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## **‘Astronaut’ - CP#2**

Hybridizer: Cactus Pete Nursery Registrant: Epiphyllum Society of America

Size: Large

Photo by Jerry Moreau

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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**

September	8	General Meeting	
	22	Board Meeting	
October	13	General Meeting	
	22-24	Del Mar Fall Home & Garden Show	
	27	Board Meeting	

For the up to date calendar check out:  
<http://sdepis.org/news-information/calendar/>



*'Harvest Queen'*  
 Photo by Jerry Moreau

## President's Corner



Hi everyone!  
Hope you're all doing well and continuing to stay healthy. On August 21<sup>st</sup>, we had our first in-person event since we were closed down for reasons of the

Corona virus pandemic. Our gathering was the member appreciation event we hold annually (except last year) and have been doing so since 2005. It was wonderful to see all who were able to be there. We had just over 30 people join together in Dean DeLibertis' beautiful backyard where we enjoyed some great food and good company. We were able to honor two of our members as "Rookies of the Year." A few epi cuttings were passed out as gifts and a small apple tree was given away due to the generosity of Sal and Ivette Castellitto. It was all a lot of fun and best of all it was so good to see all the attendees. Since we didn't have a Rookie

designated during 2020 and we were still doing work behind the scenes, I wanted to be sure to recognize the work of a couple of people as very active volunteers. David Cheever received the award for 2020 and Dean DeLibertis was honored for 2021. Both David and Dean have continued to work on behalf of the SDES at the Safari Park and have provided great support to the organization. Last year David regularly worked at the park and jumped in learning all the ins and outs of taking care of a huge number of plants in the Safari Park collection. Dean did the same and both men are great at pitching in and doing whatever needs to be done. We really appreciate all their efforts. Thank David and Dean!

*Gretchen*

## Meeting Program

**Last Month Program:** In August we enjoyed a presentation of not often seen epi hybrids blooming from the Safari Park collection.

**September's Program:** Tom Derr of the San Diego Herpetological Society and Tom's Snakes & Rattlesnake Rescue will give us a talk about snakes. <http://www.sdherpsociety.org/>



Come join us Wednesday September 8<sup>th</sup>. Either in-person on online on zoom. 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.



**October's Program:** Andy Cuffel of Cuffel Farms will lead us into the world of a fellow epiphyte; *Tillandsias*. Found growing in the Americas, this is a diverse genus from the bromeliad family that has a lot of biological and geographic variation.

# In-person meetings resume in September

The Botanical Foundation has given us the green light -- we can now hold in-person meetings at Casa del Prado! At SDES we are planning for the general meeting on September 8th to be our first in-person meeting. Don't feel uncomfortable if you aren't ready to visit Balboa Park: we will be streaming the meeting via Zoom so you can attend virtually.

At press time, there are no limitations on capacity or food service; the only current limitation being unvaccinated people are required to wear a mask. Mask wearing will be on the honor system; there will be signs on the doors stating that masks are required for the unvaccinated.

However, as you know mask requirements are subject to change and things could be different in September. If things do change we will send out an email to alert you to any updated information.

We care about you and encourage everyone to wear a mask during the meeting.

## Election Time Nears

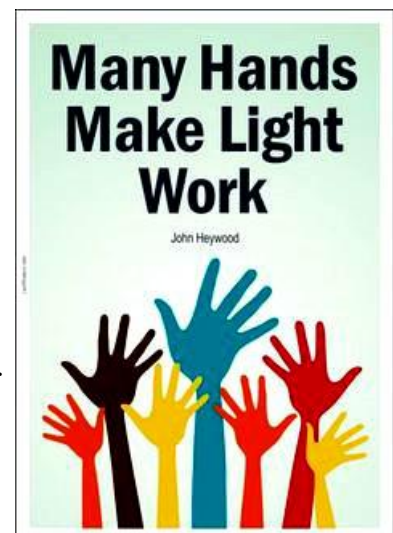
*"Many hands make for light work" John Heywood*

We are fortunate to have so many people volunteering time and effort to make our society work well and be a success. However for our society to remain successful we need you to volunteer. We need your help, so please consider volunteering for a position, especially if you have not yet served — the more people involved the less any one person will have to do. However if members don't take an active role the society won't be able to do as much or function as well as it can. The nominating committee is now being formed. How can you help the society?

