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'Heaven Sent'

2022 1st Place Multi-Bloom Photo Contest Winner

Hybridizer: Alice Buchanan 1988

Size: Large

Photo: Gail Hatfield

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Calendar of Events

December	3	Safari Park Work Party ¹
	14	SDES Holiday Banquet
	17	Safari Park Work Party
	28	Board Meeting
January	11	General Meeting
	14	Safari Park Work Party
	25	Board Meeting
	28	Safari Park Work Party
February	8	General Meeting
	11	Safari Park Work Party
	22	Board Meeting
	25	Safari Park Work Party

¹ Additional Work Parties held every Tuesday.

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



'Jalisco Queen'
 Photo: Paula Reynolds

President's Corner — *From President David Cheever*



Here we are at the beginning of December—and the year 2022 has gone by so quickly. As far as our epies go, we still have some of the small Jalisco flowers blooming, and of course Herbert S. Irwin is in bloom and continues to entertain us.

Since my last message, an End of Summer Potluck and society membership appreciation event was held October 22, at the home of Dean DeLibertis, in National City. There were nearly forty people in attendance, and everyone had a wonderful time. During the event, I presented the “Rookie of the Year” award for 2022, to Jeff Hendershot. Congratulations to Jeff, and thanks to Dean for hosting the event.

Also, the last weekend in October, the society had its booth at the San Diego Fall Home/Garden Show at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. The event was a success and thanks to Dean and team for coordinating.

In November, the Society celebrated its 52nd Anniversary with a wonderful birthday cake. Thank you to Carmela Griswold for ordering and picking up the cake. I'd also like to thank Gilbert, Gretchen, and our judges Barb, Patricia and Sandra for their excellent work on the annual Photo Contest, and I'd like to congratulate all the winners on the wonderful photos of their favorite epiphyllums.

Our members have approved the slate of officers and directors that was posted in *Epi News* in October, and we will hold the installation of officers at the Holiday Banquet this month. I'm looking forward to seeing you at the Holiday Banquet on Wednesday, December 14th, 2022. Happy Holidays,

David

Meeting Program

Pre-Meeting Workshop: This month, our pre-meeting workshop will be cancelled due to the SDES Holiday Banquet. We will resume in January in Casa Del Prado Room 104 at 7:00 p.m.

November Program: Our November monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, November 9th. Photo contest winners were announced and Gretchen Ward presented a slideshow of the winners. The members present shared a lovely epi decorated cake honoring the Society's 52nd Anniversary.

December Program: Our Holiday Banquet will be held in lieu of our December monthly meeting on Wednesday, December 14th and will be held at The Butcher Shop. Please see the invitation announcement on page 10 of *Epi News*.

Our January meeting will resume in Casa Del Prado Room 101 at 7:30 p.m. Pre-meeting workshop Room 104, 7:00 p.m. Zoom will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will join the in-person meeting at 7:30 p.m.



Members enjoy a beautifully decorated cake in honor of the Society's 52nd Anniversary.

Photo collage photos provided by Carmela Griswold and Patricia Neal.

Keeping in Touch...

Our members are the most important part of our society! Together we create more beauty to enjoy.

As with any group, we are more effective and stronger when we are unified together—and our membership spans the globe! Although the epies are what bring us together at first, lifelong friendships are made in the society. Knowledge, plants, passions and stories of those who came before us are shared between members—and everyone has fun!



Bees pollinating E. hookeri.

Photo: Dean Delibertis

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Welcome to Our New Member:
 Mel McGee, San Diego

Our Thoughts Are With You:
 Gail Hatfield

Monthly Refreshment Schedule for 2023 Meetings

Starting in January, SDES will be returning to our usual rotation of bringing refreshments to the monthly meeting. We have used this rotation for years; but like many things, we got off track with the COVID shutdown. Since we started having in-person meetings again, we've been winging it with refreshments. It's time to return to our normal patterns.

This rotation is alphabetical and ensures everyone shares in providing refreshments. It goes alphabetically by last names. Please note which month you are requested to bring something to share.

We have two months that we don't require refreshments. In July, we have often had an ice cream social; and in December we have the annual banquet.

January	C—G	July	Society
February	H—L	August	H—L
March	M—Q	September	M—Q
April	R—U	October	R—U
May	V—B	November	V—B
June	C—G	December	Banquet

Remember the Society—Support your passion, support the Society's collection at the San Diego Zoo Safari Park. Currently, we have the world's largest collection of epiphyllum hybrids and epiphytic species on public display. We also have a very unique new display, and to keep it intact SDES needs additional funding to maintain it. All money raised goes toward the care of the collection and display. We are all volunteers who create and maintain the display because we are passionate about it. All donations are always welcome and greatly appreciated. Consider putting SDES and the epi collection in your will or trust.

