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‘Blushing Star’

Hybridizer: Evelyn Shiraki
Parentage: ‘Calisto’ x ‘Clarence Wright’
Size: Extra Large
Photo by Jerry Moreau

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General Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month. We are doing our best to have a presence both in-person and online. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. and the pre-meeting workshop is at 7:00 p.m. The Zoom room will open at 7:00 p.m. 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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Calendar of Events

December	4	Safari Park Work Party
	8	General Meeting
	18	Safari Park Work Party
2022		
January	5	Dec. Board Meeting
	12	General Meeting
	26	Board Meeting
February	9	General Meeting
	23	Board Meeting

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



‘Alchemy’
Photo by Jerry Moreau

President's Corner



Happy Holidays!!

As you know we will not be having our annual holiday banquet due to COVID. However, it's still a very a busy time of year for all of us, so in December we will have a very short

business meeting via zoom.

I hope you voted on the 2022 budget and Society By-Laws/Standing Rules. If you haven't yet please

do. Beth Jackson, Membership Secretary, sent you an email to Survey Monkey to vote. If you need the link again please contact Beth.

I want to thank Carmela Griswold for stepping up and volunteering for the position as Recording Secretary. She will be a wonderful addition to the board. I want to thank Cindy Decker for filling in as (not) Recording Secretary in the interim this past year.

Wishing you and your loved ones a holiday season filled with love and joy. I'm looking forward to seeing you all in the new year.

Gretchen

Meeting Program

Last Month Program: In November we had a wonderful and engaging program about *Plumeria* presented by Mike Atkinson from the San Diego Plumeria Society.

Pre-Meeting Workshop: No pre-meeting workshop in December.

December's Program: There will only be a short business meeting via zoom and no program this month.

The Zoom room will open at 7:00 p.m. for a bit of socializing before the meeting begins.

2022 Proposed Budget

Please review the 2022 proposed budget on page 14 You will be asked to approve this budget at or before the December General Meeting.

The budget is a little different this year. Two sections were add as required per our by-laws.

Those sections are:

1. Safari Park income and expenses
2. Scholarships & future items

Future Items are expenses that we know about for the coming years. The money for Scholarships & Future Items will be coming out of income that we already have in the bank.

SDES By-Laws and Standing Rules Update

Please review the By-Laws and Standing rules. There will be a vote at the December meeting to accept or reject them. The changes are in "red letters". If you have questions please contact Gretchen Ward, SDES President.

This link below will bring you to the SDES website where they can be found The password will be needed.

[Information for our Members – SDES \(sdepis.org\)](http://sdepis.org)

Election Results

Your 2022 Offices & Directors

President	Gretchen Ward	Director (2022-23)	Gilbert Hatfield
1st Vice President	David Cheever	Director (2022-23)	Mildred Mikas
2nd Vice President	Patricia Neal	Director (2022-23)	Tim Paule
Treasurer	Gerry Mikas	Director (2021-22)	Lauren Burnette
Recording Secretary	Carmela Griswold	Director (2021-22)	Paula Reynolds
Membership Secretary	Beth Jackson	Immediate Past Pres.	Cindy Decker
Corresponding Secretary	Sal Castellitto		

Rounding out the other appointed volunteers:

Sales Table & Events	Cindy Decker	SDBGF Rep	Pat Neal
Garden Caravan	Mildred Mikas	Librarian	Marie Dempewolf
Holiday Banquet	Mildred Mikas	Historian	OPEN
Internet / Webmaster	Gilbert Hatfield	Raffle Table	Paula Reynolds & Dennis Hughes
Workshops	Ron Crain		Barb Alvarez
Safari Park	Jerry Moreau	Hospitality	Gerry Mikas
CSSA Affiliate Rep	Jerry Moreau	Name Tags	David Cheever
EpiNews Editors	Jerry Moreau & Linda Sinkovic	Refreshments	Eddie Huey
Research & Education	Linda Sinkovic	Social Media	OPEN
		Publicity	

SDES is an all volunteer organization & needs you!

The board would like to thank Carmela Griswold for stepping up and volunteering to be the new Recording Secretary. Because she came to us at the November meeting (after the official slate of officers were up for a vote) she was voted in by the board.