SDES is an all volunteer organization — without you we would not exist! All we get from the Society starts from what we put into the Society.

**Get Involved.  
Have Your Say.  
Make A Difference.**

There are a few positions that need to be filled at this time. Consider serving as the Recording Secretary, Publicity Coordinator, or Society Historian. If you have some skills you can offer the society please let us know. Reach out to any board members who are happy to talk with you about helping out.



## Flower Scent

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Species names updated from original article

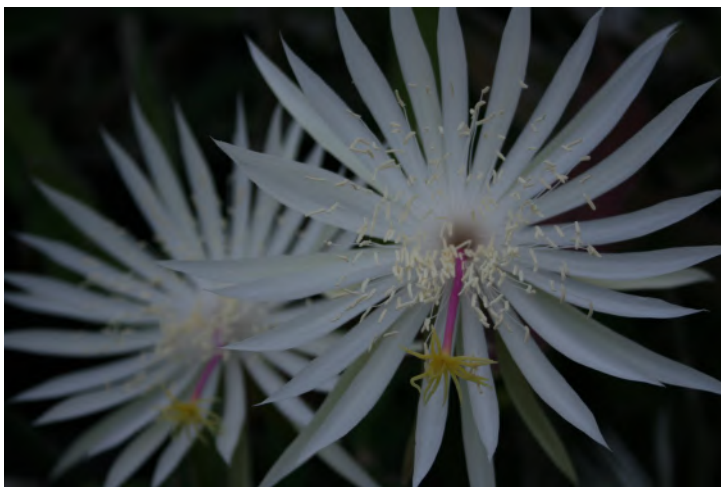
By Dick Kohlschreiber

I was glad to be able to bring a bloom of *Selenicereus anthonyanus* to the July meeting. The bud was just beginning to open and it did open completely before the meeting was over. I had the idea that *S. anthonyanus* flowers were supposed to smell like chocolate. Not my flower. We passed the flower around and definitely decided it didn't smell like chocolate but no one could decide what it did smell like. It was a "clean" scent which reminded me of my Mother's homemade soap - not unpleasant but not especially pleasant. [Editor's note: I think the scent is like lemon pepper.]



*Selenicereus anthonyanus*

I also brought a bud of *Epiphyllum stenopetalum* to that meeting which opened nicely. The flower is similar to *Epiphyllum strictum* but larger. And the scent was so unpleasant that it was impossible to identify. The name "stenopetalum" is no longer in use and that species is now being called *Epiphyllum*



*Epiphyllum hookeri ssp. hookeri*

*hookeri ssp. hookeri*. In fact, *Epiphyllum strictum* is also now *Epiphyllum hookeri ssp. hookeri*. The unpleasant scent of *E. hookeri ssp. hookeri* was a surprise to me because many of the night bloomers have a pleasant fragrance.

Several nights after that meeting, Rudi Dorsch arrived from Texas and on the way to my house from the airport, I told him about the blooms I had taken to the meeting. He agreed that "stenopetalum" and "strictum" (*E. hookeri ssp. hookeri*) do have an unpleasant scent but he thought *S. anthonyanus* had a very pleasant scent. So after 11:00 that night, we were out in my yard with a flashlight, crawling around in my olive tree, looking for night bloomers. We did find three blooms of *S. anthonyanus* and sure enough, in the cool night air, the fragrance was very nice. There was another bloom of *E. hookeri ssp. hookeri* open and even in the night air, it still smelled terrible.

At the August meeting, we discovered some plants of *Epiphyllum oxypetalum* on the Garden's Gift Shop plant stand. Two of the plants had buds on them that were just about ready to open so we brought one of them to the meeting. The flower did open during the meeting and most of the members did think that fragrance was nice.

Fragrance in flowers has never been very important to me. When I first got interested in gardening, I started growing and showing dahlias which have no fragrance. And most of the hybrid epies are not fragrant. I'll have to admit that I seldom smell the epi blooms because I've gotten very allergic to certain pollens and fragrances. Several years ago, I was invited to dinner at a friend's house and on the dining table was a bouquet of flowers that she had picked in her yard. She was so pleased with this fragrant bouquet and wanted me to smell it. In the bouquet was a single stalk of a Tuberose flower. I started sneezing so violently that I ended up having to go home. Even after I got home, I sneezed for

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## Scent Continued...

another two hours. So you can see why I seldom smell flowers.