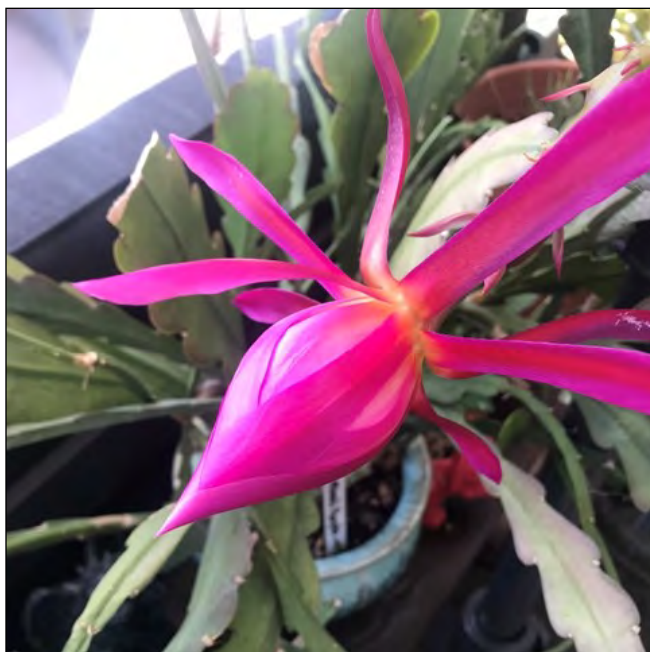
What Is a Bull-Nosed Bloom? *By Gretchen Ward, Immediate Past*

President, with additional text and photos from Patricia Neal, 2nd Vice President

Have you ever had a blossom that just won't open? You see the buds forming and you determine it's a flower bud and not just new growth. You wait with anticipation and watch the bud grow and mature. Finally, when the bud seems about ready to burst forth with the beautiful epi bloom you've been waiting for, it stalls. With a close examination of the bud, you notice that the tips of the petals seem to be glued together and the bud looks like it is struggling to open, but it just does not seem to happen. If you wait long enough the bud will eventually collapse without ever opening and wilt along with the blossoms that did open.

You have just experienced a "bull-nosed" epi flower. That's what many epi growers call this phenomenon. Some growers of other plants call it "flower-balling" and it's something that gardeners see happen to their roses, peonies, daffodils, and possibly others as well. (Royal Horticultural Society – <https://www.rhs.org.uk/advice/profile?PID=627>). The term bull-nose means something different to rose growers. For gardeners of roses, a bull-nose is a flower bud whose petals are smaller and misshapen, allowing the pistils, which may be foliaceous, to protrude. In a May 1978 article in the *ESA Bulletin*, Clarence Wright mentioned the phenomenon of a "bull-head" being produced by the hybrid 'Joseph Marshall.' Rose growers also use the term "bull-head," which for them is a bud that is either unable to open or, if it does open, forms a misshapen flower. In roses, this condition is accompanied by very stiff outer petals which fail to reflex, small overall bud size and, in some cases, by a crooked or partially fasciated peduncle or neck. In the 1984 July-August edition of the *ESA Bulletin*, another author remarked that the origin of the term "bull-nose" relating to epies was unknown.

So, while there are some differences in terminology, no matter what you call it, it can be disappointing and sometimes frustrating when your blooms turn out to be abnormal. Or, because they are so beautiful in their crinkled and wrinkled form you want to see it again, but lo and behold, it may not happen again and in future you only get normal blooms.



Photos: Gretchen Ward

Pictured above is an unknown epi hybrid blooming in 2021. The back petals opened, but most of the other petals remained stuck together. After gently loosening the petals, the flower still did not open completely. This particular epi has been in my family for over 50 years, and this is the first time I have seen it bull-nose.

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What Is a Bull-Nosed Bloom? (Continued)



Pictured above is an unknown white hybrid showing the bull-nosed blossom trying to open and then after an assist, the bloom is revealed showing crinkled petals. In following years this plant produced no additional bull-nosed blooms. (Photos Gretchen Ward)

In conducting research for this article, I could find little scientific information on the subject. In a 1991 South Bay Epiphyllum Society's *Epi-Gram*, Dick Kohlschreiber wrote about bull-nosing and explained that it is "where the tip of the buds stick together and the bud is unable to open." He advised that if a bud is not opening properly, one should gently pull the tips of the petals apart. Like this, most information about bull-nosing epies is anecdotal and based on the observations of experienced growers.

It is difficult to find gardening resources with information about why this happens. The Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) suggests that for roses and other blooms, "cool, wet weather saturates the outer petals and then the sunshine dries and fuses them into a tight, papery shell, preventing the bud from opening." In my own experience, I have seen this happen with some regularity. I get one or two like this almost every blooming season. Some epi hybrids seem to be more prone to this than others. In epies it does not seem to be disease or pest related.

This photo (right) shows a bull-nosed 'Herbert S. Irwin' with partially stuck petals. While this circa 1935 Curt Knebel hybrid is not prone to bull-nosing, it can happen to almost any flower. It did not want to fully open even after gently trying to release the petals from each other. If they are tightly adhered to each other, the petals can sometimes tear when attempting to release the tips by hand. (Photo Gretchen Ward)



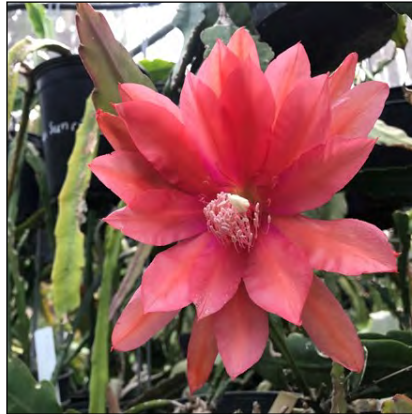
Why does this happen? Why do some flowers develop incorrectly? Is it all environmental or are there other factors at play when it comes to epies? We know that there are certain cultivars that are more prone to this happening than others. It may be a genetic predisposition. It has been suggested by some growers that flowers with more complex flower petals arrays—increased rows of petals or those with very tight buds, may be more susceptible to what epi growers call bull-nosing. Or it could be a lack of nutrition, or too much fertilizer, or the result of a combination of temperature, humidity, and moisture. We seem to often have more questions than answers.

