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**Bob and Lois Burks Trophy for Best Extra-Large Hybrid—
Mother's Day 2023**

'Zeus'

Parentage: 'Black Light' x 'Tele'

Size: Extra-Large

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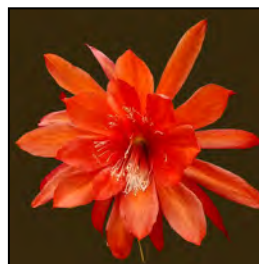
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Calendar of Events

July	1	Safari Park Work Party ¹
	12	General Meeting
	15	Safari Park Work Party
	26	Board Meeting
	29	Safari Park Work Party
August	9	General Meeting
	12	Safari Park Work Party
	23	Board Meeting
	26	Safari Park Work Party
September	9	Safari Park Work Party
	13	General Meeting
	23	Safari Park Work Party
	27	Board Meeting
May	2024	EpiCon 2024, Saturday, May 25 th

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.



**On the Cover:
Mother’s Day
2023**

Photo: JK Hendershot
Carmela Griswold’s bloom entry of ‘Zeus’ was awarded the *Bob and Lois Burks Trophy for Best Extra-Large Hybrid*. This was the first year the trophy was presented to recognize the Burkses’ contribution to our society. Congratulations to Carmela, and all of our winners in this year’s show.

President's Corner — *From President David Cheever*



July is here and we're halfway through the year already. It has quieted down some after the busy month of May. We are almost done with our blooms from all of our "Big" and "Spectacular" flowers, after the late blooming season.

I hope you all enjoyed Teresa O'Donnell, President, of the [San Diego Turtle & Tortoise Society](#) present about their society. We also presented the awards from our Mother's Day Show with the theme "Circus Memories and Epies." We presented a certificate in recognition of Ron Crain's retirement—thanking Ron for sharing his knowledge for almost 15 years of Epi Workshops at our society's meetings.

I want to thank Jeff Hendershot and Forrest Ehbrecht for their June Epi Workshop presentation of rooting epiphyllums in water. If any of you would like to volunteer to present at a pre-meeting Epi Workshop, please let us know the date you are available and the topic. Also, a special thank you to Mildred Mikas and the all the hosts of our Epi Garden Caravan. It was a great event and be sure to check out the wonderful photos in this issue—along with Leonora Rodriguez's recap article.

For our July meeting, Beth Jackson will be giving a presentation by Linda Sinkovic on the Rhipsalis species of plants. Now is also the time to start feeding your plants with a growth fertilizer to get them growing for next year's Mother's Day Sale and for EpiCon 2024. If any of you have the room to grow and care for some cuttings for our society this year for next year's sales, please contact Dean DeLibertis. Also, if you would like to become more involved in the society, please see me or any of our board members. See you at the meetings. David Cheever, President

David

Meeting Program

Pre-Meeting Workshop: This month's workshop Dave Sohn will be presenting on knife and pruner sharpening. Held in Casa Del Prado Room 104 at 7:00 p.m.

June Program: Our monthly meeting was held in person and via Zoom on Wednesday, June 14th. For our program last month, Teresa O'Donnell from the San Diego Turtle & Tortoise Society gave a presentation about their organization, and brought in some of their hard-shelled friends to show off.

July Program: Our July monthly meeting will be held in person and via Zoom on Wednesday, July 12th. Beth Jackson will be giving a presentation by Linda Sinkovic on the Rhipsalis species. 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. for socializing, and the online meeting will join the live meeting at 7:30 p.m.



Left: Ron Crain receives recognition for his nearly 15 years of service conducting pre-meeting workshops.

Photo: Forrest Ehbrecht

Right: Dean DeLibertis receives recognition as the recipient of the Roger Chapin Volunteer of the Year Award for 2022.