We all get much from the Society, which starts from what we put into the Society. How can you help out? Here are a few possibilities:

Newsletter Editor: The Epi News is in search of a new editor (or two). Jerry and Linda will be stepping down after publishing the March 2022 issue and a new editor(s) will need to take over. The editor creates a monthly newsletter of the on goings of the society. There is some freedom as to what is contained in the newsletter that is epi, garden, and society related. Knowledge of or willingness to learn some type of publishing software will be helpful. If you are interested, please contact the editors for more information at EpiNews@sdepis.org

Volunteer at meetings or events. This could be anything from bringing in food, setting up, cleaning up, welcoming in guest and new folks, or a friendly smile.

Volunteer at sales, or offer to grow cuttings/plants for the society. Check with Cindy Decker for her needs at upcoming sales.

Offer your garden for an event such as epi photo caravan or end of season epi party.

Sales Events. The society runs 4-6 sales events each year. Help is needed at these events. It's a great way to talk up our passion for epies and get to know your fellow society members.

If you are interested in any of the above options, contact President Gretchen Ward President@sdepis.org or speak with her or any other board member at a meeting.

Safari Park Epi Volunteer. Work with the epi collection and display at the San Diego Zoo Safari Park. You can talk to Jerry Moreau about this volunteer opportunity. Details of "How To Become A Volunteer at the Safari Park" can be found on our website. <https://sdepis.org/welcome-to-sdes/epiphyllums/volunteering/>

Keep In Touch



Members are the most important part of our society! Together we create more beauty for all to enjoy.

As in any group, we are more potent together. We have members all over the world! Although the epies are what bring us together at first, lifelong friendships are made in the society. Knowledge, plants, and passions are shared between members. And everyone has fun!

Corresponding Secretary Sal Castelltito Corresponding@sdepis.org
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Newsletter Editors Jerry Moreau at 619-208-7654 & Linda Sinkovic at EpiNews@sdepis.org



Cactus and Succulent Society of America New Membership Category

The Cactus and Succulent Society of America (CSSA) has created a new membership category beginning in 2022. This new membership category (Supporting Membership) was established for those that want to support the CSSA and still enjoy some of the benefits of membership at a lower cost.

The annual cost of a “Supporting Membership” is \$ 20.00. While this membership category does not include the CSSA Journal, it does include To the Point e-newsletter, CSSA webinars, access to the CSSA Seed Depot, and access to the CSSA Biannual Convention. The link to the CCSA membership page can be found here <https://cssa.myshopify.com/collections/join-cssa>

Now is the Time

- ✓ **Water if necessary.**
- ✓ **Keep an eye on the weather.** Make plans for protecting epies from bad weather as we get further into winter.
- ✓ **Continue to watch for pests.**



'Herbert S. Irwin'
Photo by Jerry Moreau

Workshop Corner

Schlumbergera Season

From *The Epi-Gram* Vol XVII, No. 11, 2002

By Dick Kohlschreiber
Photos SDES Archive

I have really had a good Schlumbergera season. And with the hot weather we had, after our first rain of the season, I've gotten some wonderful color on my white, yellow and pastel flowers. I'm sure the rain we had may have made my plants bloom better this year. It was such a nice gentle rain and all of my plants looked better after the rain. Just the fact that the rain washed off the dust of the last 6 months, helped to make them look better.

Last month, I mentioned that 'Pasadena' was in bloom and that I really liked this dark red Schlumbergera. It has continued to bloom this past month but when we had the hot weather this past



week, the flowers turned a pale red. I've had several plants of 'Christmas Fantasy' that have really been nice this year. It has a peach colored flower that is very attractive. This is another Cobia origination and has the tendency to be a lanky grower like many of the other Cobia plants. Cobia's 'Sanibel' that was one of their "Collector Series", has the same colored flower but the flower has more petals and the petals are more ruffled. I found my plant of 'Windsor', another Collector Series, that is a very attractive lavender and it is also very double and ruffled.

I have several plants of 'Christmas Flame' that is a mutation of 'Gold Charm'. I have always had more trouble growing 'Christmas Flame' but this year, 'Christmas Flame' is growing well and with the warm weather had some beautiful yellow

flowers. The shade of yellow is darker than 'Gold Charm' and has an orange cast to it.