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What Is a Bull-Nosed Bloom? (Continued)

The good news is when bull-nosing happens you can usually gently open the bloom by hand. Sometimes the bloom is none the worse for the experience. When some epies develop wrinkled and wavy petals they can be quite attractive.

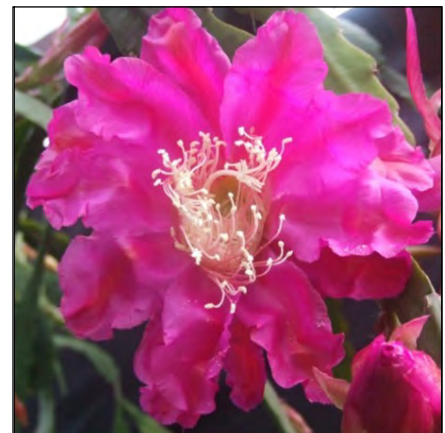
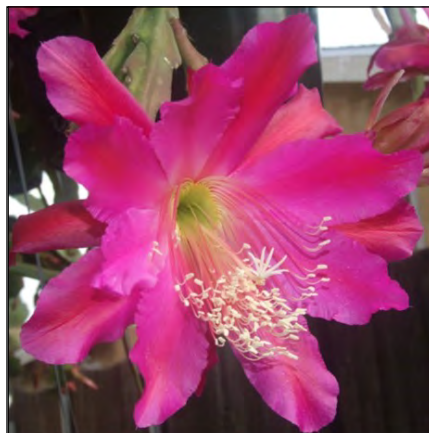
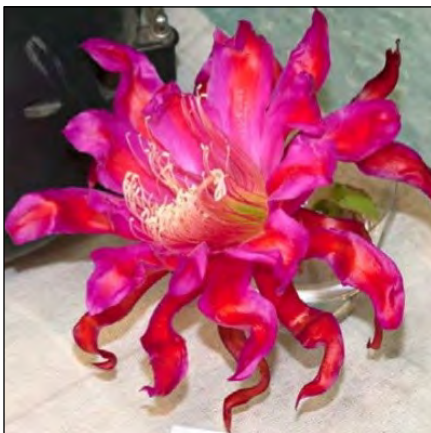
Shown to the right is the hybrid 'Honeycomb' (Photos taken by G. Ward at the Safari Park Collection.) 'Honeycomb' is a large Fort and O'Barr hybrid from 1955, parentage unknown. Notice the blossom is somewhat bent and misshapen from bull-nosing. Sometimes bull-nosing creates a desirable appearance while at other times they just look distorted. This hybrid ended up looking off balance and somewhat crooked. See how the anthers, filaments, and stamen are also distorted.



The following photos (unless noted) and text were provided by Patricia Neal. A bull-nosed 'Mountain Violet' (below left, photo by Don Crain) was on display at the 2015 Mother's Day Show. It is a 1990 George French hybrid, and it is a 'Galactica' × 'Spun Gold' cross.

Patricia Neal reports that 'Time Remembered' produces bull-nosed flowers for her every year along with regular shaped flowers. The normal flowers have lovely delicate crepe-paper edged petals. When some buds form, the tips just don't develop "straight" as they should. From the photos you can see how crumpled the petals and the filaments become. Improperly developed buds are said to have resulted from cold damp weather. However, this cultivar will often produce normal and bull-nosed flowers at the same time, so perhaps the too-wet suggestion may not apply to this hybrid. 'Time Remembered' is a cross of an unregistered flower named 'Leo Wood' × 'Ben's Laura.' It is a circa 1965 registration by Leo M. Daly.

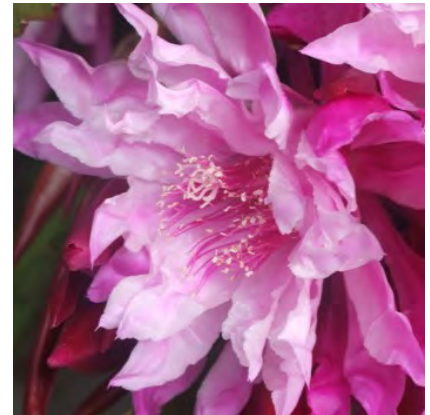
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L: 'Mountain Violet', C: Normal 'Time Remembered', R: 'Time Remembered' crinkled from bull-nosing.

What Is a Bull-Nosed Bloom? (Continued)

The four photos of ‘Venetian Affair’ shown to the right have also been provided by Patricia Neal. ‘Venetian Affair’ is another hybrid that is prone to bull-nosing. Some bull-nosed flowers can look quite beautiful with their wrinkled and crimped petals. This occurs somewhat randomly but is not unusual for this hybrid. Sometimes it happens, sometimes it doesn’t.



