

Epis News

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WATCH FOR BUDS.....

Now is the time of the year to watch for buds on your Epiphyllum. They appear in the areoles along the edges of the branches. At first, they look like tiny pockets from which a slightly thickening line will show extending from the areole (or bud) back to the mid-rib of the branch. This side rib acts as a diversion channel (or vein) to supply the extra nourishment to the rapidly growing bud and later to help support the heavier weight of the flower and fruit.

As it grows compare it with other buds on other varieties. It may be long, slender, pointed or rather stubby and fat, with pointed head or maybe a ball-shaped head. The first portion attached to the branch (say a fourth or a third of the whole,) is called the ovary and if it becomes fertile, will develop into the fruit containing many seeds. This ovary may have some spines on it and often is ridged and has usually smaller scales than the center portion called the tube. The tube is, as the name implies, a tube which the pistil extends from the head of the flower to the ovary. Scales on the tube may be few or many, large or small, according to the variety.

The tops or head of the flower is botanically known as the limb, but let's just call it the flower head. It has outer sepals or cover leaves to take the more delicate inner petals.

Watch and study the full development of the bud for you will find it most interesting.

---Gertrude Beahm - 1959---
Submitted by Gene Lund

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

Gene Lund gives an informative talk on the "Introduction to Epis".

CULTURE CALENDAR

March - April

1. Let spring rains leech out salts that have accumulated in pots.
2. Keep plants in filtered sunlight to develop buds.
3. Check newly formed buds for flowering space. Pinch off some buds of young plants so that energy can go into new growth. Some bud drop is normal.
4. Do not move plants while buds are forming.
5. Check for pest--aphids, mealy bugs, scale. Spray with malathion as needed.
6. Put out snail bait. Keep from contact with plants.
(Thanks to Kelly's Epiphyllum Catalog)

NOTICE!!!!!!!!!!

Are you getting your cuttings ready for the upcoming show? Please get your cuttings to Fern LeBorde two weeks ahead of the show. If you have a transportation problem, give Fern a call at 469-3965 and she will make arrangements for a pick-up. This is how we financed our Christmas Party last year. The more cuttings we sell the better our chances of another Gala at Christmas Time.

CORRECTIONS TO ROOSTER

DANIEL, 811 Orange Grove
FICKAS, 295-4203
HARTFORD, 2635 2nd Ave. S.D. 92103, 236-9412
JACOB, 154 Lincoln Ave. Apt. #127
Woodland, Ca., 95695
MARSHALL, P.O. Box 749
FEDERSEN, 860 Turquoise #312, 92109, 270-7733
ROGERS, 6751 Burgundy St.
LA ROSE, 582-0900

NEXT MONTH'S PROGRAM

April will have no speaker but we will have a Mini-Show. If you have any blooms please bring them and share them.