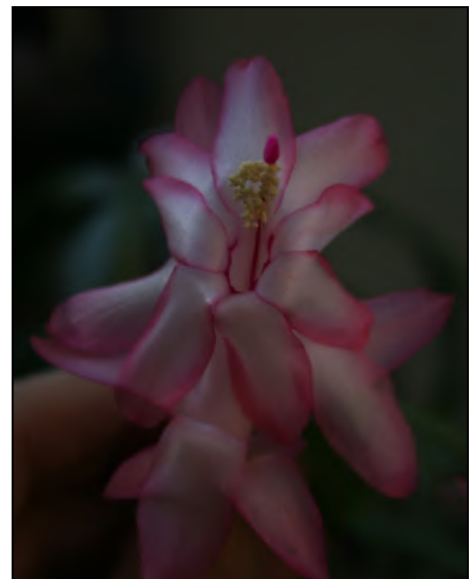
Several years ago, I was sent cuttings of 'Athena' from Australia and that continues to be a good Schlumbergera for me. It is a silvery white with a

magenta pink edge around each petal. Dolly Kelli's 'Iyanno' is in full bloom this last week in November and it is a nice dark pink or lavender Schlumbergera. It also is a nice shaped plant. That is one of the characteristics that Dolly likes - that her hybrid makes a nice "round" plant. One of the nicest lavender flowers continues to be 'Windsor' which is another Cobia "Collector Series" plant. It has a nice large flower that is very ruffled. 'Lavender Doll II' has been in bloom and is a nice plant but I still like the original 'Lavender Doll' better.

If you like pink Schlumbergera, 'Madisto' is a good choice. It has a nice flower and makes a nice plant. I also like 'Pink Elephant' despite its name. 'Pink Pearl' has a very pale pink flower. Some of my 'Thor' plants have been



'Christmas Flame'



'Athena'

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Schlumbergera Continued...

bloom. These are hybrids from a commercial grower in Denmark. 'Thor Alise' has just started to grow and it is a very bright red flower on very upright growth. It makes a very flashy plant. I think the Thor plants will be available in many of the nurseries this year.



'Pink Elephant'

I had some white hybrids in bloom - 'White Christmas' and 'Snow Prince'. They have some pinking in them but not as bad as usual. My favorite white continues to be 'Bridgeport' because it is ruffled and I find the shape of the flower attractive. Kolli has 'Holly White' and 'Quicksilver' that are white and both of them make nice plants than 'Bridgeport'.

Last month I reported that Dolly Kolli's 'Reid' had a pinkish flower and upright stems. Dolly emailed me to tell me that 'Reid' has a dark orange flower and more pendant foliage. So I'm not sure what my 'Reid' plant is. The flowers are gone so I



'Iyanno'

Photos from SDES Archives

can't check the color but stems are definitely upright.

And my exciting bloom is a flower of 'Spot', one of Mitsuhashi's hybrids from Japan. This is the most unique Schlumbergera flower that I have ever seen. It is red with very spiky petals that radiate out like an exploding firework. I'm not sure what Mitsuhashi does in his hybridization and I'm sure we'll never know. But he either irradiates or treats the seeds with x-ray or some kind of chemical.

SCHLUMBERGERA QUESTIONS: I had several people ask me how the commercial growers regulate when Schlumbergera are going to bloom.

One of our members said she had been told by a nurseryman that you had to put your plant in a closet if you wanted it to bloom. That advice always makes me mad because it almost sounds cruel to do that to a plant. And it doesn't make that much difference in



'Thor Alise'

whether or not a plant will bloom. I have done this and came to the conclusion that most of these plants will bloom when they're going to bloom.

I also had been told to withhold water from the plant for a month and that would stress the plant enough to make it bloom. This is not true and has been proven to be harmful to the plant. It happens that Schlumbergera "thermo-photoperiodic". This means that their bloom initiation is triggered by a combination of day length and temperature. The primary trigger is the

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Schlumbergera Continued...



day length. Once the day length decreases to approximately twelve hours, the plant recognizes that it is time to bloom. Night temperature of 55 to 65 degree F. should accompany the short day.

