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'Dee Dee'

Cross: 'Delicate Jewels' Ex Nat Size: Small
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General Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. During this pandemic for everyone's health and safety all meetings are held online. The Zoom room will open at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will start afterwards. Check your emails for instructions and links.

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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Editors note: The SDES logo is by a local San Diego artist, Sal Leon.

Calendar of Events

April	14 General Meeting 28 Board Meeting
May	12 General Meeting 26 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/>



'Flying Silk'
Photo by
Jerry Moreau

President's Corner



To keep myself out of trouble while we have been away from each other, I set myself to the task of learning something new every week. Over the winter holidays I concentrated on learning about holiday cactus and from that I put together a slide show that I will be sharing at the April meeting.

I have also been better educating myself about Epi flower and petal shapes. When I first started coming to Society meetings, I did not know a “cup & saucer” from a “wheel-shaped” flower! Let alone what a reflexed petal might be. And I have been collecting articles in scientific journals so I can learn more about Epi DNA, molecular analysis, and viruses impacting epies. Reminds me of being back in graduate school.

In closing, I would like to share with you one of my favorite quotes from environmentalist and biologist Rachel Carson. “Those who contemplate the beauty of the earth find reserves of strength that will endure as long as life lasts.” I hope you are all seeing lots of new life and buds forming on your plants as we move into blooming season. I am excited to see what blooms I will have next on some of my newer plants. I hope it is as fun for you as it is for me and that you find strength and inspiration in the beauty of our Epies.

Happy Epies to all!

Gretchen

Meeting Program

April's program: Gretchen will be giving a talk about Holiday Cactus, AKA Easter Cactus and Christmas Cactus.

Come join us Wednesday April 14th. The zoom room will open at 6:30 p.m. for a bit of socializing and the meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

May's program: We will enjoy a program from Master Gardener, Greg Alder, covering Rainwater Collection and Use in the Garden.

Tips for a Successful Zoom Meeting

- If using a phone or tablet, make sure it's fully charged. Zooming drains your battery pretty fast!
- Take a little time to get settled before the meeting. Consider noise: are people going to hear a loud TV in the background when you're speaking? Pick a spot with good lighting and make sure the light source faces you or is coming sideways. Having an open window behind you is a no-no. It will cause your face to be darkened by the overly bright background.
- If using a tablet or laptop computer, it's a good idea to have it on a table and propped up with some books. This way we can see you at eye level.
- As a general rule, mute your microphone unless you are speaking. Even wiggling in your seat can make audible noise.

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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How About a Virtual Caravan?! Now is the Time

Over the next several weeks we are going to see more and more of our epies begin to bloom. In years past we organized a caravan to visit several gardens to oos and ahhs over each other's blooms. This year, we are not quite back to making that kind of a visit to each other's homes. Instead of that, since we have gone virtual with everything else, what about a virtual caravan? As suggested by Gerry Mikas, I would like to take on organizing the creation of a video displaying our different gardens – a virtual epi caravan! Whether you have a small collection or a very large one, let's share some epi blooms!

Take some photos or some short videos of your blooms and send them my way. If you feel comfortable narrating while you make the video that would be great. If you need some help making a video contact me and together, we can figure out how to get this done (all while social distancing outside). We can splice together still photos and video clips and produce something enjoyable for all. I will edit them together and then we can all see some of our blossoms from a distance. With any luck next year we will be able to make some in person garden visits once again! Please contact Gretchen Ward @ President@sdepis.org or call @ 505-933-4468

- ✓ **Keep plants in filtered sunlight to develop buds.**
- ✓ **If mature plants have not yet budded, try moving them to a sunnier position.**
- ✓ **Check newly formed buds for flowering space.**
- ✓ **Do not move or disturb plants that have budded.**
- ✓ **Check for pests -- snails, slugs, scale, mealy bugs and aphids.**
- ✓ **Check labels on pots for fading.** Can you still read the plant's name?



Photo by Jose Almandoz

'Welcome'

Welcome to Our Newest Members!!!

James Herbinaux, San Marcos, CA
 Thu Huong Ho, New York, NY
 Ester Mendoza, Manteca, CA
 Kerrie Stewart, Australia
 Frank Süplie, Netherlands
 Christine and William Tuttle, San Diego, CA

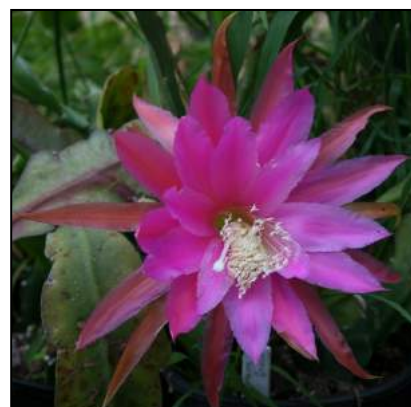


*Above left
'French Chiffon'*

*Left
'Irette'*

*Right
'Chantuse'*

*Photos by
Jerry Moreau*



Safari Park Epi Collection & Display

by Jerry Moreau

It's very exciting seeing all the buds on the plants. This is a great time of year to be working out at the park. We have a few blooms to keep us going until the full flush of blooms begins next month. We continue to repot many plants. This is a task which needs to be done almost every month; due to the large number of plants in the collection, by the time we get them all repotted it's time to start all over again. To add to the fun, other plants need to be moved from 4" pots to 1-gallon pots. We always learn something new from the plants, but most of all we have fun.