A bull-nosed ‘Venetian Affair’ can be surrounded by several buds with normal tip development. In addition to its tendency to bull-nose, ‘Venetian Affair’ also displays varying degrees of variation in its light rhodamine purple with darker midstripe shades. Photos shown clockwise beginning top left demonstrate the varying degrees of a bull-nosed ‘Venetian Affair’.



‘Wings of Song’ is well-known for its tendency to bull-nose. A 1956 Fort and O’Barr hybrid, it is listed in the Registry as having ruffled and often crinkled flowers. With petals that often show crinkling, bull-nosing can happen when the tip of the bud doesn’t fully extend to a point. It is a cross of ‘Madonna’ × ‘Cup of Day’.

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*Left: Double bloom
‘Wings of Song’
Photo: SDES Archives.*

*Above Center:
‘Wings of Song’
Photo: Roger Chapin.*

*The photo above is also of
‘Wings of Song’ from the
SDES Archive of magazine
articles and was taken by
William Andree of the Epi-
phyllum Society of America.*

What Is a Bull-Nosed Bloom? (Continued)

‘Three Oranges’ on the left below shows the blistering of petal tips as well as the stamens that are crumpled from the petal tips bull-nosing and not providing enough room for normal development. ‘Three Oranges’ also has a tendency to variegate. ‘Three Oranges’ is a Phyllis Flechsig cross of ‘Oro’ x ‘Reward’ registered in 1983.



Photos: (l.) Patricia Neal, (r.) Jerry Moreau

Another hybrid that shows frilled edges is ‘Marie Antoinette.’ It also sometimes produces bull-nosed flowers. A cross of ‘Stormy Weather’ x ‘Space Rocket,’ it is a Harold Watts hybrid registered in 1995 by Galen Pittman. Below left is its normal bloom while on the right is a bull-nosed bloom.



Photos: Patricia Neal

Editor’s Note: We would like to thank Gretchen Ward and Patricia Neal for their informative and educational article. If any of our readers have any similar experiences with bull-nosed blooms or photos, please forward them to the editor.

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Now Is the Time—Seasonal Checklist

- ✓ **Watch the weather reports** for freezing temperatures. Make plans for protecting epies from bad weather as we get further into winter. In regions of the country that freeze, plants can be protected for a short period of time with newspaper—but plastic sheeting will provide more durable protection.
- ✓ **If epies are subjected to hail**, rinse the ice off immediately. Prolonged contact to ice can damage the plants more than the impact of the hail itself does.
- ✓ **Protect your epies against strong winds.** Plants in hanging baskets or pots are subject to broken branches as they bump into other pots or are knocked to the ground due to high winds.
- ✓ **Winter rains are good for epies.** Collect rainwater in opaque containers and cover containers to keep the debris out. Do not allow the pots that are on benches or shelves to sit or remain in puddles of water.
- ✓ **Monitor water levels and make sure your epies do not get too much water.** Water your epies if necessary—and be sure to keep a close eye on your plants. You may need to relocate your plants as the rainy season continues to ensure they do not get too much water.
- ✓ **Watch for snails and slugs.** During the winter months, snails and slugs become more active in the cooler, moister weather.
- ✓ **Trim off all dead growth.** Some plant die back is natural. If the die back starts from the roots instead of the tips of the stems, you may want to remove the plant from its pot to check the roots.



'Frühlingsgold'

Photo: Carmela Griswold

You're Invited...

San Diego Epiphyllum Society Holiday Party

Date: Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: The Butcher Shop Restaurant

5255 Kearny Villa Road, San Diego, CA

Cost: \$35 per person for Members,

\$75 per person for Non-Members

Tickets can be purchased at our general meeting or on our website from our online store.



Graphics by: Lauren Burnette

2022 Annual Photo Contest—*And the Winners Are...* Single-Bloom Category



1st Place Forrest Ehbrecht
'Argus'



2nd Place Gail Hatfield
'Venetian Affair'



3rd Place Doug Hillman
'Spiced Takuan'



Honorable Mention Forrest Ehbrecht
'Pierrette'



Honorable Mention Forrest Ehbrecht
'Bonnie Brae'



People's Choice Carmela Griswold
Epiphyllum oxypetalum

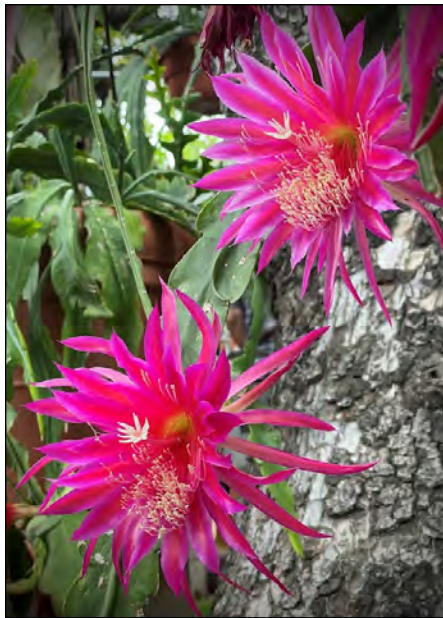
2022 Annual Photo Contest—*And the Winners Are...*



1st Place Gail Hatfield
'Heaven Sent'



Honorable Mention Jim Nones
'Sister Maria'



2nd Place Doug Hillman
'Shimmer'



3rd Place Jeff Hendershot
'Pierrette'