Schlumbergera are very sensitive to light and plants that sit in the house and are exposed to any kind of light in the house, may not form buds. I have even heard of plants that are affected by a street light outside. I suppose that this is where the idea of putting your plant in a closet came from.

I have mentioned before how sensitive Schlumbergera are to temperatures. If nighttime temperatures go below 50-55 degrees, pinking occurs in the white, yellow and pastel flowers. That's why the warm temperatures we had the third week of November have affected the colors of my flowers and I've had less pinking than I've had in years. I have also found that plants that have flowers that have a lot of pink will lose most of the pink coloration if the plant is put in a warm area.

Growth regulators and other chemicals have been used to assist bud formation and bud drop and I'm sure that many of the commercial growers use them. It has been shown that spraying with benzylaminoprine (BA) increased the number of buds per segment. Silver thiosulphate has been shown to be effective in reducing bud drop.

FERTILIZING SCHLUMBERGERA- Most of the people that I know that grow a lot of Schlumbergera do not do a lot of fertilizing. I never have fertilized

my plants as much as I did my epies and they seem to grow well and bloom a lot. But when I have used a water-soluble fertilizer, the plants seemed to respond in a short period of time. Cobia, in his book *Zygocactus (Schlumbergera)-A Comprehensive and Practical Guide For the Weekend Gardener*, recommends using a 20-20-20 fertilizer 2-4 times a year. He also recommends leaching the plants with plain water to regular intervals to prevent the buildup of soluble salts. Fertilizer applications should stop at least one month prior to bud set. McMillan and Horobin, in their book *Christmas Cacti - The Genus Schlumbergera and its Hybrids*, also recommend using a diluted well-balanced fertilizer and they also recommend leaching the plants with plain water.

They also say that fresh mulches of organic matter such as peat or leaf mold, or even old tea leaves, placed around the plant on the soil surface can be beneficial and can keep a plant going for



'Windsor'

several years without repotting. They repeat a story that they published in an early issue of EPIPHYTES that I always liked. It was about a Christmas cactus, owned by an elderly woman, 4 feet in diameter in a 7-inch pot, in fine condition and full of bloom. It had been repotted 32 years previously and over the years was watered with tea and mulched with tea leaves.

REPOTTING - I have learned the hard way that you shouldn't be in a hurry to repot your

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Schlumbergera Continued...

Schlumbergera plants. The plants seem to do best when they are tightly potted. If you have a plant in a four-inch pot and want to repot it, I'd put it in a five-inch pot. It's also a good idea to use a pot that isn't too deep.

PRUNING - I have always pruned my plants right after they quit blooming. The experts recommend waiting until Spring and it may be that if you want to start new plants from your cuttings that result from pruning, they might root quicker in the Spring. Some of the experts recommend taking off at least 2 segments from each branch. I usually take off enough segments to even out the plant all around. On many of the Cobia hybrids it's essential to do some pruning or you'll just have these long unattractive stems. By the way, it's better to twist off the segments rather than cut them.

After the plants quit blooming, they very often look terrible. Some of my plants that bloomed early, look wilted. Wilting in Schlumbergera does not mean that the plant needs water but more often it means that the roots have rotted or that it's stressed in some way. Always pull on the wilted plants and if the roots have rotted, the plant may pull out of the pot easily. If the roots haven't rotted, put the plant in a shady area and cut back on the water.

I have quoted a lot from McMillan and Horobin's book and also Mark Cobia's book. *CHRISTMAS CACTI—THE GENUS SCHLUMBERGERA AND ITS HYBRIDS* by A.J.S. McMillan and J.F. Horobin is still available. It is a

wonderful reference book filled with color pictures and a list of all of the hybrids, including the Australian ones that were known at the time of publication.

ZYGOCACTUS (SCHLUMBERGERA) - A COMPREHENSIVE AND PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR THE WEEKEND GARDENER by Mark Cobia may be out of print at this time. If it isn't, it is also worth having just to have pictures of the Cobia hybrids. Check with Rainbow Gardens Bookstore and see if they still have it.



'Pasadena'



'Samba Brazil'



A few of the Christmas cacti that has bloomed at the home of Sandra Chapin.

