

Epi News

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This issue of the Epi News is being dedicated to the memory of Ray Arnold, a most loved and respected member of the San Diego Epiphyllum Society who passed away on March 20th. His pleasant disposition and warm, friendly smile will be missed by all of us. We wish to express our heartfelt sympathy to his wife Florence, and family.

May is coming up on us in a flurry, and considering the excitement and interest I've witnessed at the last two meetings, this May will be a memorable one. This is the month that the Society is all about, please do get involved in some way, however small, it does wonders for the spirit.

We have a month packed full of terrific shows and tours, I hope I haven't left anything important out. Since the May issue of the Epi News will be practically on top of the Annual Show, we've tried to include all the May activities in this issue.

...Pat Stebbins

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

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Greenwich, New York 12834

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San Diego, CA 92111

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114 Guava
Chula Vista, CA 92010

Samuel & Millie Moore 440-1695
1366 Wagner Dr.
El Cajon, CA 92020

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San Ysidro, CA 92073

MARCH MEETING

...Gene Schmedding

Golly Gee!! If any members missed our March meeting, too bad for them. It was strictly funsville. Several of our members brought decorated cakes and cookies in the St. Patrick's Day theme, decorated by them I'll have you know. As time goes on, more and more talented people are surfacing in our Society.

Our program was really "something special". The several "workshop" tables around the edge of the room drew crowds at each one. Members learned many things that night. The demonstrations of potting, grafting, young seedlings, how to decorate a show table, corsage making using Epis, and photography, all go to prove that there is a lot of fun in raising Epis.

We had the largest group at our meeting yet. Over two-hundred members and guests. Several of the members of the Los Angeles Society also attended. We always enjoy seeing our friends from out of town. It is too bad that we can't get together more often. I hope someone will invent a "mile shrinker" and a "gas stretcher" then maybe we can visit oftener.

Five of us went up to the Los Angeles group's meeting in March; Peg and Paul Minardi, Gwen and Roland Johnston and I all went together. Of course we had to take a little side tour of a couple of Epi nurseries (a true Epi-holic can't pass up an opportunity to snoop around a nursery when

he is within smelling distance). We went to Hursts and Beahms. We didn't think we needed anything, but you all know how that goes. There is always a plant or two that you just can't live without, so we came home with the trunk of the car loaded.

We had a lovely time at the L.A. meeting. Everyone was so friendly, even the strangers weren't strangers. Mr. Cocke was their speaker. He brought some blooms of his latest crosses. None of them registered yet. All of them were mini-blooms. I can't wait until they are on the market so I can get my grubby little paws on some of them, they are so pretty.

APRIL MEETING

...Frank Granatowski

Our guest speaker for April will be Wressy C. "Bill" Cocke, one of the real "Biggies" in modern day Epiphyllum hybridization. Besides being the premier hybridizer, he is an accomplished photographer and an outstanding speaker. His knowledge of Epiphyllums leaves little to be desired. Mr. Cocke's hybrids are much sought after by members of our society. Among some of his more popular hybrids are: LEMON CUSTARD, MARGE COCKE, DELICATE JEWELS, FRANCES C., ORGANGE BOUQUET, SHINTO, WEDDING BELLS, BACARETT, BISCO, BOS'N HARTFORD, BRIDAL SHOWER, CANDELABRA, to name a few.

APRIL REFRESHMENTS

...Penny Bunker

"Faith and begorry!" - didn't we have gorgeous goodies for March? Those of you that missed the meeting lost out seeing some beautiful cakes and cookies. Joan Noeggerath and Carol Stafford brought St. Partick cakes that rivaled any commercial professional ones. Joan's leprechaun lounging against a chocolate log (it was a pillow of cake too) playing with the gold nuggets and Carol's huge Shamrock with golden roses were truly works of art and SO delicious.

Greg Balvin brought a rare poppy seed bundt cake that was decorated with shamrocks; someone asked me if it came from a European as it was so traditional.