Photo: JK Hendershot



We Are Keeping in Touch

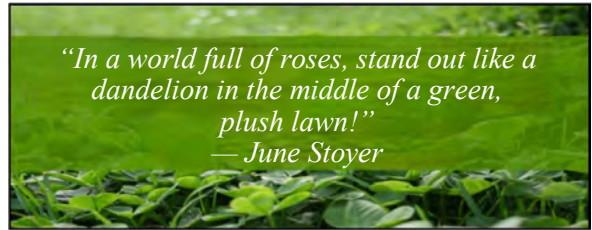
Our members are the most important part of our society. Together we create more beauty to enjoy.

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!

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'Peg 'N' Perry', Mother's Day Show
Photo: Don Crain

New Members

Gladys Howton, Oceanside, CA
Gilbert Ibarra, National City, CA
Diane Lott, San Diego, CA
Leah Manfre, Gardena, CA
Sara Sica, Escondido, CA
Joy Walsh, El Cajon, Ca
Frederick and Lawrie Worsch, Encinitas, CA



'Becky Obayashi', Mother's Day Show
Photo: Don Crain

We Need Your Help

If you have epies—cuttings or plants—succulents, interesting garden items, or other plants you would like to donate to stock and increase the variety of items on our raffle table, we need your help. To make a donation or to obtain more information on how you can help, please contact director, and raffle table coordinator, Paula Reynolds via email at paularey@aol.com with your ideas and questions.

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 upkeep the display because we are passionate about it. All donations are always welcome and greatly appreciated. Consider putting SDES and the epiphyllum collection in your will or trust.

Now Is the Time—Seasonal Checklist

- ✓ **Mist plants.** With the hot summer weather, occasional misting or spraying is beneficial. Do not allow soil to completely dry out. Smaller pots need watering more often than larger ones. Also, clay pots will need watering more often than plastic ones. The best time to water is in the early morning or evening; do not water during the hottest part of the day.
- ✓ **Fertilize those plants that have completed their blooming cycle.** Use slow release nitrogen fertilizer such as 5-10-10. Be sure that you do not overfeed them. Note that too much fertilizer can burn the roots.
- ✓ **Remove spent blooms and unwanted apples.** Cut off the old blooms about ¼ inch above areola to prevent damage to areola.
- ✓ **Transplant those plants that are outgrowing their pots to larger containers.** For example, transplant 4 inch potted plants into one gallon containers, and the one gallon pots into two gallon containers. Mature plants that have been in large containers for a few years can benefit from ‘potting on’, when the plant is removed from the container, and fresh potting mix and the plant are put back into the same container. Be sure you do not water for a week after repotting the plant.
- ✓ **Plant new cuttings.** Typically, the smaller the pot—the better. If you are using pots that have been previously used, you may want to make sure they have been cleaned and washed—and are free from any contaminant or debris prior to reusing.
- ✓ **Protect epies from summer sun with shade cloth, lath houses or under the shade of trees.** We all wear sunscreen in the summer—your epies need protection too. Don’t let them get overexposed to the sun’s harmful rays.
- ✓ **Ensure air circulation around epies.** Do not crowd them too closely together, Also, be aware that strong, dry Santa Ana winds can be harmful and plants will need wind protection, as well as more humidity.
- ✓ **If you want to try grafting,** now is a good time. Use established but viable newer cuttings and be sure the cambium layers are matched for optimum growth. Also make sure your cactus pad is well rooted. According to Lois Burks, former co-owner of California Epi Center, plants with red flowers tend to take better to grafting.
- ✓ **Plants that have grown long branches should be in hanging baskets or trellised.** The branches will be healthier if they’re not laying on the ground or a shelf.



*‘My Guardian Angel’ x
‘Shimmer’*

Photo: James Nones



*Left: ‘Magi’s Gold’, NONES
2014*

*Right: ‘Strawberry Delight’ x
Unknown, NONES*

Photos: James Nones



Get Your Facts First Article and photos by Linda Sinkovic

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



Delicate yellow buds formed on the *Hattoria salicornioides*.

Editor’s Note: This article was first published in the July 2017 issue of Epi News Volume 42, Number 7.