There are some epi collectors who are really looking for fragrant flowers. While attending the CSSA convention in San Francisco in July, Rudi Dorsch and I stayed at Bill and Vera Ward's home on Potrero Hill. Vera has a small back yard and it is loaded with epies. While looking at Vera's plants, Vera could tell us every epi in her collection that had a fragrance and what the fragrance was like. And you could tell that fragrance was a big "plus" with Vera.



*Epiphyllum oxypetalum*



*Disocactus macranthus*

You are more likely to find fragrant flowers amongst the various epiphytic species than you will find in the hybrids. In the hybrids, the epies most likely to have fragrance are the *Disocactus macranthus* crosses. Most of these have wheel shaped or star shaped flowers and are small to

occasionally medium sized blooms. I've mentioned Kurt Petersen's "Fruehling Series" which are *D. macranthus* crosses and very fragrant. Wressey Cocke also has made some *D. macranthus* crosses which are fragrant.

I also think you will find more of the hybrids that have a fragrance if you smell them the first morning that they are open.

## Now is the Time

- ✓ **Maintain good grooming** by eliminating unsightly and non-productive branches. This directs the plant's energy into the healthier branches which will produce stronger blooms next spring.
- ✓ **Protect plants from excessive direct sunlight.** Although the end of summer is in sight, in Southern California we can still anticipate some very hot days.
- ✓ **Prevent soil from drying out.** However, keep an eye on the humidity. Even though it may be very hot, too much watering during humid weather can contribute to root rot. Make sure there is air circulation around your pots.
- ✓ **Protect new growth from wind damage.** Hot, dry Santa Ana winds blow in September. Keep an eye on your plants during these days.
- ✓ **Protect apples (seed pods) from birds and rodents.**
- ✓ **Give plants final feeding of a balanced fertilizer for the fall growing season.**
- ✓ **Mist or hose down branches to clean off dirt and pollutants.**
- ✓ **Some die-back is natural** in epies and fall is a season you'll see this along with some new growth.
- ✓ **Many species plants bud and bloom now.** Remember to give them some fertilizer and don't move plants that are budding.
- ✓ **Watch for pests.** Late summer and early fall is an active time for snails. During dry weather, snails and slugs are drawn to moist, potted plants.



*Selenicereus vegans*

# Summer Social

## Member Appreciation Potluck

For the first time since the start of the pandemic we gathered with fellow epi lovers. There were more than thirty of us and we all had a nice time. We enjoyed the fun, food, and fellowship in Dean DeLibertis' lovely and spacious back yard. It was a pleasant August afternoon and evening as we sat, relaxed, and remembered the before times and looked forward to future gatherings. Dean was a great



*Dean DeLibertis and David Cheever  
received the Rookie Of The Year Award  
Photo by Velma Crain*

host and served us salmon, corn on the cob, and fresh baked bread to accompany the many side dishes we all brought. And don't forget the delicious desserts!

During the evening President Gretchen Ward presented the Rookie Of The Year award for both years 2020 and 2021. David Cheever was awarded the Rookie Of The Year award for 2020 and Dean DeLibertis for 2021. Both members were highly deserving of the award for all they have contributed to the society as newly active members. We look forward to great things from both of them. Congratulations to you both and keep up the good work. They are examples to us all.

Everybody had a great time and went home with an epi cutting or two. These cuttings came from some of the plants shown in the August program.



*Part of Dean's back yard for the social  
Photo by Marie Dempewolf*



Dean DeLibertis receiving the 2021 Rookie Of The Year award from President Gretchen Ward  
Photo by Velma Crain



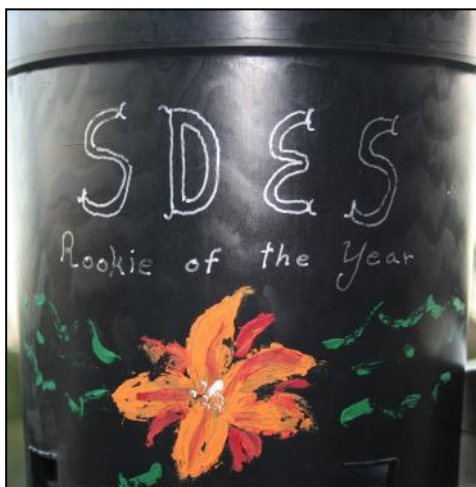
David Cheever, Keith Bennet, Cindy Decker and Linda Bennet  
Photo by Marie Dempewolf



