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This is the REALLY BIG month for epi lovers in the San Diego area. And because we have so many things scheduled through the next thirty days, we've delayed this newsletter for April in order to make it a complete review of all that's going on beginning with ...

April 30 - May 1 -- The Mini-Show, SD Wild Animal Park
May 8 -- The SD Epiphyllum Society Show, Balboa Park
May 14 -- Bus Tour to Los Angeles
May 17 thru 28 -- Open Gardens

WILD ANIMAL PARK MINI-SHOW

Saturday/Sunday, April 30 - May 1

For the second year in a row, we will be treated to a spectacular showing of epis at the San Diego Wild Animal Park near Escondido, thanks to the efforts of Howard Jones who oversees the collection kept at the park and exhibited on this one occasion.

Because the collection was repotted just last year, the number of flowering plants will be limited. However, with the help of many of our members who will be bringing plants to be displayed as well as flowers already open, this will be a 2-day show no member will want to miss.

Admission is free for members who present their SDEpi Society membership card at the window at the far left of the main gate. If you kept your name tag after attending the last meeting of the Society, wear it. This is also good for admission.

Members bringing plants and/or flowers may take them to the back gate where they will be admitted and allowed to park in the employees' parking lot. There will be a guard at the gate from 7 a.m. to 12 noon, so show your membership card or name tag to get in. The park opens officially at 9 a.m. both Saturday and Sunday.

EPI SOCIETY OF AMERICA GARDEN TOUR
SUNDAY, MAY 15. FOR INFORMATION
PHONE GENE SCHMEDDING, 421-0693

SD EPI SOCIETY SHOW, BALBOA PARK

Sunday, May 8 - 11 a.m.

This is it - the show that makes epi lovers out of countless San Diegans who attend this annual event-of-events in the world of floriculture.

There will be 23 tables set up with mind-boggling displays of flowers and plants. And we'll have the Society's poster exhibit which explains what epis are all about. Avid hobbyists and commercial growers are working together to make this year's show even more outstanding than our smash hit of a year ago.

Theme of the show is "Down Mexico Way." Lest you've forgotten, we had a contest awhile back for a theme and this was Betty Jones' winning contribution. So help us to carry out the Mexican motif of our displays. Wear a serape!

Cutting table. Many members have pledged quantities of cuttings but we're going to need more. Our goal is 2000 cuttings. All should be marked with their correct names. These will be arranged by varieties to facilitate locating a favorite or one that caught your eye at an exhibitor's table. Fern La Borde is in charge of assembling all the cuttings and asks that you get them to her at her home (6756 Vigo Dr., La Mesa) as soon as possible before the day of the show. Remember, the money raised from the sale of cuttings goes into our treasury and will help to assure another great Christmas party.

Exhibitors: We're going to set up the tables for the show on Saturday, May 7 starting at 3 p.m. We'll have as long as we need to do this but, hopefully, we'll be through by 6 p.m. Plants can be brought in Saturday but flowers should be brought in Sunday morning as early as possible. Remember, the public comes in at 11 a.m.! Special cards for identifying flowers and plants have been printed up and will be provided to all who are exhibiting.

BUS TOUR TO LOS ANGELES
Saturday, May 14 - 8 a.m.

If you enjoy seeing how the "professionals" do it, the annual tour of nurseries is the opportunity you've been waiting for. This year, our first stop will be at the Hawks Epi-phyllum Nursery in Vista. This is the Hawks second year in San Diego County after many successful years in El Monte. In Los Angeles, we'll be visiting the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Wright who are not professional growers but whose garden is the envy of all members who have had the pleasure of seeing it.

After a lunch break,, we'll be stopping at the Hurst's Redwood Nursery in Rosemead. Until you've seen their beautiful display of epis -- well, you haven't seen anything! Our last stop will be at the home of Robert and Alice Buchanan who are professionals (California Epi Center). This is the Buchanan's private collection we'll be seeing and it should be something else!

Cost of the tour is \$6.50 each (not including lunch). We'll leave from behind the organ pavilion in Balboa Park at 8 a.m. but everyone is asked to assemble at 7:30 a.m. to avoid any delays in getting started. You must have a reservation and have your ticket before the day of the tour. For tickets and information about the tour, phone Connie Azhocar, 477-6597.