April is really the "Song of Spring" month and our goodies will come from:

Juanita Ayala
Helen Barkdoll
Madeline Dacey
Amelia Foster
Peg Minardi
Rose Miyaji
Madelon Montunas
Jerry Plaisted
Betty Ridge
Kathy Van Arum

Thanks to all for volunteering to bring our refreshments, and those who aid me so happily. It is a joy to work with my assistants Susie Ellis, Sako Hook, and Shirley Rogers. Also, a special thanks to Myrtle Bates who contributes fresh lemons and limes to add to the punch. Epi people are something "special".

WILD ANIMAL PARK SHOW, May 2, 3

We still have plenty of spots available for members to participate at the W.A.P. We need at least 10 more people for all day, or a couple of hours, whatever you can do. All you need to bring is a warm bod, a big smile and all the blooms you have and be prepared to talk. Just wear your Epi nametag to get in, and enjoy! Please see or call W.A.P. Chairperson, Nate Ogden for more details, 479-0425.

ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY SHOW, May 10

It is not too late to sign up for a display table, or part of one, at our annual show on May 10, please contact Dorothy Breining, Show Chairperson, 427-9306 for more information.

Cutting Table, Annual Show - Last month our President, Gene Lund, started taking pledges for cuttings for the Mother's Day Show. This is our major and most important fund

raising event of the year, that pays for our wonderful Christmas Party and all the other things a club needs to function. Of course you are going to be able to donate more cuttings if you have 1,000 plants than if you have 50 or 10, but whatever you can donate is of vital importance.

Please be generous.

We need cuttings at least 6-8", good condition, marked with name and color and size. Ex: PINK JEROMA, P, LG.

Cuttings for the show, preferably before the show day, should be gotten to Dick Chadwick or Gene Lund (La Mesa area), Dorothy Breining (Chula Vista area), or John Clancy (Clairemont area). Please contact Dick Chadwick if you have any questions regarding cuttings, 436-4316.

For your information:

Annual Epiphyllum Show Committee

Chairman - Dorothy Breining
 Co-Chairman - Dorothy Ogden
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 Jack Bradley
 Bob Breining
 Information - Don Irwin
 Gene Schmedding
 Joanne Noeggarath
 Epi Trees - Eva Clover
 Kitchen - Susie Ellis (and her mother)

Membership - Jerry and George Plaisted
 Hospitality - Kathy Van Arum
 Helen Bardall
 Cathy Adams
 Seedlings - Milt Turner
 Publicity - Rose Miyaji

SEA WORLD SHOW

...Frank Granatowski

The Epiphyllum Show at Sea World will be held on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, May 23, 24, and 25, 1981. This will be our 4th Annual Show. We will maintain essentially the same format as in past years. Chuck Cline has advised me that due to limited space only ten tables will be available for our displays on all three days, therefore we will be limited to 10 participants plus their spouses of helpers on each day.

To date the following members have expressed a desire to take an active part in the show:

	<u>SAT. May 23</u>	<u>SUN. May 24</u>	<u>MON. May 25</u>
F. Granatowski		Same	Same
Milt Turner		Same	Same
George French		Same	Same
Gene Lund		Same	Same
G. Schlapfer		Same	Same
Howard Jones		Same	Rick Latimer
Dick Chadwick		Same	Same
Sam Markey	J. O'Connor		Peg Minardi
Michiko Munda	Ken Moss		Geo. Watson
R. Johnston	R. Breining		

At present, there is one opening for Monday, it will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Sea World requires that all plans and participants names be submitted by April 15. Specific detailed instructions will be distributed to participants as soon as possible. Please contact Frank, 460-6595, if you are interested.