Helping out was Barb Alvarez, Sandra Chapin, Ron & Velma Crain, David Cheever, Cindy Decker, Dean Delibertis, Marie Dempewolf, Beth Jackson, Heidi Lerner, Betsy & Jerry Markle, Ellen McCollum, Jerry Moreau, Tim Paule, Janice Wakefield, and Gretchen Ward.



*L - Janice Wakefield
R - 'Felcino Filou'
Below - David Cheever & Gretchen Ward
Below left - 'Tom Paetz'
Below right - Tim Paule*

*Photos of people by Barb Alvarez
of flowers 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/>

What about Latin Then?

by A. J. S. McMillan

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I see that some of you have been criticizing Dick [Kohlschreiber] for being too technical and using Latin names. I'm glad to see that he has responded robustly and I agree with him. If you are going to talk about plants at all seriously, you have got to use Latin names. Just think of the trouble you are going to run into with names like "Rick Rack Cactus" - apparently applied to three different species - *Selenicereus anthonyanus*, *Weberocereus imitans*, and *Disocactus anguliger*. Or "Mistletoe Cacti" for no less than ten: *Pfeiffera boliviana*, *Rhipsalis pentaptera*, *R. micrantha forma tonduzii*, *R. trigona*, *R. teres forma capilliformis*, *R. cereuscula*, *R. clavata*, *R. baccifera*, *R. teres* and *R. shaferi* have all been called by this name. Finally, there are at least a dozen species of cacti known as "cholla".

A little knowledge of Latin can be useful; for example, if you know that paraffin is derived from two Latin words - *parum* "too little" and *affinis*, "having affinity", you will never have any difficulty in spelling it! To help you I am going to give some Latin names with an explanation of what they mean.



First of all, the Latin name of a plant is made up of two parts. The first is the name of the genus or the generic name. This is a noun whose gender can be masculine, feminine or neuter: examples are *Adromischus* (masculine), *Schlumbergera* (feminine) or *Epiphyllum* (neuter). This generic name should begin with a capital letter.

The generic name is followed by the specific epithet. This is an adjective and should agree in gender with the generic name (the noun). It can also be a genitive form, expressing 'of so-and-so'. The complete name should also have the name of the original author(s) {or that of the author(s)} who have changed it with the original author in parenthesis. For example, *Pfeiffera ianthothele* (Monville) Weber was originally described as *Cactus ianthothele* by Monville in 1839 then re-named by Weber in 1898. The specific epithet should begin with a lowercase letter.

So, to give you the meanings of some of the Latin names you are likely to come across: *Schlumbergera* is a feminine generic name which commemorates the name of Frederic Schlumberger who had a large collection of cacti at his chateau near Rouen in the mid-nineteenth century; *Zygocactus* is a masculine generic name proposed by Karl Schumann in 1890. Its name is derived from the Greek *zygos* "a yoke" or "joined". It is now a synonym (a surplus scientific name) of *Schlumbergera*. More words include *alatus*, an adjective meaning winged, from Latin *ala* "a wing", and *aurantiacus*, an adjective meaning "orange", from Latin *aurum* "gold". These adjectives can take the terminations "-us", "-a" and "-um" in order for the gender to agree with their subjects, e.g. *Epiphyllum alatum*.

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LATIN PHRASES EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW

CARPE DIEM: Seize the day
CAVEAT EMPTOR: Let the buyer beware
COGITO, ERGO SUM: I think, therefore I am
IN ABSENTIA: While absent
IN FLAGRANTE DELICTO: In the act of committing a crime
IPSO FACTO: By that very fact
MEA CULPA: By my fault
PERSONA NON GRATA: An unwelcome person
PRIMA FACIA: On first view
POST MORTEM: After death
PRO BONO: Done without charge
QUID PRO QUO: Something for something, this for that
TEMPUS FUGIT: Time flies
TERRA INCOGNITA: Unknown land
VOX POPULI: The voice of the people

Latin Continued...

anguliger: Latin “having hooks or angles”.

Aporocactus: Masculine generic name from Greek *aporia* “difficulty” (of naming the plant) and Greek *kaktos* “a prickly thistle”.

cartagense: a species found near Cartago, Costa Rica.

crenatum: having rounded teeth or a scalloped edge, from Latin *crena*, “a tooth or notch”.

Cryptocereus: masculine generic name from Greek *krypto* “to hide” and Latin *cereus* “a wax taper”.

Deamia: feminine generic name for Charles Deam, an American botanist.

diabolica: Latin “devilish”.