Janice Wakefield, Heide Lerner (in back), Bill Greene & new member Uday Pandey enjoying good conversation  
Photo by Marie Dempewolf



David Cheever received the 2020 Rookie Of The Year Award from President Gretchen Ward  
Photo by Sal Castelliito



The Rookie of they Year trophy pot was painted by Sandra Chapin. All the past recipients are on the perpetual trophy. The recipients receive a small award pot to put in a place of honor at their home



'The Volunteers'  
Photo by Jose Almandoz

# Get Your Facts First

“Get your facts first, then you can distort them as much as you please...” Mark Twain

Article and photos by Linda Sinkovic

While looking through some old photos I ran across an image of a *Rhipsalis clavata* plant. In my opinion *R. clavata* is a beautiful plant<sup>1</sup> and even though I've been growing it for a long, long time,<sup>2</sup> for some strange reason I've never discussed it. So let's make up for lost time.



First described in 1892 by F.A.C. Weber, *Rhipsalis clavata* is a native of eastern Brazil.<sup>3</sup> It grows epiphytically in the coastal Atlantic forest from sea level to about 5300 feet.<sup>4</sup> The branches are composed of thin<sup>5</sup> smooth cylindrical segments which are slightly wider at the tip. The segments are green with a typical length of 2” or less;<sup>6</sup> newer segments sprout from the segment tip,<sup>7</sup> sometimes tinged purplish.

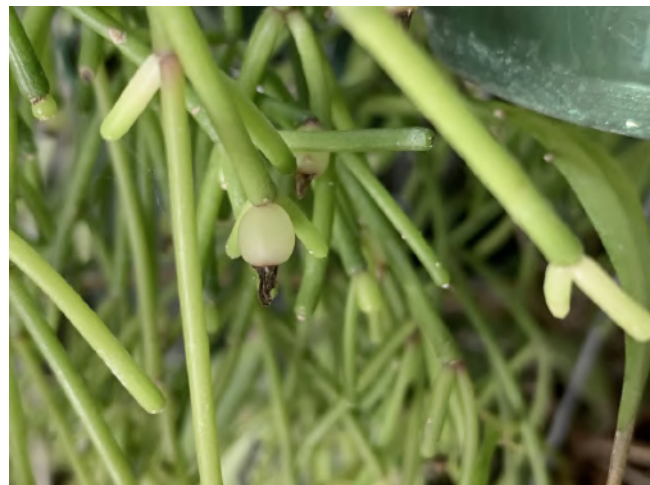
So this description might not sound too exciting to you. But the branches can hang down for 10 feet or so, so when the flowers appear this can be a very beautiful plant. The flower buds are somewhat yellowish, but the flowers are bright white,<sup>8,9</sup> bell shaped, and appear at the segment tips. The fruits are round and whitish. There are two forms of *R. clavata*: forma *clavata*, which is the more common form, and forma *delicatula*, with thinner segments.<sup>10</sup> Both forms are beautiful while in bloom.

Molecular phylogenetic analysis has shown *R. clavata* to be a member of subgenus *Erythrorhipsalis*. The growth habit is similar to its fellow subgenus members: cylindrical branches with bell shaped flowers hanging from segment tips.<sup>11</sup>

Growing *R. clavata* is pretty easy. It needs much the same conditions as epicactus hybrids; don't let it dry out, don't let it get too wet and cold. In the wet times of the year, beware of snails and slugs. Another pest I need to mention: in my experience rats find this plant delicious so if the rats show up, this will probably be one of the first plants they attack. If they do, gather up the scattered segments they haven't eaten and start some new plants.<sup>12</sup>

Despite its potential attractiveness to rats, this is a gorgeous plant that is well worth growing. Give it a try! In the meantime, stay healthy and enjoy your garden.