*Hattoria salicornioides*¹ is a species with interesting stems and interesting history. Although, maybe ‘convoluted history’ is a better way to put it, at least when trying to track down how it got its present name. Even though many of the epiphytic cactus also have crazy name changes, the number of name changes visited upon poor *Hattoria salicornioides* is pretty impressive.

H. salicornioides was first described by Adrian Hardy Haworth² in 1819, although he called it *Rhipsalis salicornioides*. In 1834, it was renamed *Hattoria salicornioides*³ by Augustus P. de Candolle⁴ as the only species in that genus. Unfortunately, Michel Adanson⁵ had already used that name to describe *Rhipsalis baccifera*⁶ in 1753. The end result was *Hattoria* was no longer a valid genus,⁷ and

so *Hattoria salicornioides* once again became *Rhipsalis salicornioides*.

Jump forward in time to 1923: Nathaniel L. Britton and Joseph N. Rose have completed *The Cactaceae*, a four volume work describing all the cacti known at the time. However, *Rhipsalis salicornioides* has been moved into a newly created genus *Hattoria* and is listed as *Hattoria salicornioides*.⁸ No, this is not a misspelling; this new genus name is an anagram of the old genus name *Hattoria*.⁹

More recent publications, such as Barthlott & Taylor’s work in *Bradleya* #13 and *The New Cactus Lexicon*, use *Hattoria salicornioides* as the accepted name for this plant. DNA testing by Nadja Korotova and others in 2011, has confirmed *Hattoria* to be a separate genus from (yet still related to) *Rhipsalis*.

Now that I’ve finished with the history lesson, I can talk about the actual plant. A native of eastern Brazil, *Hattoria salicornioides* has stems shaped like little green bottles¹⁰ and small bright yellow flowers. It typically blooms in the winter. It grows in similar conditions to *Epicactus* hybrids; don’t let it dry out (but don’t overwater). In my San Diego yard it appreciated a bit more shade and humidity; in Santa Cruz I keep it in a covered area.

After all this history—or possibly, in spite of all this history—please do consider adding *Hattoria salicornioides* to your plant collection. It’s a very nice plant.

Notes:

¹ “What does ‘*salicornioides*’ even mean?” I can hear you ask. It means “resembling *Salicornia*”—I know, not that helpful. However, if you know that *Salicornia* a genus of plants that grow in salt marshes) means “Salt Horn” (sal + cornu) that might make a bit more sense considering the shape of the stems. Or maybe not. Pickleweed, which grows on the edges of San Francisco Bay—and other places in California—is a member of the *Salicornia* genus.

² Yup this is the same dude that the genus *Haworthia* is named after. He was an entomologist as well as a botanist—he described 22 genera of moths—although his specialty actually was shrimp. Many of the names he used in describing shrimp are still used today.

³ Named after the English astronomer/mathematician/natural historian Thomas Harriot. (And no, it’s not a misspelling of *Hattoria*.)

⁴ Mr. A.P. de Candolle was a Swiss botanist. He came up with the idea of “Nature’s War” which was an influence on Charles Darwin.

⁵ Michel Adanson, a French botanist and naturalist, has the Baobab tree genus named after him (*Adansonia*).

⁶ At that time called *Cassytha baccifera*. Are you taking notes yet? Or possibly drawing a diagram?

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Get Your Facts First (Continued)



Photos of *Hatiora salicornioides* along with an example of the plant's foliage. Photos: Jerry Moreau.

- ⁷ I'm not familiar with the rules of nomenclature and so can't tell you what exactly went wrong, but possibly it was because Adanson already had "dibs" on the name *Hariota* (because he had used it in 1753) so de Candolle could not re-use it for something different. Whatever the reason, *Hariota* was flushed. Also, think about how hard it is to keep having to spell '*Hariota*' and '*Hatiora*' correctly and not mix them up.
- ⁸ As to why they moved this species out of *Rhipsalis* and into *Hatiora*, the reasons have to do with shape of the stems and flower colors.
- ⁹ Because '*Hariota*' could no longer be used. Also, this new name is based upon de Candolle's work, not Adanson's. This is made very clear in the *Hatiora* entry in Britton & Rose, volume IV.
- ¹⁰ One of its common names is "Drunkard's Dream". Another is "Dancing Bones Cactus".