Disocactus: originally *Disisocactus*, masculine generic name from Greek *dis* “twice” and *iso*, “equal”. Named this because the inner and outer petals are equal.

Epiphyllum: The name is from two Greek words: *epi* “upon” and *phylon* “a leaf”. This neuter generic name has been used twice, once by Haworth in 1812 and then by Pfeiffer in 1837. The latter is now a synonym, so if we want to use it we must distinguish it from the Haworth usage by saying *Epiphyllum sensu Pfeiffer*. i.e. as interpreted by Pfeiffer.

flagelliformis: Latin “whiplike”.

grandilobum: Latin “big lobes”.

lepidocarpus: Greek “scaly fruit”.

macranthus: Greek “large flowered”.

oxypetalum: Greek *oxys*, “sharp, pointed” petals.

phyllanthus: Greek “flower (on a) leaf”.

testudo: Greek *testudo*, “a tortoise”.

Suffixes:

The genitive case, which is widely used to mean 'of' or 'belonging to'.

- The usual form is the termination “-i” or “-ii” (masculine) but this can also be “-is”, “-us” or “-ei”. Examples: *lauri*, *conzattii*, and *rosei*.

- The feminine termination is “-ae” as in *peninsulae*.

Plural endings are “-arum”, “-orum”, “-um”, “-ium”, “-uum”, and “-erum”. Examples: *maliterrarum*, *madisonorum*, *caudatum*, and *chrysocardium*. (Plural forms are rare and I have not been able to find examples of the last two terminations).

The suffix “-anus, -ana” is used to form adjectives from nouns. e.g. *martianus*, *peruviana*.

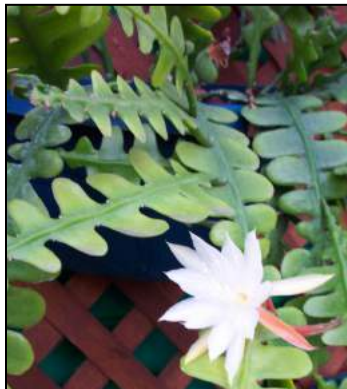
“-ense” is a neuter suffix indicating place of origin, masculine and feminine forms are both “-ensis”.



Deamia testudo
Photo by Ulf Eliasson



Epiphyllum oxypetalum



Disocactus anguliger



Aporocactus flagelliformis

Photo by Jerry Moreau

Photo by Chuck Everson

'Worldwide Epies'

Mother's Day Show planned on Facebook

Article and photos by Patricia Neal

'Worldwide Epies' will be our theme this year as we once again turn to the SDES Facebook page to host our annual Mother's Day Show May 8 and 9.

Open to epiphyllum friends around the world, everyone is invited to post photos on our Facebook site that weekend. Along with posting photos on the main page, you are welcome to enter one of the judged categories that we have planned for this year.

We will have six categories:

1. Small Epies
2. Extra Large Epies
3. George French Hybrids (please see pages 10-12 for list of hybrids)
4. Newly Registered and Named Hybrids
5. Seedlings
6. People's Choice

Categories 1 through 5 will be judged by a panel of three SDES members, but People's Choice will be chosen by visitors to the site. The People's Choice category is open to any size or color of flower.

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Princess De Monaco



Kiwi Treasure Box



This year's Mother's Day Show will again be held on the SDES Facebook page. You can visit the site here: [San Diego Epiphyllum Society | Facebook](#).

'Worldwide Epies' Show continued...

We will create a photo album for each category and the albums will be available for entries starting May 8. To enter a photo, just click on the album for that category, post your photo and enter the flower's name under the description.

Unlike a live show where you can only show flowers that are open, for this show you can enter photos of any flowers that have opened this season. This is an excellent opportunity to show off those early-blooming epies that always open too soon for the shows.

With the first epi flowers starting to open, grab your cameras and plan to post your photos! It's going to be a great show.



Steven

South Bay Epiphyllum Society to hold Facebook Show May 1 and 2

South Bay will again hold a judged competition on its Facebook page this year. Its categories are like the categories used in its annual shows: reds, purples, etc. Everyone is invited to participate at [South Bay Epiphyllum Society | Facebook](#).

May 2021						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 South Bay Facebook Show
2 South Bay Facebook Show	3	4	5	6	7	8 San Diego Facebook Show
Last call for cuttings and plants to complete database and inventory for online sale.						
9 San Diego Facebook Show	10	11	12 SDES Membership Meeting	13	14	15
16 <i>Mother's Day</i>	17 San Diego Online Sale Starts at NOON	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 SDES Board Meeting	27	28	29
30	31 <i>Memorial Day</i>					



'Worldwide Epies' Show continued...

As we do at our regular Mother's Day Shows, we continue to recognize the hybrids of founding member and world-renown hybridizer George French. This list is also available on the SDES website in the Members Only section.