Multi-Bloom Category



Honorable Mention Jeff Hendershot
'Clown'



People's Choice Gail Hatfield
'Jalisco Beauty'

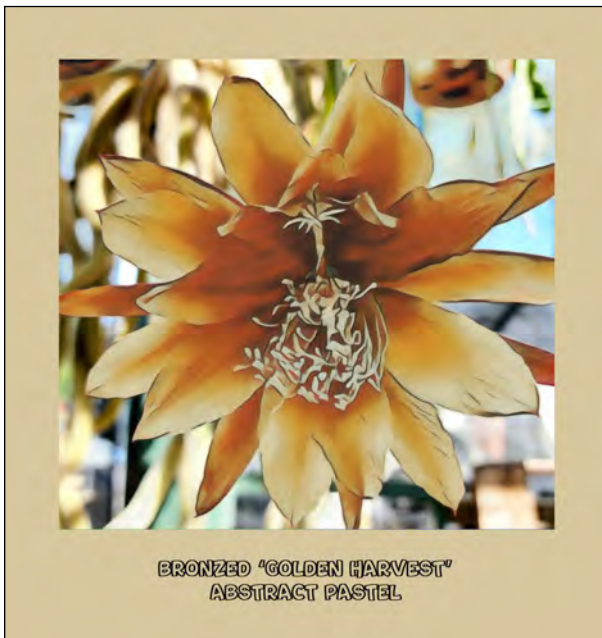
2022 Annual Photo Contest—*And the Winners Are...* Epi Art Category



1st Place Jeff Hendershot
“Magi’s Gold Pop Art”



2nd Place Doug Hillman
“Time to Buy Another Epi”



3rd Place Jeff Hendershot
“Bronzed Golden Harvest”



People’s Choice and Honorable Mention
Gail Hatfield
“Keep Climbing”

Holiday Gift Ideas—Stocking Stuffers *By JK Hendershot*

As the holiday season approaches, it is time to begin thinking of those gifts—including stocking stuffers for your epi friends and loved ones. This month we take a look at some of the most common items—the tools and supplies that every epi gardener most likely has on their holiday wish list. If you are fortunate to be on the *good* list you may be lucky to receive some of the gift items listed below. For those of *you* us on the *naughty* list—don't be surprised to find coir or orchid bark in your stocking!



Needle-Nosed Pruning Shears - A good pair of shears is a necessity and it is worth spending the extra money for quality. Shears are often misplaced, so having an extra pair or two never hurts.

Black Fine Point Sharpie - A must for identifying and marking your cuttings. Again, another item that is often misplaced, lost or dried out when you most need to use it.

One-Gallon Pots - Most nurseries have sturdy one-gallon pots available for sale. While these will most likely not fit in your loved one's stocking, they will most likely appreciate the effort.

Plant Markers - I prefer the flexible plastic to the hard plastic markers, which usually end up breaking. You may need extras just in case you want to bury a marker (with the epi name written on it) inside the pot in case all other tags are lost.



Square Plastic 4" Pots - Look for the more heavy duty or hard plastic pots for starting your cuttings. Some plastic will disintegrate in the sun. You can never have too many 4" pots!

Yellow China Markers - Great for writing your epi names on your black pots—it won't fade or rub off.

Colored Paint Pens - These are also great for writing plant names on your black pots—be careful as some pens leak, run, and get paint all over the place. Be sure to store in a cool, dry place.

SDES 2023 Election Results—Slate of Officers

The final slate of officers was announced as approved by voting tabulation via [Allcounted.com](https://www.allcounted.com), which identified that it was acting on behalf of the San Diego Epiphyllum Society. The announcement of approval was made during our regular monthly meeting, which was held on November 9, 2022. The slate of officers will be installed on December 14, 2022 at our holiday banquet.

Please note on the following page of *Epi News* you will find the San Diego Epiphyllum Society Proposed 2023 Calendar Year Budget. On November 3, 2022, each member that provided an e-mail address was emailed a request to vote on the 2023 budget and other items. The email was sent from [Allcounted.com](https://www.allcounted.com) identifying that it is for the San Diego Epiphyllum Society. This will allow all members the opportunity to have a voice in the budgeting process—not just the members present at the general meeting.

The 2023 SDES approved slate of officers and directors are:

President	David Cheever	Director (2023-24)	Linda Bennett
1 st Vice President	Open	Director (2023-24)	Lauren Burnette
2 nd Vice President	Patricia Neal	Director (2023-24)	Paula Reynolds
Treasurer	Gerry Mikas	Not up for re-election:	
Recording Secretary	Carmela Griswold	Director (2022-23)	Gilbert Hatfield
Membership Secretary	Beth Jackson	Director (2022-23)	Mildred Mikas
Corresponding Secretary	Sal Castellitto	Past President	Gretchen Ward



Circus Dreams and Epies

*Mother's Day Show and Sale 2023
Balboa Park*

Casa del Prado Courtyard and Room 101

Sale: May 13 & 14 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Show: May 14 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Graphic Art & Design: Patricia Neal



