi hybrids

By Linda Sinkovic

Looking at the various species of *Disocactus*, you can see many of their forms and colors echoed by epi hybrids. Back in the day, crosses within the *Disocactus* genus and crosses made to members of *Selenicereus* and *Aporocactus* created the first epi hybrids. As we've gone forward, many crosses back to *Disocactus* species have resulted in more and varied hybrids for us to enjoy.

*Disocactus* species are found in Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, and Panama. Most species are found in the highlands upwards of 3500 feet, with *D. macranthus* being found at slightly lower elevation. The flowers are usually colorful and often are open during the day; flower shape varies from open to tubelike.

A few species bloom at night, including *D. anguliger* and *D. lepidocarpus*. Some are fragrant, such as *D. anguliger*, *D. crenatus*, and *D. macranthus*. *Disocactus* species prominent in the ancestry of epi hybrids include *D. anguliger*, *D. ackermannii*, *D. crenatus*, *D. nelsonii*, *D. phyllanthoides*, and *D. speciosus* (and their respective subspecies).

Like epi hybrids, *Disocactus* prefer higher humidity, and can be grown in similar conditions. Many species are easy to grow, though others such as *D. aurantiacus* can be quite a challenge. According to Myron Kinnach, *Disocactus* species do best at temperatures of 40°F and above. I would add that in my experience, *Disocactus* do not like temperatures higher than about 90°F or so, with some species preferring cooler temperatures and breezy conditions.

Here is a list of the species in the *Disocactus* genus, as of the end of 2020.

*Disocactus ackermannii*  
*Disocactus ackermannii* ssp. *ackermannii*  
*Disocactus ackermannii* ssp. *conzattianus*  
*Disocactus anguliger*  
*Disocactus aurantiacus*  
*Disocactus biformis*  
*Disocactus crenatus*  
*Disocactus crenatus* ssp. *crenatus*

*Disocactus crenatus* ssp. *crenatus* variant 'Chichicastenango'  
*Disocactus crenatus* ssp. *kinnachii*  
*Disocactus eichlamii*  
*Disocactus lepidocarpus*  
*Disocactus lodei*  
*Disocactus macdougallii*  
*Disocactus macranthus*  
*Disocactus nelsonii*  
*Disocactus nelsonii* ssp. *nelsonii*  
*Disocactus phyllanthoides*  
*Disocactus quezaltecus*  
*Disocactus salvadorensis*  
*Disocactus speciosus*  
*Disocactus speciosus* ssp. *speciosus*  
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*Disocactus speciosus* ssp. *blomianus*  
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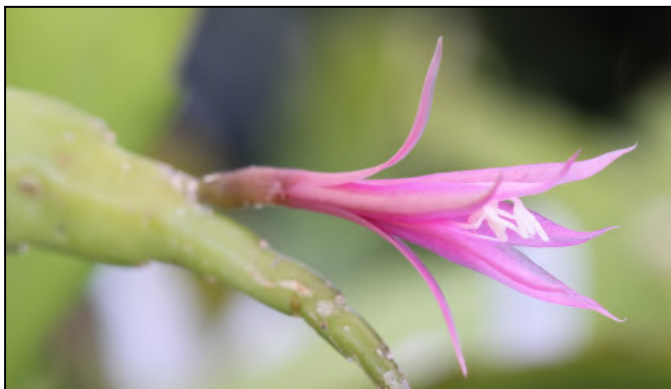
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*Disocactus anguliger*—Noller Clone A  
 Photo by Linda Sinkovic



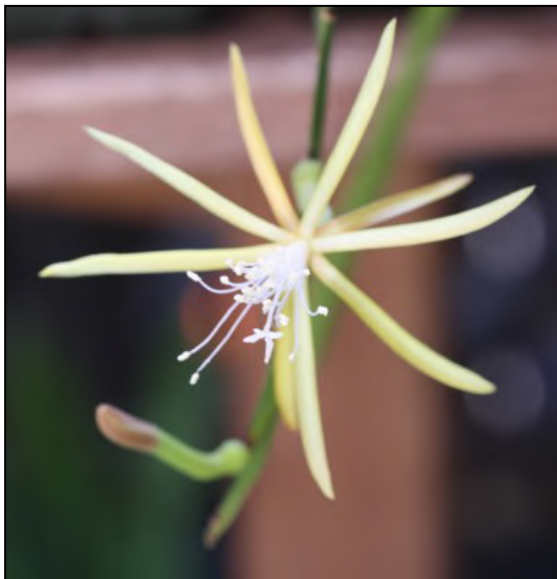
*Disocactus anguliger* above and left  
 Photo by Jerry Moreau



*Disocactus biformis*  
 Photo by Linda Sinkovic



*Disocactus crenatus* ssp. *crenatus*  
 'Chichicastenango'  
 Photo by Mike Davis



*Disocactus macranthus*  
 Photo by Linda Sinkovic



*Disocactus speciosus*  
 Photo by Jerry Moreau

## Off-Season Blooms

This list is a bit of informal research of off-season epi blooms. Here you can track which epis have been blooming consistently off-season over the years.