The Life and Times of Burt and Cecilia Vinkemulder The Cactus Petes

By JK Hendershot

Contributor's Note: As I began my research for the November edition of the "Epi News" article entitled "Flashback in Epi History—Cactus Pete's Nursery", I became very intrigued by the lives of these two individuals. I enlisted the help of SDES former editor and archivist Patricia Neal, who provided additional information and research material.

The Early Years

Bert "Cactus Pete" Vinkemulder was born September 17, 1896 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Fifty-eight years earlier, his grandfather Phillipus Vinkemulder, aged 25, had crossed the Atlantic emigrating from the Netherlands. Passenger lists from German and Dutch vessels during that time showed passengers arriving in New York. From there, many of the Dutch immigrants went on to Holland, Michigan, and the surrounding vicinity to form part of the Dutch Colony there.

Holland, MI was settled in 1847 by Dutch Calvinist separatists under the leadership of Dr. Albertus van Raalte. Dire economic conditions in the Netherlands compelled many to emigrate, while their desire for religious freedom led them to unite and settle together as a group. Today, Holland, MI which is rich in agriculture, is best known for its "Tulip Time Festival" held every May. The history of Bert's ancestry in and around Holland, MI, may

have in fact shaped his future, and led to his passion for plants, horticulture and epiphyllums.

In August 1918, Bert enlisted in the First World War and served in the U.S. Marine Corp company L, and was stationed at Paris Island, South Carolina. In 1920, Bert is listed in the Grand Rapids, MI city directory and his occupation is shown as farmer. In November 1924, Bert married Cecilia Smith, who in



*Star of Persia (CP) My personal favorite
Photo by JK Hendershot*

later life had served as president of the Epiphyllum Society of America (ESA) from 1946—47, and also made many contributions that would shape the organization as we know it today—including opening up the society to the general public. Prior to Cecilia's term as president, the ESA was only open to commercial growers, professional hybridizers, nurseries, and a few very wealthy private collectors.

From census information, the family left Michigan—probably in search of work as so many others did at the time, and their daughter Lois was born in New York, NY in 1926. Cecilia was also born in New York, so the family may have had relatives there that they were staying with. In 1929, Bert and Cecilia had a son, Burke who was born in Texas. The 1930 census shows the family of four living on Huntington Drive South in Los Angeles, CA. Bert—who was actually listed as "Albert" on both the 1920 and 1930 Census, gave his occupation

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as construction worker. Bert's age was listed as 31 (which was incorrect), Cecilia as 26, Lois as 3, and Burke was listed as age 1.

Welcome to Los Angeles

Bert and Cecilia started their first nursery store front in 1930 in Huntington Park, CA. They primarily sold lawn figurines, elves, dwarfs and other ornaments that they made, along with cactus and succulents that they collected in the American Southwest and Mexico. This was the beginning of their cactus business. In 1933, they outgrew their space and opened a store in Los Feliz, CA. As the store became successful, many patrons and customers nicknamed Bert "Cactus Pete" after a comic character in Arizona. Cecilia shared a story that the business began to receive correspondences, checks and payments made out to Cactus Pete, so to protect the name (and perhaps to be able to cash the checks) they legally registered it.

Although the store was successful, the country was still in the middle of the Great Depression and money was tight for most everyone. Bert and Cecilia traded plants for food—avocados, eggs, chicken—anything they could eat. It was one of these such trades that quite by accident, led the pair to discover epiphyllums. A customer offered to trade them some "phyllocactus" for outdoor plants. The plants looked shriveled and dry and Bert warned Cecilia that this would absolutely be their last trade for plants. Several month later, the same customer came by with cuttings and a bloom from "Padre" and the rest was history.

A year later, a German florist fleeing fascism reduced his plants to cuttings and brought them in his steamer trunk to the U.S., and Bert and Cecilia purchased his complete collection. The addition of

these plants and cuttings put them well on their way to starting their epiphyllum business. At first, The Petes sold cuttings wholesale to department stores in Los Angeles three months out of the year, but as their success grew, they opened their nursery to the public and showed "Orchid Cactus" as a part of their annual exhibits. Their love of epis soon surpassed that of their original cactus and succulents.