'Santa Claus' and 'Merry Christmas'
Photos: Jim Nones



San Diego Epiphyllum Society Proposed 2023 Calendar Year Budget ¹

January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023

Budget Categories	Income Budget 2023	Expense Budget 2023
Sales & Membership		
Mother's Day Show and Sale	18000	180
Holiday Banquet	2400	6400
Garden Photo Caravan	320	400
Other Society Shows and Events	2000	150
SDES Volunteer Party		300
SDES Club Affiliations		300
Storage Unit Historical		1300
Storage Unit Dry		1100
SDES Membership Dues	3500	
Zoom monthly fee		180
General Membership Meeting Summary		
Program Speakers Honoraria/Donations		1300
Refreshments		300
SDES Library		250
Pre-Meeting Workshop Supplies		100
Raffle table/door prizes	600	300
Cleaning Supplies		100
Newsletter Summary		
Printing		600
Editor Fee		1200
Postage		270
Membership & Newsletter Supplies		200
Operating Costs		
Memorial & Flower Fund/ Cards		300
SDES Website		300
Promotional Items		100
SDES Post Office Box		225
California Sales Tax		1500
California Department of Agriculture Permit		150
Surety Bond (Insurance)		200
Retained Earnings		9000
Totals:	\$ 26,820	\$ 26,705
Safari Park Income & Expense Budget	3200	900
SDES Capital Projects from retained earnings		
Scholarships 2023		
Cuyamaca College Botanical Society	2 at 900	1800
Southwestern College Foundation	2 at 900	1800
Safari Park		
Safari Park shade house, work area improvement		2000
Future Known Costs		
Website (Software & Applications) 2023-24		900

¹ Proposed budget pending membership approval by email voting via [Allcounted.com](https://www.allcounted.com). Voting closes at 12:00 p.m. PST, December 14, 2022.

Safari Park Epi Collection and Display *by Jerry Moreau*

This month has been pretty quiet at the Safari Park. However, quiet does not mean that we are not busy or doing projects. There is always something to work on and many tasks involved in maintaining the plants in the collection and in the display.



The park wants to try a new type of pot—a coir basket in the display on the Epiphyllum Trail. We have already potted four of them to see how they will perform in the display. I know more water is wicked away due to more exposure to the air, so the plants might require more water. We have added a layer of old shade cloth on the outside to help keep the plants from drying out. The coir baskets that were provided came with a plastic liner. As part of the experiment, we took two of the inside plastic liners out and left two of the liners in to see which one would do better. We will keep a close eye on the prototypes to see how they do. If all goes well then we will change out all the plants in the display.

Blooming at the park this month are: ‘George’s Favorite’, ‘Herbert S. Irwin’, ‘Jalisco Grace’,

‘Jalisco Joy’, ‘Judy Johnson’, ‘Sassy Sandra’, ‘Starlight’, *Disocactus anguliger*, *Epiphyllum hookeri* ssp. *Hookeri*, *E. pumilum*, and *Rhipsalis teres forma capilliformis*.

I would also like to welcome a new volunteer to our crew. Barbara Michalec joined us recently and was very willing to learn all about the collection/display and what we do. I look forward to working more with Barbara.

Helping out this month were Barb Alvarez, Keith & Linda Bennett, Sandra Chapin, David Cheever, Ron and Velma Crain, Cindy Decker, Marie Dempewolf, Dennis Hughes, Dean Delibertis, Barbara Michalec, Jeff Hendershot, Jerry Moreau, Paula Reynolds, Tim Paule, Janice Wakefield, Ada Wildberger, and Paul vander Ploeg.



Left: New prototype coir-lined hanging basket with metal frame. Center and right: Coir-lined baskets with a layer of shade cloth between liner and frame to help retain moisture on the Epiphyllum Trail.

Photos: Jerry Moreau

Details on 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/>



Wish List, Off-Season Blooms and Species

If there are epies that you are looking for it is possible someone in the society might have it and be willing to share a cutting or two with you.

As a service and benefit to our members, this list is being included in the newsletter. Send your wish list along with your contact info to the editor to have it included here.

Sal Castellitto: aclarasd@aol.com

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

Forrest Ehbrecht:

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'Bad Hair Day', 'Mashugana'

Casey Gerdes: casey@yogawithcasey.com

'Crystal Flash', 'Gladycce Jones', 'Glow Bug', 'Kiwi Contradiction', 'Monastery Gardens', 'Ron Crain'

Carmela Griswold: calcolor@gmail.com

'Ron Crain', 'Sakurahime', 'Clarity's Happy Hippie', 'Kiwi Sweetheart', 'Bernhard Paetz'

Bridget Kleindienst:

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'Baby Cake', 'Crystal Claret', 'Heather'

Andrea McArthur:

acmcarthur@roadrunner.com

'Queen Tatiana'

Michal McKee: folklorist@gmail.com

'Elegans Lei', 'Mojave Gold'

Priscilla Merriam: pafmerriam@gmail.com

'Frida Kahlo', 'Gold Coin', 'Oberon', 'Ron Crain'

Paula Reynolds: paularey@aol.com

'Sunset Cliffs', 'Voltaire'

Janice Wakefield:

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



Off-Season Blooms

This list is comprised of informal research on 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 garden, email the editor with your list of blooms. Here's what's been blooming this month:

Barb Alvarez (Lemon Grove): 'Harald Knebel'

Dean Delibertis (National City): 'Herbert S. Irwin'

Celine Dion (Concord) 'Pixie Dust'

Carmela Griswold (Vista) 'Frühlinggold'

Gilbert Hatfield 'Jalisco Disco'

Barb Landon (Manhattan Beach): 'Tiny Flame', 'Abracadabra', 'Erin Alleson'

Pat Neal (San Diego): 'Fumiko Kida', 'Kitty Kat', 'Kodi II', 'Paris Ballet', 'What Luck'

Safari Park (San Pasqual Valley): 'George's Favorite', 'Herbert S. Irwin', 'Jalisco Grace', 'Jalisco Joy', 'Judy Johnson', 'Sassy Sandra', 'Starlight'

Paula Reynolds (Point Loma): 'Bumpkin', 'Harald Knebel', 'Cynthia', 'Jalisco Queen'

Species Blooming

Here is a list of species blooming this month.