George French Hybrids

'Alcide'	'Blendina'	'Cup Of Beauty'
'Alena'	'Bon Appetit'	'Curds 'N' Whey'
'Algiers'	'Bozo'	'Cuzco'
'All That Jazz'	'Breath Of Dawn'	'Dakota'
'Alpine Lace'	'Briar Rose'	'Damas'
'Apache Bill'	'Bronze Star'	'Dancing Beauty'
'Apache Magic'	'Bubbly Wine'	'Daniel'
'Apache Trail'	'Bumpkin'	'David's Lemonade'
'Appropo'	'Burney'	'Dawn Of Hope'
'Arctic Land'	'Burnt Ginger'	'Dear Heart'
'Ariba'	'Butter Cream'	'Delima'
'Ariosa'	'Buzzy'	'Desert Moon'
'Arobio'	'Cabo San Lucas'	'Desert Rose'
'Auburn Mist'	'Cabrolee'	'Desert Wine'
'August Moon'	'Calico Queen'	'Devon'
'Augustes'	'California Sunset'	'Diamond Bill'
'Autumn Dew'	'Calisto'	'Dijonnaise'
'Autumn Flare'	'Cameo Bowl'	'Divella'
'Autumn Gold'	'Canary Princess'	'Don Diego'
'Autumn Pink'	'Candy Man'	'Duet'
'Autumn Shadows'	'Carrot Gem'	'Dynamo'
'Avalanche'	'Chantal'	'Dynastar'
'Aventine'	'Chariots Of Fire'	'Egyptian Sunrise'
'Aviana'	'Charismatic'	'El Nino'
'Aviara'	'Chicha'	'Elian'
'Ball-O-Fire'	'Chilly Willy'	'Elmira'
'Banbury Boy'	'Chimu'	'Emanuel'
'Barnum 'N Bailey'	'Chinese Autumn'	'Emma's Delight'
'Bayou Belle'	'Chuck 'N Jerry'	'Emmett Kelly'
'Belle Rouge'	'Chuckles'	'Epic'
'Beyond Beauty'	'Coco'	'Epicon VII'
'Beyond Belief'	'Connie Jeanne'	'Erika Fey'
'Beyond Grandeur'	'Coral Dance'	'Ever Brilliant'
'Beyond Orbit'	'Coral Mist-F'	'Exuberant'
'Beyond Perfection'	'Coral Reef'	'Fair Ye Well'
'Beyond The Reef'	'Coronet Bay'	'Fall Bounty'
'Bill Nelson'	'Cosmic Queen'	'Felix Adler'
'Billy Boy'	'Crimson Arrow'	'Field Of Dreams'
'Bing Cherry'	'Crimson Cup'	'Fiesta Dance'



'Sea of Cortez'

'Fiesta Time'	'Gladys Harper'
'Fire Flame'	'Gnarly Gnfuchsia'
'Flamboyant Jeff'	'Golden Beau'
'Flaming Torch'	'Golden Melody'
'Floppy'	'Golden Octopus'
'Forever Amber'	'Golden Silence'
'Frankie's Heart'	'Golden Splendor'
'French Cabaret'	'Golden Temple'
'French Chiffon'	'Goldia's Dream'
'French Custard'	'Greg Balvin'
'French Dynasty'	'Handicap'
'French Gold'	'Handsome One'
'French Parfait'	'High Spirit'
'French Vanilla'	'Holger'
'French Velvet'	'Honey Belle'
'French's Sahara'	'Honey Dew'
'Frosty Lime'	'Honey Dove'
'Galactica'	'Howard L. Jones'
'Gedeon Joy'	'Ilie Gaceu'
'George French'	
'George's Rainbow'	
'George's Triumph'	
'Giant Ember'	
'Giant Swirl'	
'Gigantic'	

'Worldwide Epies' Show continued...

'Ilmesmühle'
 'Impressive'
 'Incredible'
 'Indian Love'
 'Indian Sign'
 'Io'
 'Ivory Bowl'
 'Ivory Brocade'
 'Janine D.'
 'Jazzy'
 'Jedi'
 'Jennifer Ann'
 'Jero'
 'Jester'
 'Jicaro'
 'Joan Eloise'
 'John Ogdon'
 'Jolly Lark'
 'Joseph Gondringer'
 'Jovan'
 'Jovial'
 'Juana'
 'Judith Joy'
 'Judy Johnson'

'Juju'
 'Kathleen'
 'Kathy Jane'
 'Kathy's Pride'
 'Kaweah'
 'Kazoo'
 'King Salmon'
 'Kirsten PelleyOUNTER'
 'Kuma'
 'La Paz'
 'Labor Of Love'
 'Lacey Louise'
 'Lady Ruffles'
 'Lamplight'
 'Lemon Delight'
 'Lillian'
 'Limelight'
 'Little Lamb'
 'Loma Portal'
 'Loretto'
 'Lovely Lonie'
 'Lunar Lights'
 'Luteo'
 'Madeline'