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*R. clavata* immature fruit

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### Notes:

- \*1 Not just my opinion, by the way. F.A.C. Weber referred to it in his description as “a beautiful species”. (“*Belle espèce*”).
- \*2 At least since 2007. Unfortunately that particular plant is no longer with us. It was devoured by rats in 2013 during a dry winter.
- \*3 Found in the states of Espírito Santo, Rio de Janeiro, São Paulo. Sadly *R. clavata* is listed in Near Threatened condition due to pressure from housing and urban areas.
- \*4 1600 meters.
- \*5 2 - 4 mm in diameter, which is about 1/16” to 3/16”.
- \*6 5 cm.
- \*7 Slightly “club” shaped, thus the species name of “clavata” (which is Latin for “club shaped”). Note that the shape is not as extreme as the stems of *Hatiora salicornioides*. Perhaps because of its shape, some past authors referred to *R. clavata* as *Hatiora clavata*.
- \*8 White without any red. If your flowers have red, the plant is not *R. clavata*.
- \*9 I have not noticed a fragrance from these flowers.
- \*10 According to Barthlott & Taylor (1995), forma *delicatula* appears to occur randomly.
- \*11 Other members include *R. juengeri*, *R. cereuscula*, *R. pilocarpa*, *R. campos-portoana*, *R. pulchra* and *R. burchellii*. So if you like the way any of these species look, you'll probably like *R. clavata*.
- \*12 In a rat-proof location of course.

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*R. clavata*

# Holiday Banquet & Installation of Officers

## Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021

SDES is planning for our annual holiday banquet in December. Whether the banquet actually happens or not is not known at this time: it will depend upon what COVID is doing at the time, and whether the city says “yes” to the gathering. However, if the banquet is canceled a full refund will be provided so it is safe for you to sign up.

Hopefully, this year we'll get to celebrate the Society's 50th anniversary (1970-2020)! In honor of the anniversary long time members (10 years or longer as of November 2020) are invited as SDES guests due to their steadfast dedication to SDES! As always, Honorary Life Members & spouses are also invited as guests of SDES.



The cost for other members is only \$25.00 each, which includes a ticket for a drink from the bar. Nonmembers: the cost is \$75.00 each including a ticket for a drink from the bar.

We will again be at The Butcher Shop Restaurant (5255 Kearny Villa Road, San Diego, CA 92123). This year we will start at 5:30 with more time to visit with our friends. Dinner will be served at 6:45. The menu will be: choice of Filet Mignon or Salmon, with Fresh Vegetable, Caesar Salad, Rolls, Dessert & Coffee, Tea or Iced Tea (Vegetarian available). Wine will be served as you are seated & all during dinner.



You can make your reservations on line at <https://sdepis.org/> or we will take reservations at the Oct.13th & Nov.10<sup>th</sup> meetings.

Contact Mildred Mikas with questions at: [mvmikas@cox.net](mailto:mvmikas@cox.net) or see her at a meeting.



# Safari Park Epi Collection & Display

by Jerry Moreau

The summer has gone by quickly. The summer fertilizing is going well and the plants are looking good. This season, the Plant Trader wanted more cuttings than usual. We fulfilled another order in August. This helps us have funds for potting mix, fertilizer, and other supplies we use. The Epiphyllum Trail has been closed for a few weeks to protect the tigers from COVID. The Epi Trail is located very close to the tigers; sometimes you can catch a glimpse of the tigers through the bushes. In the photo, the tiger's exhibit is just to the right side of the trail.



Helping out were Barb Alvarez, Sandra Chapin, Ron & Velma Crain, David Cheever, Cindy Decker, Dean Delibertis, Marie Dempewolf, Forrest Echbrecht, Jeff Hendershot, Beth Jackson, Heidi Lerner, Betsy & Jerry Markle, Ellen McCollum, Jerry Moreau, Tim Paule, Janice Wakefield, Gretchen Ward, and Paul van der Ploeg,



*Disocactus crenatus ssp. crenatus*  
'Chichicastenango': variant from Guatemala with abnormally few and distorted stem lobes.



*We find frogs among the epies.  
They keep us company as we work at the park.*



*'Tyrolean' right & far right 'Sizzler'*  
Photos by Jerry Moreau



**Details of How To Become A Volunteer at the Safari Park**  
can be found on our website. Click on <https://sdepis.org/welcome-to-sdes/epiphyllums/volunteering/>



# 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!!!

Gerry Mattijetz—Banning, CA



*'Welcome'*

Photo by Jose Almandoz

## Get Well Wishes

Please keep these members in your thoughts and prayers.

Sue Aldrich and Emily Lovci

And to be mindful of any member, family, or friends who have or are suffering during the pandemic.

May we all be well and safe, until we meet again.

**Editors note:** The cover photo is 'Astronaut'-CP#2. This is the second hybrid by Cactus Pete Nursery named 'Astronaut'. Please note that there are two other registered hybrids with the name 'Astronaut', for a total of **three** different hybrids all named 'Astronaut'.