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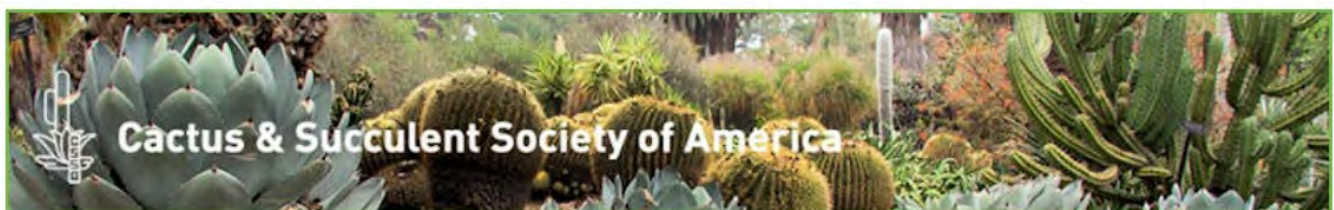
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The Colorado Cactus and Succulent Society invites you to join them at the CSSA's 39th Biennial Convention held in beautiful downtown Colorado Springs, Colorado. The convention will be held from July 12 to July 16, 2023, and to learn more about the event please click on the hyperlink [here](#).

Summer Events Around San Diego County

Balboa Park Architectural Heritage Guided Walking Tour

When: The first Friday of each month.

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Where: Tours begin at the House of Hospitality Visitor's Center, 1549 El Prado, Balboa Park, San Diego, CA.

What: The Committee of One Hundred invites you to learn about the many wonderful structures built for the 1915 Panama-California Exposition that was held in Balboa Park.

Fee: No fee.

For more info, call 619-795-9362 or go to www.c100.org

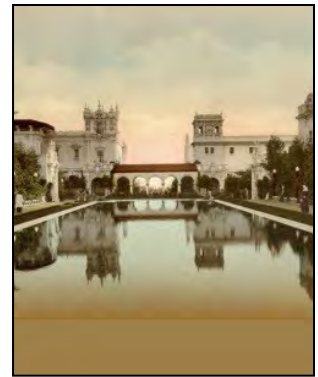


Photo: www.c100.org

San Diego Botanic Garden Tour

“To inspire people of all ages to connect with plants and nature.” We’d like to welcome you to our 37-acre urban oasis—with 4 miles of meandering trails and ocean views, 5,300 plant species and varieties, and 29 uniquely themed gardens that represent 15 different regions.

When: Every Saturday

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Where: 300 Quail Gardens Drive, Encinitas, CA.

What: A docent guided general tour is offered every Saturday, meet at the Visitor's Center/Gift Shop. No reservations required. Free with paid admission.

Fee: Adult - \$18, Military, Senior & Student - \$12, Youth (3-17) - \$10, Child (under 3) - Free
Reservations are strongly recommended. Go to www.sdbg.org

The San Diego Museum of Art Free Admission Third Tuesday

The original inspiration for a permanent public art gallery in San Diego can be traced to the Panama-California International Exposition, held in Balboa Park. Come and see what treasures await you today!

When: July 18, or the third Tuesday of each month.

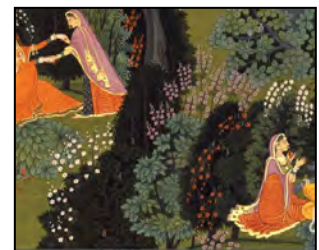
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Where: The San Diego Museum of Art, 1450 El Prado, Balboa Park, San Diego, CA.