In 1936, The Petes moved to their Valley Boulevard location and their new retail space was filled with palm trees, tropical plants, ferns, and waterfalls (made from rocks they had gathered), whose waters flowed into two large pools. The water feature was a popular highlight that was enjoyed by customers as well as their children. Also, the nursery featured two large showrooms that displayed the epis in hanging baskets arranged alphabetically. When all the plants were blooming in mid-to late-spring the showrooms were amazing spaces to behold.

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897)						203
SERIAL NUMBER	1. NAME (Print)				ORDER NUMBER	
U 4458	BERT P. (initial only) VINKEMULDER					
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print)						
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7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS						
Cecilia Vinkemulder, 5440 Valley Blvd. Los Angeles, Calif.						
8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS						
Self-employed - nursery -						
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS						
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I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.						
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WWII draft card showing "P" as middle initial

Bert and Cecilia collected specimens from all over Mexico and Central America, including plants and seed. Cactus Pete hybridized over 400 varieties of epiphyllums including one he named in honor of his wife, "Cecilia S." The couple retired in 1965 and gifted the nursery and their plant collection to their son Burke (Cactus Pete Jr.). He and his wife Pat continued operation of the nursery at its former location for a few years, and then relocated it to their home in El Monte, CA. Bert "Cactus Pete" Vinkemulder passed away on March 7, 1986. He left behind his wife Cecilia, daughter Lois, son Burke and thirty-five grandchildren! The impact and contributions that both Cecilia—who was an early member of the ESA, former president and member of the Research Committee, to Bert—who gave us so many beautiful specimens of epiphyllums may never be fully appreciated.



'Linda Diane' CP
SDES Archives



'London Fog' CP
Photo by Jerry Moreau



'Maryland' CP
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'Melanie' CP
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'Mexico City' CP
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'Ming Gold' CP
Photo by Jerry Moreau



'Royal Velvet' CP
Photo by Roger Chapin



'Santa Fe' CP
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'Shauna' CP
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'Small Fry' CP
Photo by Jerry Moreau



'Spun Gold' CP
Photo by Jerry Moreau



'Valentine' CP
Photo by Jerry Moreau

More pictures of Cactus Pete's hybrids on last page

**San Diego Epiphyllum Society
Fiscal Year Budget
January 1, 2022—December 31, 2022**

	Income Budget 2022	Expense Budget 2022
Budget Categories		
Online Plant and Cutting sale 2022	10000	800
Online shipping 10% of sale		1000
Mother's Day Show and Sale	8000	3000
Holiday Banquet	1600	6400
Garden Photo Caravan		200
Other Society Shows and Events	2000	500
SDES Volunteer Party		200
SDES Club Affiliations		250
Storage Unit Historical		1200
Storage Unit Dry		1000
SDES Membership Dues	4000	
Zoom monthly fee		180
 General Membership Meeting Summary		
Program Speakers Honoraria		300
Refreshments		300
SDES Library		250
Meeting Supplies (Pre-Meeting Workshop)		150
Raffle table	500	
Cleaning Supplies		100
 Newsletter Summary		
Printing		720
Editor Fee		1200
Postage		400
Membership & Newsletter Supplies		300
Bus for EpiCon	500	2500
Memorial & Flower Fund/ Cards		500
SDES Website		0
SDES Online Store specific costs		500
Promotional Items		100
Audio Visual / Computer Equipment		Capital
SDES Post Office Box		150
California Sales Tax		2500
California Department of Agriculture Permit		150
Surety Bond (Insurance)		200
Totals:	\$26,600	\$25,050
 Safari Park Income & Expense Budget	 2500	 1500
 SDES Capital Projects from retained earnings		
Scholarship's		
Cuyamaca College Botanical Society		1800
Southwestern College Foundation		1800
Known future Costs		
Electronic equipment (website & zoom)		500
Website registration (2023)		300

Safari Park Epi Collection & Display

by Jerry Moreau

November has been a beautiful month at the park. The weather was perfect, not too hot nor too cold.