- 'Astronaut' - CLDG c.1950 Purple inner petals with red midstripe. Outer petals red with purple edges. Funnel form. {XL} Reg. #05880
- 'Astronaut' - CP c.1950 Peachy-orange inner and outer petals. {L} Reg. #06891
- 'Astronaut' - CP#2 (ESA) 2000 Dark golden-orange inner petals with dark fuchsia edges and pale fuchsia throat. Outer petals purple shading to red with golden orange tips. Double, cup form, with reflexed outer petals. Flat basket growth. {L} Reg. # 12554

## Off-Season Blooms

This month we will start again to list what has been blooming in member's gardens. 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 epies have been blooming in your yard, email the editors with your list of off-season blooms and species. There are two list because the hybrids are off-season bloomers and the species bloom different times of the year anyway.

### Blooming Off-Season

**Barb Alarez** (Lemon Grove): 'Jalisco Joy', 'Kiwi Pineapple Crush'  
**Lauren Burnette** (San Diego): 'Chuck 'N' Jerry'  
**Sandra Chapin** (Rancho Bernardo): 'Educator'  
**Cindy Decker** (La Mesa): 'Harald Knebel', 'Inca's Golden Dream'  
**Beth Jackson** (San Diego): 'Felcino Filou'  
**Mildred Mikas** (Escondido): 'City Lights', 'English Rose', 'Lilliput'  
**Jerry Moreau** (San Diego): 'Jalisco Flirt', 'Jemo'  
**Pat Neal** (San Diego): 'Castle Camilla Berggren', 'Spanish Gold'

**Safari Park** (San Pasqual Valley): 'Camelot', 'Copal', 'Fusae Wakanishi', 'George's Favorite', 'Jalisco Joy', 'Lavender Marshmallow'

**Paula Reynolds** (San Diego): 'Jalisco Queen'

**Theo Sieg** (San Rafael): 'Jalisco Beauty', 'Taskamore'

**Gretchen Ward** (San Diego): 'Jalisco Queen'

### Blooming Species

**Barb Alarez** (Lemon Grove): *Epiphyllum pumilum*

**Lauren Burnette** (San Diego): *E. hookeri* ssp. *hookeri*, *E. oxypetalum*

**Dean DeLibertis** (National City): *E. oxypetalum*

**Paula Reynolds** (San Diego): *E. hookeri* ssp. *hookeri*, *E. hooker* ssp. *guatamalense* var. *monstrose*, *E. oxypetalum*

**Linda Sinkovic** (Santa Cruz): *E. hookeri* ssp. *hookeri*, *Lepismium houlettianum* f. *houlettiana*, *L. houlettianum* f. *fregnellii*, *Rhipsalis hoelleri*, *R. teres* f. *capilliformis*, *Weberocereus bradei*

**Gretchen Ward** (San Diego): *E. oxypetalum*, *E. oxypetalum* cv 'Mark Twain', *E. pumilum*

## 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.

**Sal Castellitto:** [aclarasd@aol.com](mailto:aclarasd@aol.com)

'Bold Venture', 'Buttercup', 'Christmas Elf', 'Christmas Kiss', 'Kiwi Honey Gold', 'Merry Christmas', 'Spanish Gold'

**Doug Gates:** [douggates@gmail.com](mailto:douggates@gmail.com)

*Epiphyllum laui*, *E. phyllanthus*, *E. baueri*

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### Mission Statement

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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/>

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<http://stores.ebay.com/epiphyllum-world>

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### 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.

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# One Last Thing



‘Dutch Millionaire’



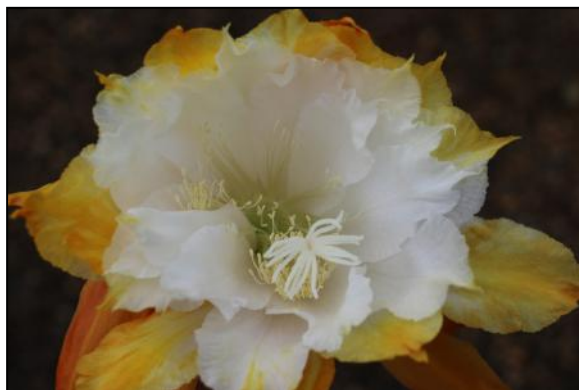
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