What: Free admission for San Diego County residents (with ID)

Fee: No fee

For more information, please visit www.sdmart.org



Arts of South and
Southeast Asia

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A Note from Honorary Life Member Lois Burks

Lois Burks would like to thank the San Diego Epiphyllum Society for the honor it bestowed upon her and her late husband Bob, in the creation of the *Bob and Lois Burks Trophy for the Best Extra-Large Hybrid*.

The first recipient of the award was Carmela Griswold, with her entry of ‘Zeus’, which was hybridized by Richard Latimer, Sr. and registered by Galen Pittman in 2005. The flower was truly a beauty—especially for those who had the opportunity to see it in person,

Lois would also like to let Carmela know what a delight it was to see such an absolutely gorgeous flower win the Bob and Lois Burks Award. She sends her congratulations along with a message to continue to produce such winners.

Recognition Awards Presented at June Meeting

On June 14th, awards were presented by Patricia Neal and David Cheever to the winners of our 2023 Mother's Day Show. Show categories and winners were listed in last month's issues of Epi News. Pictured below left to right row one: Mildred Mikas, Paula Reynolds, and Jerry Moreau. Row two: Dean DeLibertis, Sandra Chapin, and Carmela Griswold. Row three: Janice Wakefield, Cindy Decker, and Ron and Velma Crain.

In addition to the show awards, Cindy Decker, Ron and Velma Crain were recognized for their contribution to the society over the years. Ron Crain received recognition for leading our pre-meeting workshops for the last fourteen years and Dean Delibertis received the honor of the 2022 Roger Chapin Volunteer of the Year Award. Photos of Ron and Dean receiving their awards can be found on page three.



Photos: JK Hendershot

Epi Photo Caravan Held on Saturday, June 3rd

By Leonora Rodriguez and Photos by JK Hendershot



Leonora reviews the Epi Photo Caravan

Linda and Keith Bennett

As we arrived at our first stop, we got out of the car and we were greeted with neatly lined Plumerias, and several large Staghorn ferns—one of which was on a swing! Linda and Keith had a beautiful bed of California and Oriental poppies by their deck—where they served coffee,

juice and a delicious pastries from Hans & Harry's. Next to the deck, was a huge Pepper tree under which they were married a "few" years ago! Many of their smaller epi plants, and 4" pots were on tables around the Pepper tree.

On the other side of their home, they had several Pitahayas attached to individual trellises that Keith built for them. Their larger main epiphyllum collection was on the south side of their home, under a covered patio. The sides of the patio were covered with lattice, and this seemed to produce an ideal environment for their plants—all had beautiful foliage and many were in bloom including an unknown favorite that Linda calls 'Kemo'.

Ken Maculan

Next, we arrived at Ken's home, and his front yard had a nice Palo Verde and many beautiful succulents. The entry was facing east, and there was a step down to a secluded courtyard that was the entry to his home. The courtyard was filled with succulents and many hanging epies, and a blooming Zeus was a beautiful attraction here.

As we proceeded to the back yard, looking west there is an incredible panoramic view that takes your breath away! All three side yard areas—the north, west, and south were beautifully landscaped with Irises, succulents, drought resistant plants, and another Palo Verde on a corner. Most of Ken's epies were on the west side of his home, with many on special shelves that he had built for them. Although Ken is beginning to build his collection, all of his plants looked very healthy, and seemed to have good air circulation and reacted very favorably to their west-facing position.

Mildred and Gerry Mikas

Next stop, Mildred's—and my first thought was

how amazing! Her backyard had epies everywhere and most were hanging in neatly labeled pots or on shelves on the north facing side of her home. Mildred has the most incredible collection that I'd ever seen. Many of her epies were in bloom, and I saw shapes, sizes and colors that I'd not seen before. And then—just when you had thought you'd seen it all—there was the epi shade house at the bottom of the hill.