'Magenta Magic'
 'Magic Fire'
 'Maidu'
 'Majella'
 'Majorca'
 'Manora'
 'Manteca'
 'Marcel's Joy'
 'March Inn'
 'Marga'
 'Marj Marie'
 'Martha Ellen'
 'Martha Wenzel'
 'Masada'
 'Mayan'
 'Meadow Rose'
 'Mecca'
 'Meghan Annmarie'
 'Melroy'
 'Mesa College'
 'Michiko'
 'Midas Touch'
 'Mildred & Gerry'
 'Millennium'
 'Mims T.'
 'Ming Dynasty'
 'Mini Dear Heart'
 'Misha'
 'Miss Jenny'
 'Mocha Mix'
 'Moche'
 'Molloko'
 'Mombasa'
 'Moon Lit Bay'
 'Moonstruck'
 'Moriah'
 'Morning Rose'
 'Most Precious'
 'Mountain Violet'
 'Mr. Gus'
 'My Creation'
 'Myrah'
 'Mystic Magenta'
 'Nazca'
 'Norwood'
 'Ocean Breeze'
 'Ocean Sunset'
 'Ocean Tide'

'Olympiad'
 'Orphan Annie'
 'Pacheco'
 'Panache'
 'Pastor Vern'
 'Patsy's Jewel'
 'Paul Jerome'
 'Paul K'
 'Peg 'N' Peri'
 'Pelican'
 'Persimmon Hill'
 'Piccolo'
 'Pierrette'
 'Pietro'
 'Pink Organdy'
 'Piru'
 'Point Loma'
 'Pop'
 'Prairie Rose'
 'Prince Of Fire'
 'Princess Eugenie'
 'Princess Kelly S.'
 'Quest For Fire'
 'Radiant Fire'
 'Radiant Gem'
 'Radiant One'
 'Red Bee'
 'Red Lion'
 'Red River Valley'
 'Red Skelton'
 'Red Volcano'
 'Red Willow'
 'Remarkable'
 'Reminisce'
 'Reyna'
 'Rhumba'

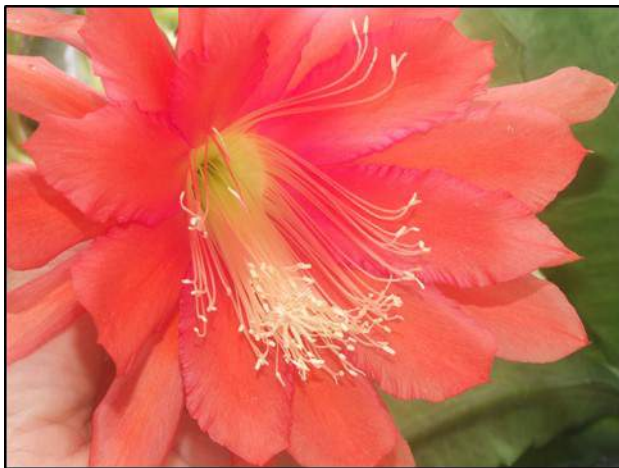


'Mildred & Gerry'



'Epi Con VII'

'Worldwide Epies' Show continued...



'Golden Temple'

- 'Venetian'
- 'Vera Jean'
- 'Vern Hettinger'
- 'Violet Ellen'
- 'Vivace'
- 'Vivaldi'
- 'Vivid One'
- 'Voltaire'
- 'Wayfarer'
- 'White Pearl'
- 'White Radiance'
- 'White Splendor'
- 'White Topaz'
- 'White Tornado'
- 'Why Two Kay'
- 'Willow Wand'
- 'Wings Of Gold'
- 'Yasmin'
- 'Yellow Crest'
- 'Yesterday's
Memories'
- 'Yosemite Rose'
- 'Zambia'
- 'Zinger'

- 'Ring-O-Fire'
- 'Rippo'
- 'Roman Majesty'
- 'Rosa Maria'
- 'Rose Tornado'
- 'Rosy Dawn'
- 'Royal Coachman'
- 'Royal Monte'
- 'Royal Pleasure'
- 'Sailor's Delight'
- 'San Felipe'
- 'Satin Plush'
- 'Satin Ruffles'
- 'Scarlet Torch'
- 'Sea Of Cortez'
- 'Sebu'
- 'Semper Fidelis'
- 'Sespe'
- 'Shannon'
- 'Shawn Adams'
- 'Shawn'
- 'Sheer Elegance'
- 'Shocker'
- 'Silk Lady'
- 'Sisquoc'
- 'Sizzler'
- 'Snow Bunting'
- 'Snow Storm'
- 'Solana Rose'
- 'Solaris'
- 'Spirit Of America'
- 'Spring Fair'
- 'Star Gem'
- 'Stardom'
- 'Steven Lee'