Barb Alvarez (Lemon Grove): *Epiphyllum pumilum*,

Cindy Decker (La Mesa): *Epiphyllum hookeri*,

Dean Delibertis (National City): *Epiphyllum hookeri*, *Epiphyllum oxypetalum*

Celine Dion (Concord): *Rhipsalis agudoensis*

Forrest Ehbrecht (San Diego): *Epiphyllum thomsonianum*

Barb Landon (Manhattan Beach): *Disocactus macranthus*

Ken Maculan (Escondido) *E. hookeri*,

Safari Park (San Pasqual Valley): *Disocactus anguliger*, *Epiphyllum hookeri* ssp. *Hookeri*, *E. pumilum*, *Rhipsalis teres* forma *capilliformis*

Paula Reynolds (Point Loma): *Epiphyllum hookeri*

Linda Sinkovic (Santa Cruz): *Disocactus anguliger*, *Lepismium cruciform* Domingo Martins, *Rhipsalis pilocarpa*

Ron & Velma Crain (Chula Vista): *Selenicereous undatus*, *Epiphyllum thomsonianum*

Epi News Submissions

News of interest to our 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 the 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 editor 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.

SDES Officers for 2022

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Director 2022-23	Tim Paule
Director 2021-22	Paula Reynolds
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Resources

As a benefit to our members here is a list of epi resources available to you. If you are aware of any additional resources that you feel would benefit our members and you would like to have included, please contact the editor.

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 and Other Societies:

Cactus & Succulent Society of America

<https://cactusandsucculentsociety.org/>

SDES is an affiliate member and our members are welcome at their meetings and webinars. See their website for more information.

Epiphyllum Society of America

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

San Diego Botanical Garden Society

<http://www.sdbgf.org/>

San Diego Bromeliad Society

2nd Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

<http://www.sandiegobromeliadsociety.org/>

San Diego Turtle and Tortoise Society

Meets on Zoom every 2nd Friday

<https://www.sdturtle.org/>

San Francisco Epiphyllum Society

1st Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

<http://www.sfepi.org/>

South Bay Epiphyllum Society

2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/511560205668403>

What's in a Name? A Beautiful Flower of Course!

By Jerry Moreau, Volunteer Curator/Coordinator Epiphyllum Collection & Display



'Thirty Snowflakes'

Photo: Rudolph Hessing

I'd like to wish everyone a 'Merry Christmas' and a 'Happy Holiday'. I thought it would be fun to take a look at all the epies named for this time of year. Some of them haven't been seen in years; I hope by putting the names into this article you will learn about them. And if you are growing them, please pass cuttings along to other members.

For many, the 'December' 'Holiday' season is a wonderful and 'Jubilant' time of year. However, for it to actually be a 'Wonderful One' we will have to be a bit busier than usual. In order to make everything ready to celebrate with friends and family, we will have to become a 'Christmas Elf' or a 'Christmas Angel'. We'll go shopping to find that 'Something Special', that 'Perfect Gift' for 'My Little Friend' or our 'Beloved'. We splurge on that 'Special One', giving them a 'Generous Gift'. We take special care with the packages and wrap them beautifully. Some will have 'Red Ribbons', some will have 'Satin Ribbons', and some will have

'Ribbons & Ruffles'. The big elf himself, 'Santa Claus', is even busier than we are as he gets ready for his trip around the world on Christmas Eve to bring 'Joy' to all children of every age. The 'Star Bright' or 'Silver Star' will guide Santa along his journey throughout the night. Some may call it the 'Star Of Bethlehem', the 'Star Of The East', or even the 'Star Of Wonder'.

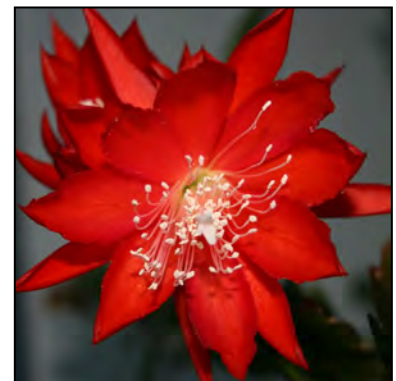
We will decorate our homes with 'Holly' and 'Xmas Bells'. The tree is decorated with 'Tinsel' and 'Peppermint Stick' candy canes. Some people might even have a 'Pink Christmas' tree. There will be lots of 'Christmas Red' lights which 'Twinkle' everywhere. Carolers may come by singing some favorite carols like 'Jingle Bells', 'Ava Maria', 'Silver Bells', and 'Silent Night'.