I didn't have my tape measure, but I am guessing the shade house was at least 10'x 80' ~~with dozens and dozens~~ scores of gorgeous blooming epies! It was just like going to the Epi Candy Store! Mildred is so organized—I am not quite sure how she does it—everything is labeled, numbered, inventories and cataloged. Mildred knows where each of her precious epi are located by row—and by top, bottom, or middle tier, and she can tell you the last time that particular epi bloomed. Everything was pristine, well manicured, and I almost forgot to mention the beautiful roses.

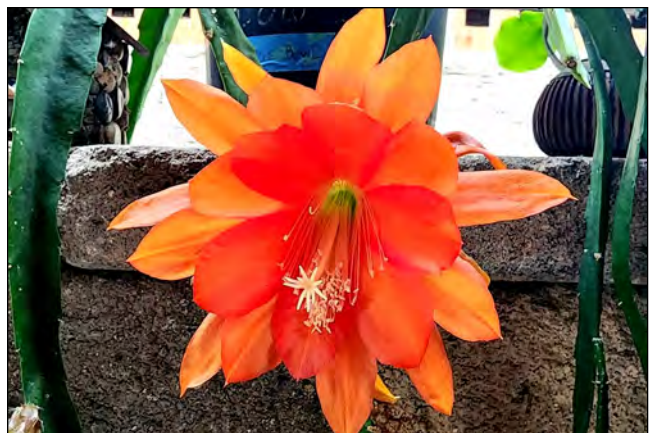
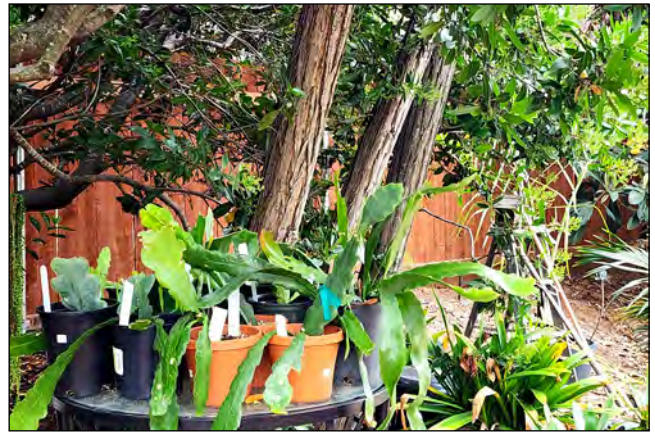
By this time, we were all beginning to get hungry and Mildred had arranged a lunch for the group at Chin's in Escondido. David thanked all of our garden hosts, and Mildred gave us all a "surprise"—she gifted us with some of her amazing hard-to-find cuttings!

Carmela and Steve Griswold

Carmela and Steve have done a great job landscaping and decorating the outdoor living area of their new home. As we entered through a side yard gate, we noticed the pavers that they've stenciled, and many succulents, along with a small tree that contained a nest with a morning dove. We walked on toward the back yard, which served as inviting eating area, and provided a wonderful view of the golf course that their home is situated on.

Carmela has carefully arranged and placed her beautiful epies around the side and back patios. Many were in bloom, and were located facing the north and west. The placement included plants that were hanging, on tables and shelves, and some were in pots that were elevated above the ground. The highlight was of course, the desserts that she baked, including the most delicious Tiramisu ever! Since it'd been her birthday, we got together in her kitchen to sing and toast her with a great cup of coffee! Thanks to all for the great experience!

Epi Photo Caravan Stop 1: Linda and Keith Bennett



Photos: JK Hendershot

Epi Photo Caravan Stop 2: Ken Maculan



Photos: JK Hendershot

Epi Photo Caravan Stop 3: Mildred and Gerry Mikas



Photos: JK Hendershot

Epi Photo Caravan Stop 4: Carmela Griswold



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¹ Complete listing appears in January and July issues.



Left: A beautiful basket of epies brought in by Patricia Neal for all to enjoy during our June meeting.