- 'Steven'
- 'Striped
Beauty'
- 'Sugar Frost'
- 'Sugarcane'
- 'Sulu'
- 'Sun Fire'
- 'Sun Flare'
- 'Sunlit'
- 'Sunny Side'
- 'Sunset Cliffs'
- 'Susan Lynn'
- 'Svante'
- 'Swedish
Sunrise'
- 'Sweet
Mystery'
- 'Tabarin'
- 'Tage'
- 'Tantico'
- 'Tecuya'
- 'Tele Ann'
- 'To And Fro'
- 'Tonopah'
- 'Trapeze'
- 'Travis Lee'
- 'Triana'
- 'Tropical Fire'
- 'Tropical
Giant'
- 'Tyrolean'
- 'Valedictorian'
- 'Velvet Gem'
- 'Velveteen'
- 'Veneta'



'French Gold'



'My Creation'



'Pink Organdy'



'Pop'



'Lemon Delight'



'Trapeze'



'Wings Of Gold'



San Diego Epiphyllum Society

Epiphyllum Sale

Hundreds of Epiphyllum cuttings & 4" rooted plants will be for sale online at sdepis.org

Sale kicks off at noon on Monday, May 17

Limited number of species and other epicacti available

Sorry...no international sales available

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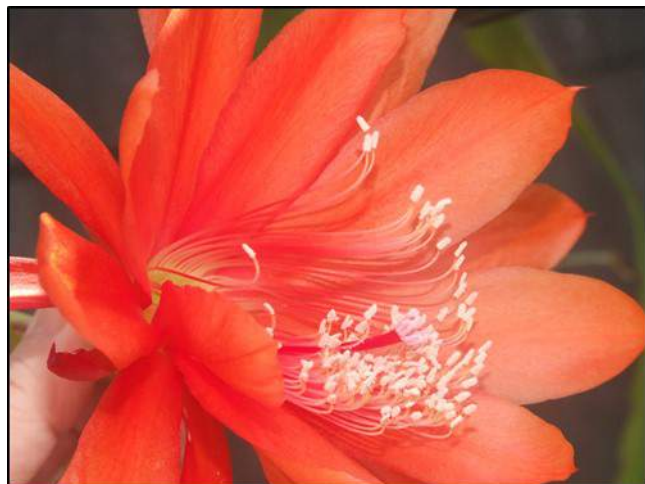


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Online Sale Starts Monday, May 17

Article and Photos by Patricia Neal

The date for our online sale is finally set! On Monday, May 17, our web-based store will be open to all buyers. Scheduled to kick off at noon that day, the sale will offer hundreds of epiphyllum hybrids, species and other epicacti. They will be available as cuttings, 4" plants and 1-gallon plants. Cuttings and small plants will be mailed through the U.S. Post Office; however, 1-gallon plants are available for local pick-up only.



'Rumpelstiltskin'

Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate buyers outside the U.S. because we do not have an export license. For that reason, we can only ship to U.S.-based addresses.

Although last year's sale was small and planned as an alternative to our COVID-canceled annual Mother's Day event, we had tremendous sales. Word has spread and there has been a lot of interest in this year's sale by many people in the cactus and succulent communities across the country. Get your wish lists ready and prepare to shop!

Online Sale continued...

While we have a nice selection of 4" rooted cuttings that members have been growing this past year, we need cuttings. Every year we rely on members to donate cuttings from their own collections to supply our sales and this year is no different.

Cuttings must be between 7 and 10 inches long and we will accept longer branches that we will cut to size for you. They need to be scale and blemish-free for this sale because people will not be able to choose by looking through a stack of cutting as they have been able to do in the past.

You only have to write the name of the plant on the leaves – no need to write size or color. That information will be available on the website.

We have arranged for three drop-off locations for cuttings and plants. If dropping them off isn't convenient, several members have volunteered to pick them up if needed. Out of town members can mail their cuttings. Please see the following page for more information.

What we would like members to do now is to take an inventory of what they have to donate. Our webmaster, Gilbert Hatfield, is building the database and needs as much information as possible ahead of time. Please email your list of possible cuttings to him at

Webmaster@sdepis.org

If you end up not making cuttings of everything on your list, that's okay. It's easier to eliminate it, than to add something at the last minute. We will start collecting cuttings on April 20. Volunteers will sort, count and inventory the cuttings and get the totals to Gilbert before the store opens.

After last year's successful online sale, several members immediately started rooting cuttings for the 2021 sale. We now have a wide selection of hybrids and epicacti ready for sale but we still need cuttings.



Spiced Takuan

Online Sale continued...

You can drop off your cuttings in 1 of 3 locations.