If you would like to add to the research and list what epis have been blooming in your yard, email the editors with your list of off-season blooms.

Here is what has been blooming in December.

**Heny Brandenburg** (San Diego): 'Belinda Paetz', 'Bling Bling', 'Eddie Huey', 'Felcino Festival', 'Kodi I', 'Kodi II', 'Ruby Pinwheel', 'Rudolf's Delight', 'Sakurahime', 'Thirty Heartbeats', 'Thirty Snowflakes'

**Sandra Chapin** (Rancho Bernardo): 'Ernst Gündchen', 'Jalisco Flirt', 'Michael Rachfahl'

**Beth Jackson** (San Diego): 'Ernst Gündchen', 'Guiding Star'

**Michal McKee** (Escondido): 'Humdinger'

**Pat Neal** (San Diego): 'Fumiko Kida', 'Kiwi Musical', 'Paris Ballet', 'Ruby Pinwheel', 'Slim Hathaway'

**Pat Shea** (Port Charlotte, FL): 'Jalisco Starlight', 'Wenig Puppe'

**Linda Sinkovic** (Santa Cruz): 'Jose Paetz'

## Species Blooming

**Heny Brandenburg** (San Diego): *Disocactus Macranthus*, *Rhipsalis Cruciforme*

**Linda Sinkovic** (Santa Cruz): *Lepismium houlletianum* ssp *houlletiana*, *L. houlletianum* f *regnellii*, *R. teres* f *capilliformis*, *R. pilocarpa*

**Pat Shea** (Port Charlotte, FL): *Epiphyllum pumilum*



## Want/Wish List

If you have epis on your wish list that you are looking for it is possible someone in the Society has it and is willing to share a cutting or two with you.

As a service and benefit to members this list is being included in the newsletter. Send your wish list along with contact information to the editors to get it added here.

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**Michal McKee:** [folklorist@gmail.com](mailto:folklorist@gmail.com)

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**Tom Moore:** [phyllocactus1952@yahoo.com](mailto:phyllocactus1952@yahoo.com)

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**Jerry Moreau:** [jerrysdca@cox.net](mailto:jerrysdca@cox.net) 'Pink Jeroma'

**Virginia Payne:** [vpayne22@gmail.com](mailto:vpayne22@gmail.com)

'Clarity's Laniakea', 'Over the Top', 'Ruby Pinwheel', 'Vanilla Sunset', 'Venetian Affair'

**Paula Reynolds:** [paularey@aol.com](mailto:paularey@aol.com) 'Sunset Cliffs', 'Voltaire'

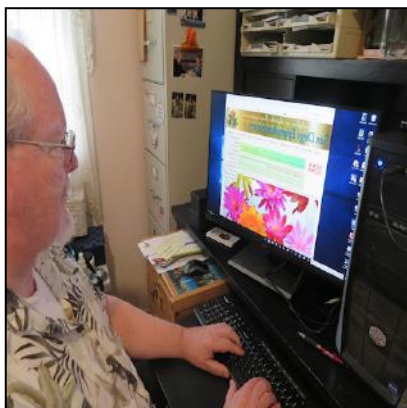
**Janice Wakefield:** [jwakefield.home@gmail.com](mailto:jwakefield.home@gmail.com)

'Bobby Brynildsen', 'Jasa', 'White Cloud'



*Rhipsalis pilocarpa* left and 'Jose Paetz' above  
Photos by Linda Sinkovic

## From Our Webmaster



Have you checked out the SDES website? If you haven't you should; you can find a lot of information and pictures. The SDES website is viewed worldwide; last month our site had visits from

individuals located in over 18 countries! Many visitors viewed our site multiple times. This is largely due to the support provided by society members.

Although many people from around the world can access some good information from the website there is a special section that is for members only. This is another benefit just for being a member of SDES. In the members only section you will find stuff such as:

- Epiphyllum Blooms
- Newsletter Library
- Gardening Tips
- Epiphyllum Care
- Meeting Presentations
- Off-Season Bloomers
- SDES Contacts

'Ulana Holy Smoke'  
Photo by Steve Pincott



You will have to enter a password to access the members only section. The password (which changes every three months) is sent to you via email when you get your monthly newsletter.

The Epi Bloom Catalog or picture gallery is due to the hard work of Janice Wakefield. We are adding pictures all the time. If you have a picture or can take a picture of a registered epi which is not in the picture gallery please submit it so we can make the Bloom Catalog even better.