Item. Earlier this year, Nat Ogdon was unanimously voted by the membership to be a Director on the Board, replacing the late Richard Hartford.

OPEN GARDENS
May 17 thru 28

Many of our members through the years have graciously opened their gardens and shade houses during the spring to the delight of all who enjoy seeing how other collectors of epis indulge in this wonderful hobby. This year is no exception.

May 17 - PACIFIC BEACH. Gladys Harper is holding a "pot luck" luncheon on this date. She and several other enthusiasts began this even before the Society in San Diego was founded. All members are invited. 1110 Sapphire St. From the I 5 freeway, take Garnet to Mission Blvd. and north about a mile to Sapphire.

May 21 - LA MESA. Five stalwarts of the Society are holding open garden and all are within "shouting distance" of each other. They include your president, Gene Lund (5666 Aztec Dr.); Rick Latimer (5990 Lake Murray Blvd.); Ray Arnold (5984 Lake Murray Blvd.); Frank and Carol Granatowski (4294 Avon Dr.); and Fern and Dave La Borde (6756 Vigo Dr.). To reach the Lunds, take the I 8 freeway to the Lake Murray Blvd. turnoff and go east 1½ miles to Aztec. Gene will have maps to help you find the other stops.

May 22 - POINT LOMA/ESCONDIDO. George and Madeline French are sharing this date with Howard and Betty Jones. To reach the Frenches (3624 Voltaire) exit I 5 at Rosecrans, turn north on Lytton to Chatsworth, then west on Voltaire. The Jones (1524 S. Citrus) are on the east side of Escondido. Take the Valley Parkway east from U.S. 395 to Citrus and go north 1 mile.

May 28 - LA MESA/CHULA VISTA. For those who don't make the May 22 open garden at the Lunds, you have a second chance on this date. Also scheduled for open gardens are Nat and Dorothy Ogdon (5739 San Miguel Rd., Bonita) and Samuel Markey (189 Bethune Way). The Ogdons are reached via the South Bay freeway (State Highway 54) to Sweetwater Rd. (Sl7), then south to Bonita Road which crosses San Miguel. The Markeys are near Otay just off of Pal-

omar Ave. which is reached via the I 5 freeway.

Since our tour of nurseries and our open garden visits are just about here, this might be a good time to recall the code of ethics which Cactus Pete suggested years ago.

The following rules are based on courtesy and common sense. They have been adopted by many horticultural societies and we commend them to our members.

"1. Whenever possible, make an appointment in advance with your host to visit his garden at his convenience. Then keep your appointment promptly. 2. Do not bring small children. 3. Do not bring dogs or other pets. 4. Do not carry a large bag or wear a flowing coat or anything that might injure the plants by hitting them. 5. Do not step off paths and into beds unless invited to do so. 6. Do not touch flowers or plants unless invited to do so.

"There are other things that may be considered, too: Do not ask for cuttings or plants; the host may not wish to refuse you, yet he may not welcome other visitors if he thinks all are beggars. Instead, you may admire something and perhaps the host will offer a gift. Most gardeners like to share their plants, especially with someone who appreciates them. Find out if the host has other engagements so not to prolong your visit to his discomfort. Do not tell your host you have a plant like the one he is showing you proudly, nor tell him about a friend of yours who has one, nor a story about the plant. Remember that your visit is to see his garden and not to tell him about yours.

"Don't forget that most gardens are not designed to accomodate ladies high heel shoes.

"And if you want to appear more interested instead of just curious, bring along a note pad and pencil. He may not know how to spell the

names any better than you do, but you may get enough information to joggle your memory after you have gone."

CULTURE CALENDAR

May-June

1. Enjoy the blooming season.
2. Remove wilted blooms by cutting about 3/4 inch from stem -- that is, unless you want seed.
3. Prune plants to shape by taking cuttings after flowering.
4. Take care in watering. The plant should never be allowed to dry out or become soggy.
5. Renew snail bait and watch for pests.
6. Reward your plants after blooming season with a balanced food (7-7-7).
(Thanks to Kelly's Epiphyllum Catalog)

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