North County
Gerry Mikas
Email: mikas@cox.net

3502 Avenida Amorosa, Escondido, CA 92029
(760) 690-1124

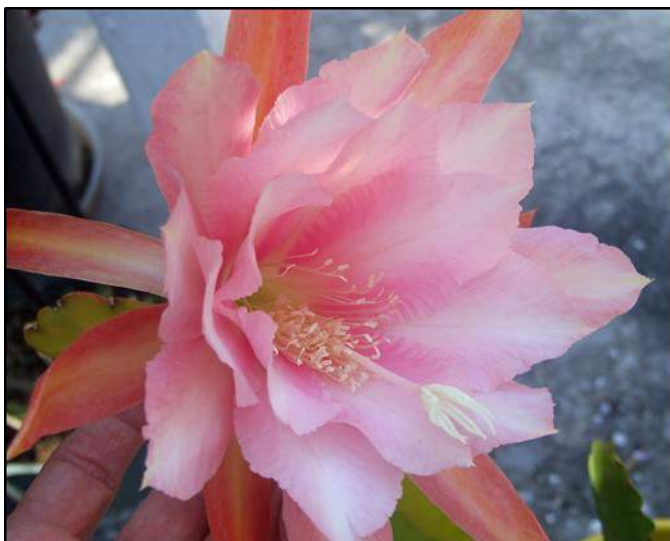
East County
Cindy Decker
Email: cdecker4007@gmail.com

4007 S. Tropic Dr, La Mesa, CA 91941
(619) 972-9664

Central County
Pat Neal
Email: pneal@san.rr.com

2521 Murray Ridge Rd, San Diego, CA 92123
(858) 565-0340

Or call Pat Neal to arrange a pick-up
(858) 565-0340 Email: pneal@san.rr.com



'Vanilla Sunset'

If you live outside the
San Diego area,
and would like to donate
cuttings for the sale, please
mail them to one of the
above addresses.

Thank you to all donors!

Rhipsalidopsis Ancestors to the Easter Cactus

By Linda Sinkovic

In 1932 to Alfred Gräser created the first Easter Cactus by crossing the two species in the genus *Rhipsalidopsis*. By way of various crossings and back crossings, just about all Easter Cactus today are descended from the two species in the genus.

***Rhipsalidopsis gaertneri*:** Flattened segments about 1.5 to 2 inches long and 1 inch wide, sometimes with red-tinged margins. Flowers about 2 to almost 3 inches in diameter and intense scarlet red.

***Rhipsalidopsis rosea*:** Flattened or angular (3 to 5) dark green segments, about 1 inch long and 0.5 inch wide. Flowers about 1 inch in diameter and pink.



R. gaertneri HU 1182
Photo by Jerry Moreau

Both species occur naturally in south eastern Brazil, in the states of Paraná, Rio Grande do Sul, and Santa Catarina. They are most often found in cloud forest areas, at altitudes ranging from 1150 to 4250 feet for *R. gaertneri* and 3300 to 6550 feet for *R. rosea*.

R. rosea was first described in 1912 as

Rhipsalis rosea by Nils Gustav Lagerheim. It was later moved to *Rhipsalidopsis*, then to *Hatiora*, and recently returned to *Rhipsalidopsis*. You can still find references to *Hatiora rosea* in modern literature.



R. Rosea
Photo by CARA

Likewise, there are many references in modern literature referring to *R. gaertneri* as *Hatiora gaertneri*; however, this plant has a much more tangled list of names. This began in 1884 when E.A. von Regel described and named it *Epiphyllum russellianum* var. *gaertneri*. Before arriving at its current name -- *Rhipsalidopsis gaertneri* -- other names for

this plant have included *Schlumbergera gaertneri*, *Rhipsalis gaertneri*, and *Epiphyllopsis gaertneri*. (As you can see, confusion over plant names is not a new concept at all.)

R. gaertneri will grow fairly easily in our gardens. It does not like extremes of temperature or of moisture; temperatures over about 85° F are not tolerated for very long periods of time. Sadly *R. rosea* is more exacting in its requirements, refusing to tolerate temperatures above 85°F. It will show its displeasure first by all the segments turning red, then the plant will rapidly fall apart. Growing *R. rosea* is a challenge, but some people have had luck growing *R. rosea* on a graft.

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R. rosea
Photo by Rudi Dorsch

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A new *Schlumbergera* hybrid: *Schlumbergera* 'George French'



'George French'

Schlumbergera 'George French' Süplie hybr.
nov. Parentage: *Schlumbergera* x *truncata*
'Beervelde' x *Schlumbergera* x *eprica* 'Proud Tina'

Description: Stem segments 2.3 inch (6.1cm) long and 1.9 inch (5.9cm) broad, dentate with at each side up to 3 teeth, dark green colored, midrib clearly visible, 0.3 inch (0.5cm) broad. Upright growth. Flowers are 2.5 inch (6.5cm) broad and 3.5 inch (9cm) long. Flower petals have dark carmine edge. The center of the flower petals is fuchsine, the base of the flower petals is white. The flower tube is silvery white. The filaments are rose-white colored, anthers and pollen cream colored. The style is purple and the stigma lobes are white-rose, stigma lobes not spreading.

This is a beautiful new hybrid which I want to describe. It is a cross between two of my other hybrids: 'Beervelde' and 'Proud Tina'. 'Beervelde' is a *Schlumbergera truncata* cross. 'Proud Tina' is a cross between *Schlumbergera russelliana* x *Schlumbergera orssichiana* -- the collective epithet for crosses between these two *Schlumbergera* species is x *eprica*. 'Proud Tina' is one of the rare crosses with this parentage.