After we have enjoyed a delicious meal some of us will have the tradition of sharing a 'Kiwi Christmas Cracker' and if we are lucky enough we might go into town and enjoy a 'Kiwi Christmas Parade'. Don't forget to give your loved ones a 'Christmas Kiss'.

Most of us here in Southern California won't have to worry about snow too much but some will enjoy a 'Snowflake' or two this time of year, or even 'Thirty Snowflakes' up in the mountains. If you get lucky enough you might even be able to make a 'Snowball'. I do hope you don't have to deal with a 'Snow Storm' on Christmas. However, a 'Snowbank' might be fun for kids to play in.

At the end of the year we will wish each other a 'Happy New Year' and sing 'Auld Lang Syne' at 'Midnight' to bid farewell to the past year, to remember the good old times, and to share a cup of kindness between us.

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Above Left: 'Peppermint Stick', Center: 'Christmas Elf', Right: 'Happy New Year'. Photo: Jerry Moreau

What's in a Name? A Beautiful Flower of Course! (Continued)



'December'
Photo: Grey Davis



'Auld Lang Syne'
Photo: Jerry Moreau



'Star Of The East'
Photo: Jerry Moreau



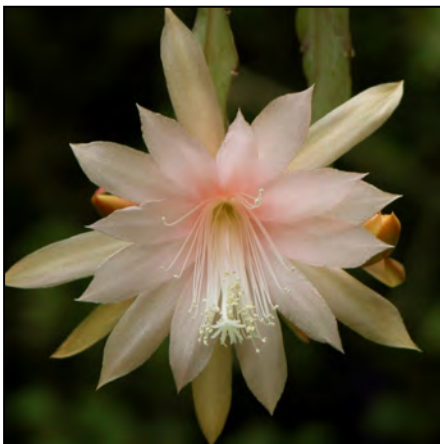
'Pink Tinsel'
Photo: Jerry Moreau



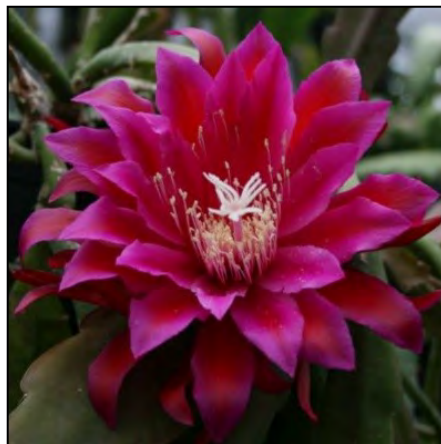
'Snowflake' CP
Photo: SDES Archives



'Snow Storm'
Photo: Jerry Moreau



'Holly'
Photo: Rudolph Hessing



'Kiwi Christmas Cracker'
Photo: Jerry Moreau



'Kiwi Christmas Parade'
Photo: SDES Archives

We Leave You With: What's in a Name? A Beautiful Flower of Course!



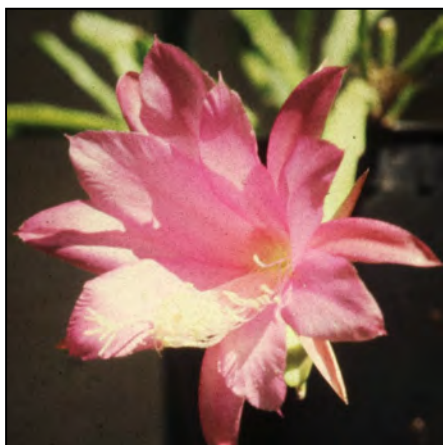
'Ribbons and Ruffles'
Photo: Jerry Moreau



'Satin Ribbons'
Photo: Chuck Everson



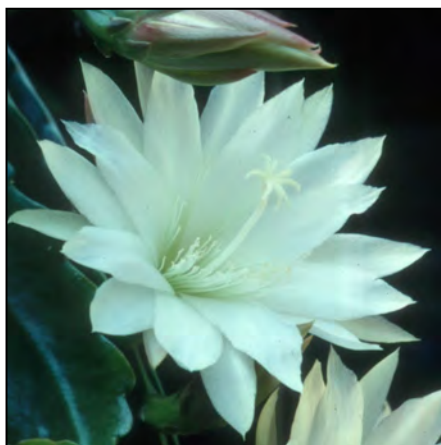
'Snowbank'
Photo: SDES Archives



'Special One'
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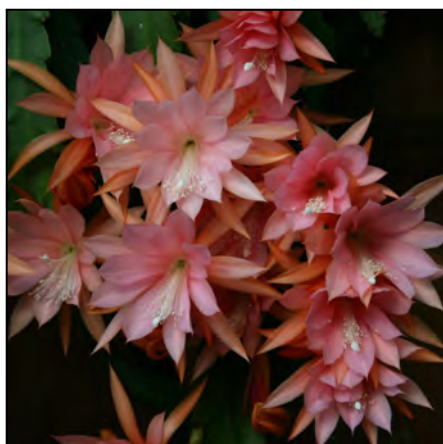
'My Little Friend'
Photo: SDES Archives



'Snowflake' ST
Photo: Chuck Everson



'Perfect Gift'
Photo: Roger Chapin



'Something Special'
Photo: Jerry Moreau



'Christmas Kiss'
Photo: Roger Chapin