It was nice to see some blooms while at the park this month. There are some plants that will bloom a lot during the winter months. 'Harald Knebel' is an old timer that bloom reliably off-season. Now we are seeing some of Rudolf Heßing Herick's hybrids bloom consistently off-season, in particular his Jalisco



'Jalisco Grace'

hybrids. At the park we had 'Jalisco Joy', and 'Jalisco Grace' blooming and 'Jalisco Beauty' had a spent bud. 'Jalisco Flirt' has been blooming at my house all month long with more buds forming. If you are looking to increase the frequency of epi blooms then check out the next page of off-season bloomers.

Helping out were Barb Alvarez, Sandra Chapin, Ron & Velma Crain, David

Cheever, Cindy Decker, Dean Delibertis, Marie Dempewolf, Forrest Echbrecht, Jeff Hendershot, Beth Jackson, Betsy & Jerry Markle, Ellen McCollum, Jerry Moreau, Paula Reynolds, Tim Paule, and Paul van der Ploeg.

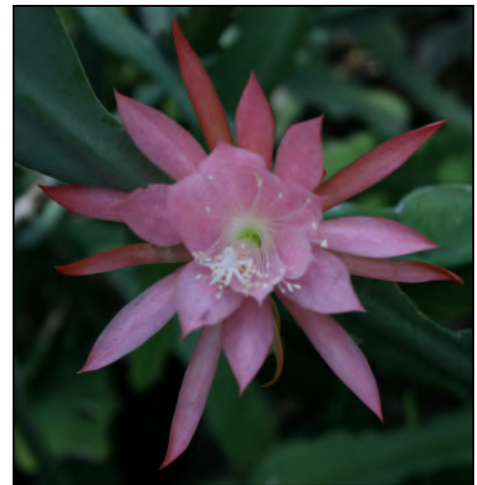


'Jalisco Joy'



'Jalisco Beauty'

'Jalisco Joy'
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Details of How To Become A Volunteer at the Safari Park can be found on our website. If you have any questions contact Jerry Moreau. Click on <https://sdepis.org/welcome-to-sdes/epiphyllums/volunteering/>

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 which epies have been blooming in your yard, email the editors with your list of off-season blooms and species.

Blooming Off-Season

- Heny Brandenburg** (San Diego): 'Abracadabra', 'Chitsue Kida', 'Eddie Huey', 'Jalisco Ancoo', 'Jalisco Charme', 'Kaguyahime', 'Melanie', 'Rudolf's Delight', 'Rudolf's Surprise'
Beth Jackson (San Diego): 'Ein tolles Ding', 'Kodi II', 'Winston'
Jeff & Forrest (San Diego): 'Harald Knebel'
Michal McKee (Escondido): 'Jalisco Starlight'
Jerry Moreau (San Diego): 'Jalisco Flirt', 'Jemo'
Pat Shea (Port Charlotte, FL): 'Felcino Flair'



'Ein tolles Ding'

'Winston'

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Safari Park (San Pasqual Valley): 'Autumn Fancy', 'Charming Beauty', 'Christmas Elf', 'Harald Knebel', 'Herbert S. Irwin', 'Jalisco Grace', 'Jalisco Joy', 'Kafi', 'Kiwi Musical', 'Sassy Sandra'

Paula Reynolds (San Diego): 'Bumpkin', 'German Empress', 'Harald Knebel', 'Herbert S. Irwin', 'Jalisco Grace'

Theo Sieg (San Rafael): 'Tiny Flame'

Linda Sinkovic (Santa Cruz): 'Kodi I', 'Wowi's Cleopatra'

Blooming Species

Dean DeLibertis (National City): *Epiphyllum oxypetalum*

Celine Dion (Concord): *Disocactus macranthus*, *Rhipsalis agudoensis*, *R. houlletiana*, *R. rhombea*

Safari Park (San Pasqual Valley): *Disocactus macranthus*, *E. chrysocardium*, *E. hookeri* ssp. *hookeri*

Pat Shea (Port Charlotte, FL): *E. oxypetalum* cv 'Mark Twain'

Theo Sieg (San Rafael): *D. macranthus*

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



'Harald Knebel' (l) and 'Autumn Fancy' (r)

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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/>

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<https://www.facebook.com/henysepiphyllums/>

Kakteen Haage — Ulrich Haage
<http://www.kakteen-haage.de/>
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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



'Muchacho' CP
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'Nevada' CP
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'Pete's Cupid' CP
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