This means the cross resulting in 'George French' has 3 different species involved.

'Beervelde' is an easy to grow hybrid so I hoped that 'George French' would also be easy in cultivation, and it has proved to be an easy grower. When kept out of direct sun, not allowed to dry out, and regularly watered and fertilized it is an easy to grow Christmas cactus hybrid. Except for the large flower and large stem segments, there are no notable

Article & photos by Frank Süplie

characteristics of *S. orssichiana* in this hybrid.

I have named this beautiful creation after George French, the famous Epiphyllum hybridizer from San Diego area.

We are currently working on a plan for future distribution of free *Schlumbergera* 'George French' cuttings to the members of the San Diego Epi Society. The SDES board will announce when distribution to members can begin. SDES members who live in Europe who wish to receive a free cutting may contact me.

As a condition of receiving these free cuttings, SDES members are requested to not sell or give cuttings or entire plants of *Schlumbergera* 'George French' to non members.



'Proud Tina'



S. x truncata 'Beervelde'

Off-Season Blooms

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

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

Here is what has been blooming in March.

- Barb Alarez** (Lemon Grove): 'Festival Gem'
Heny Brandenburg (San Diego): 'Bling Bling', 'Clarity's Git', 'Clarity's Neon Spark', 'Frühlingsanfang', 'Frühlingslust' (unregistered), 'Love Me Not', 'Pixie Dust', 'Prof Dr Lenzen', 'San Diego Sensation', 'Thirty Heartbeats', 'Thirty Kisses', 'Thirty Snowflakes', 'Thirty Wishes', 'Thirty Wonders'
Sandra Chapin (Rancho Bernardo): 'Dazzler', 'Forever Young'
Beth Jackson (San Diego): 'Guiding Star', 'Hawaiian Rainbow' (unregistered)
Pat Neal (San Diego): 'Camilla Berggren', 'Frühlingsrauschen', 'Frühlingstraum', 'Fumiko Kida', 'Kitty Kat', 'Paris Ballet', 'Vive Rouge'
Kathy Reeve (Palos Verdes Peninsula): 'Patsy's Jewel'
Safari Park (San Pasqual Valley): 'Charming Beauty', 'Clarity's Git', 'Felcino Filou', 'Fritz Paetz', 'Georges Favorite', 'Illie Gaceu', 'Kafi', 'Lilli Paetz', 'Mildred Virginia', 'My Girl' (unregistered), 'Point Loma', 'Ramona Paetz', 'Sassy Sandra', 'Striped Beauty', 'Tom Paetz', 'Waikiki Rainbow'
Pat Shea (Port Charlotte, FL): 'Felcino Flair', 'Frühlingsrauschen', 'La Vie Dansante'
Theo Sieg (San Rafael): 'Red Barbara', 'Tiny Flame'
Gretchen Ward (San Diego): 'Christmas Elf', *Disocactus macranthus* Ex Nat, 'Guiding Star'

Species Blooming

- Jerry Moreau** (San Diego): *Rhipsalis burchellii*
Safari Park (San Pasqual Valley): *Lepismium warmingianum*, *R. cereuscula*, *R. goebeliana*
Linda Sinkovic (Santa Cruz): *L. houlettianum* f *fregnellii*, *L. lumbricoides*, *R. cereuscula*, *R. mesembryanthemoides*, *R. puniceodiscus*, *R. pilocarpa*



'Thirty Wonders'
photo by Rudolf Heßing Herick



'Festival Gem'
Hybrid and photo by Barb Alvarez

Want/Wish List

If you have epies 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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Marcie Horton: marciehorton412@gmail.com
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Michal McKee: folklorist@gmail.com
'Elegans Lei'

Tom Moore: phyllocactus1952@yahoo.com
'Amaranthinus', 'Coopermanni', 'Daniela Paetz', 'Desert Thorns', 'Devauxii', 'Hansei', 'Helenae', 'Ignescens', 'Jacques Courant', 'Jenkinsonii', 'Jennifer', 'Johnson's Beauty', 'Splendidus'

Jerry Moreau: jerrysdca@cox.net 'Pink Jeroma'

Virginia Payne: vpayne22@gmail.com
'Clarity's Laniakea', 'Over the Top', 'Ruby Pinwheel', 'Vanilla Sunset', 'Venetian Affair'

Paula Reynolds: paularey@aol.com 'Sunset Cliffs', 'Voltaire'

Janice Wakefield: jwakefield.home@gmail.com
'Bobby Brynildsen', 'Jasa', 'White Cloud'

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 15th 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

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.

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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

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

San Diego Bromeliad Society

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

San Francisco Epiphyllum Society

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

South Bay Epiphyllum Society

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

One Last Thing



'Enchanted April'
Photo by Chris Welcher



'April Shower'
Photo by Jerry Moreau



'April Melody'
Photo by Galen Pittman



'Liberty April Pixie'
Photo by Joyce Carr



'April Dawn'
Photo by Galen Pittman



'Spring Time'
Photo by Jerry Moreau