Right: Forrest Ehbrecht and Mildred Mikas visit with Teresa O'Donnell and her turtles from the San Diego Turtle & Tortoise Society.

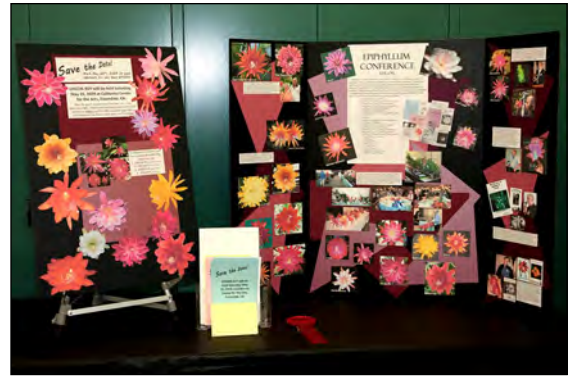
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More Mother's Day Show 2023 Photos *by Don Crain*



'It's-De-Lovely' on David Cheever's display



Patricia Neal's EpiCon Conference display



Janine Topell's mini display with circus books



Rhipsalis baccifera ssp. Horrida Beth Jackson



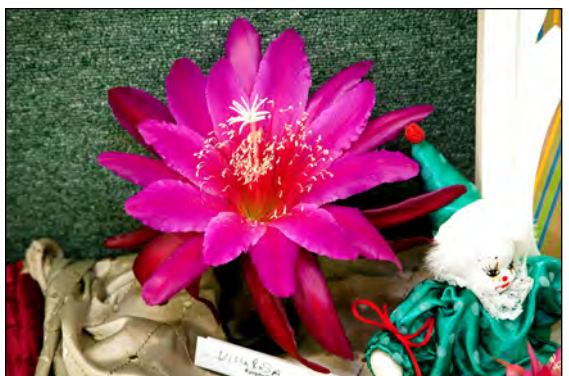
Epies in Jerry Moreau's Troxell II 1st Place



Mildred Mikas 3rd Place Schlaffer Award



'German Empress' Dean DeLibertis



'Villa Roma' on half table 3rd Place Mikas Award

Safari Park Epi Collection and Display *by Jerry Moreau*

The longer bloom season did indeed last into June. It was beautiful and we all enjoyed it. We did a lot of deadheading of the spent blooms, because we want the energy of the plant directed to go toward the plant growth and not producing a seed pod.



Now that the plants have put on such a great show it's time to fertilize them. During the blooming season we look at the blooms and check them to make sure that the flower matches the description in the registry. The flowers that bloom wrong are then removed from the collection. Each year we do find a few that don't bloom correctly and do not match the ESA registry description.

I'd like to welcome back to the Safari Park epi garden, society member Michal McKee. She took a hiatus and is now ready to join us again. It will be good to have her helping out again with the plants and the epi collection ([About Epiphyllum](#)).

I appreciate everyone who helps out at the park with the collection and display. It's worth repeating, we have something special going on at the park with our display and collection. The [Epiphyllum Trail](#) is such a wonderful place for all at the park to enjoy. I do want to thank everyone for all their effort and dedication. Thank you for all you do. It is greatly appreciated.

SDES members volunteering at the Safari Park this past month include: Barb Alvarez, Keith and Linda Bennett, Sandra Chapin, David Cheever, Ron and Velma Crain, Oliver Lapuebla, Cindy Decker, Marie Dempewolf, Dean DeLibertis, Jeff Hendershot, Jerry Moreau, Beth Jackson, Paula Reynolds, Tim Paule, Janice Wakefield, Ellen McCollum, Michal McKee, Dennis Hughes, Betsy and Jerry Markle, and Paul vander Ploeg.



Epi Photo Caravan attendees enjoy a late morning tour of members' gardens, epies, and other plant collections.

Photos: JK Hendershot



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.