The library contains all the past EpiNews letters listed by the year and month they were published. These may be viewed and printed.

All of this and more is available only to SDES members. <http://www.Sdepis.org>.

Submit all pictures and other comments or suggestions for the website to Gilbert at [webmaster@sdepis.org](mailto:webmaster@sdepis.org)

## SDES on YouTube

**Check it out!!!!!!** [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIuiTcWMQvn\\_GCVxNu7YltQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIuiTcWMQvn_GCVxNu7YltQ)



This will be a place for the Society's videos. Currently you can watch a video of the old display house during the last season it was open (2017). In the future you will be able to find meeting programs and other educational videos. Subscribe to the channel to keep up to date on videos posted.

## Epi News Submissions

- News of interest to SDES membership, brief articles about our members, or our community are welcome.
- Send any articles, photos, and questions.
- Send submissions as a Word or Google document. Items can also be sent as text pasted into an email body. No PDFs
- Please limit formatting. Avoid excessive bolding or tabs. Avoid words in all CAPS. Please proofread and spellcheck, esp. names.
- Send photos as JPEGs attached in an email to submit to the Editor.
- All photos need caption and photographer's name. Photos need photographer's permission.
- Use of photos is at Editor's discretion.
- Send videos as MP4 or as a YouTube link. Videos must have videographer's permission.
- Materials and submissions need contributor's name.
- All submissions are at the editor's discretion.
- Submissions are due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month for inclusion in the following month's *Epi News*.
- If you are not sure? Send it anyway. Email the editors at: [EpiNews@sdepis.org](mailto:EpiNews@sdepis.org)

### Mission Statement

SDES is a community of epi growers who encourage the study of epies and the interchange of ideas on growing, displaying, and collecting epies and its related species.

### SDES Officers

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## Resources

As a benefit to members here is a list of resources for members. If you know of any resources you would like to have included, contact the editors.

### Epi Nurseries:

Epi Galleria — Mark Piette  
<http://www.epigalleria.com/>

Epi Haven <https://epihaven.com/>

Epiphyllum World — Don Cravalho  
<http://stores.ebay.com/epiphyllum-world>

Garden Jewels Nursery — Katie Lutz  
<http://gardenjewelsnursery.com/>

Heny's Epiphyllums — Heny Brandenburg  
<https://www.facebook.com/henysepiphyllums/>

Kakteen Haage — Ulrich Haage  
<http://www.kakteen-haage.de/>  
Passionate gardener since 1685

Pacific Epiphyllum — Chris Welcher  
<http://www.pacificepiphyllum.com/>

### Plant Societies:

#### Cactus & Succulent Society of America

<https://cactusandsucculentsociety.org/>  
SDES is an affiliate member. SDES members are welcome at meetings and webinars. See website for more information.

#### Epiphyllum Society of America

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month except in December or January @ 7:30 p.m.  
<http://epiphyllums.org/>

#### San Diego Bromeliad Society

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month @ 10:00 a.m.  
<http://www.sandiegobromeliadsociety.org/>

#### San Francisco Epiphyllum Society

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month @ 7:30 p.m.  
<http://www.sfepi.org/>

#### South Bay Epiphyllum Society

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month @ 7:30 p.m.  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/511560205668403>

# One Last Thing



'Happy New Year'



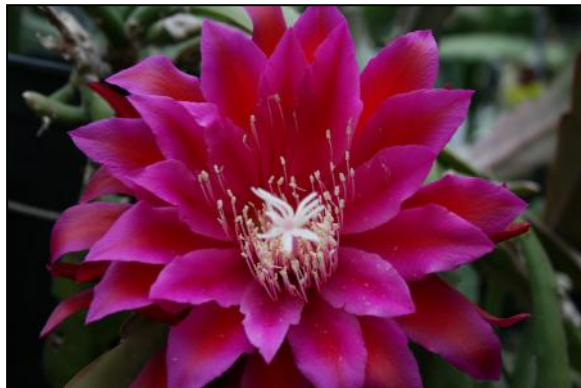
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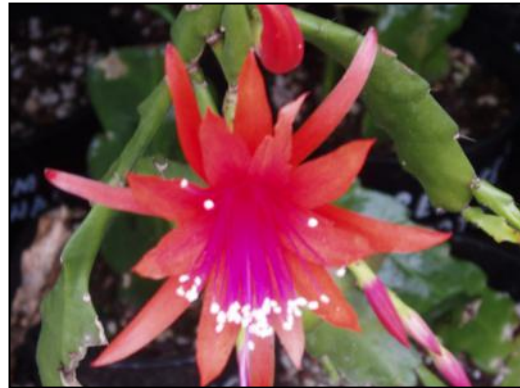
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