Wish List and Monthly Refreshment Schedule

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 information 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:
forrestkehrbrecht@yahoo.com
 ‘London Desire’, ‘Forrest Fyre’ *MW*

Casey Gerdes: casey@yogawithcasey.com
 ‘Crystal Flash’, ‘Gladyce Jones’, ‘Glow Bug’, ‘Kiwi Contradiction’, ‘Monastery Gardens’, ‘Ron Crain’

Carmela Griswold:
calcolors@gmail.com ‘Clarity’s Happy Hippie’,

‘Kiwi Sweetheart’, ‘Bernhard Paetz’, Kiwi Razzle Dazzle’

Bridget Kleindienst:
Bkleindienst13@gmail.com
 ‘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’

Leonora Rodriguez: ‘Lenore Overture’, ‘Kinneloa’, ‘Spanish Flare’

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

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



Left: ‘Wings of Gold’, burnt orange with magenta edge—an older George French favorite.

Right: ‘Super Duper’, hybridized by Alice Buchanan and registered by Ethel Hearst in 1993—11 years after Alice’s passing.

Photos: Carmela Griswold



Monthly Refreshment Schedule

January C—G
 February H—L
 March M—Q
 April R—U
 May V—B
 June C—G

July **Society**
 August H—L
 September M—Q
 October R—U
 November V—B
 December Banquet

Epi News Submissions

News of interest to our SDES membership, and brief articles about our members, or our community are also 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 2023

President	David Cheever
1st Vice President	Open
2nd Vice President	Patricia Neal
Treasurer	Gerry Mikas
Recording Sec.	Carmela Griswold
Corresponding Sec.	Sal Castellitto
Membership Sec.	Beth Jackson
Immediate Past Pres.	Gretchen Ward
Director 2022-23	Gilbert Hatfield
Director 2022-23	Mildred Mikas
Director 2023-24	Linda Bennett
Director 2023-24	Paula Reynolds
Director 2023-24	Lauren Burnette

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 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/511560205_668403



We Leave You With This—*Mother's Day Show 2023*



'Ron Crain' DTO



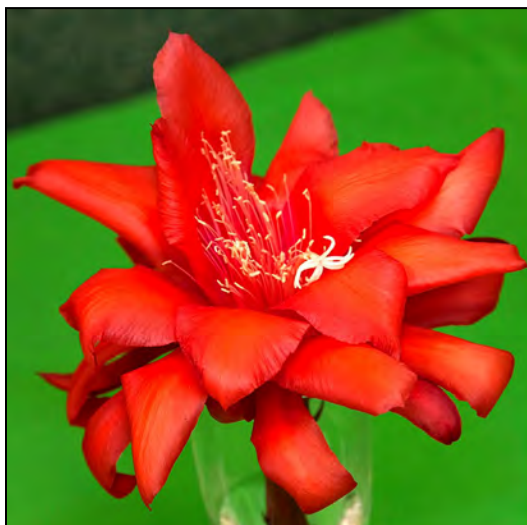
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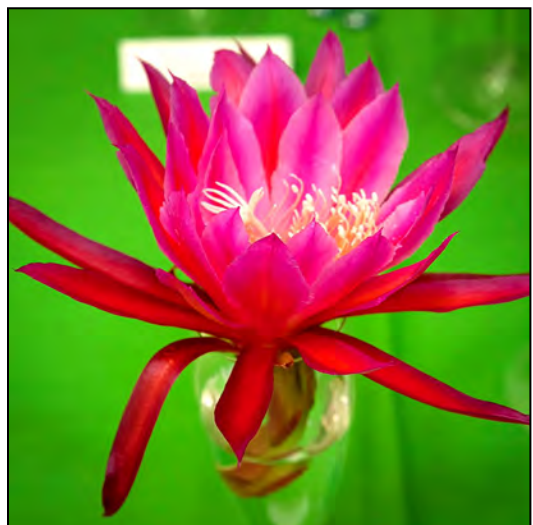
'Bamba' RWP



'Forever Young' NEUEN/WC



'Sunset' STL



'Surprise Party' WC (HST)