April's air stirs in
 Willow-leaves...
 A butterfly
 Floats and balances

Basho

MAY MEETING

... Frank Granatowski

The program for May will be "SHOW OFF TIME". We plan to have a mini-show on an informal basis. This will be a good chance for everyone to show plants and flowers without the props used for our annual show. It will also give you an opportunity to exchange ideas and possibly cuttings with your fellow members, friends, and guests. We plan to have tables set along the outside perimeter of our meeting room. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

Care of Epiphyllums for the month of April is the same as for the month of March and is repeated in this issue:

NOW IS THE TIME

...Frank Granatowski

Now is the time:

- to maintain good grooming habits - to remove dead, spindly, and unsightly branches, and debris from pots.
- to remove scale residue clinging to the outside of pots.
- to repot past years cuttings that have outgrown their containers.
- to give plants a final feeding of low nitrogen or nitrogen-free fertilizers to promote blooms.
- to utilize control methods to inhibit aphids and ants attracted by nectar from attacking new buds and blooms. If insecticides are used, follow directions on label carefully.
- to remember not to relocate plants once buds have formed.
- to bait for snails, which tend to become more active with the rains.
- to gather and store rain water for future use. A few drops of oil-based insecticide in the rain-barrel to inhibit wrigglers (larve) and pesky mosquitos.
- to plan to attend and participate in the epiphyllum shows.

SOME DO'S AND DON'TS FOR MEMBERS

...Gene Schmedding

Tours - 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 many years ago.

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

- "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 the flowers on 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 beggers. 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-heeled 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, but you may get enough information to joggle your memory after you have gone."

Now, I would like to add a little to that good advice. Please!!! do not smoke and litter the ground with your cigarette butts. This applies to nurseries as well as private gardens. Chances are that they may have gone to a great deal of trouble to have their place clean and attractive for your visit. Don't spoil it!

Meetings - We hear a lot of what presiding officers should do and not do, but very little on the conduct of members so here is a little from Robert's Rules that may be helpful:

"Don't be late for a meeting. You may be needed to complete a quorum.

Don't sit in the rear. Leave rear seats for latecomers.

Don't say "I move you", say "I move".

Don't say "I make a motion to", say "I move to".

Don't wait to obtain the floor in order to second a motion.

Don't stand while another is speaking.

Don't fail to take part in the debate if you have a viewpoint to express; or want information or parliamentary assistance.

Don't claim the floor a second time if there are others who wish to speak the first time.

Don't be silent during the debate and then criticize after the meeting.

Don't speak on a motion while a vote is being taken or counted.

Don't address a woman chairman as "chairlady", say "Madam Chairman".

Don't carry on a conversation with your neighbor while someone is speaking.

Don't forget to notify the chairman of a committee of which you are a member if you cannot attend a committee meeting.

Don't delay paying your dues on time.

Don't accept an office unless you are willing to assume the responsibilities of that office.

Don't use your knowledge of parliamentary law to hinder business by constantly raising points of order; and insisting upon the strict observance of every rule at a meeting in which the majority of members have no knowledge of these rules.

Don't leave the meeting unless it is absolutely necessary until the president declares the meeting adjourned. You may be needed for the quorum; or something very important may come up at the last minute."

OPEN GARDENS

...George Watson

Gladys and Kent Harper - Harper's 16th Annual Garden Party, Thursday May 14, 1981 begins at noon with pot-luck lunch (bring your favorite casserole, dessert, or salad). Bring your neighbor, spouse, or a flower-loving friend. Garden open till dusk - come after work if you can't make the lunch! (for leftovers)

1110 Sapphire St. (Pacific Beach)

John and Jerrie Clancy

Saturday and Sunday, April & May
4910 Mt. Ashman Dr.
San Diego (Clairemont area)
Please call first, 277-8206

Howard and Betty Jones

Any Sunday
1524 So. Citrus
Escondido
Please call first, 746-2839

Bill and Ruth Nelson

Saturday and Sunday, April 25, 26
9 AM to 3 PM
4253 Maryland St.
San Diego, phone 298-3349

George and Madeline French

Saturday, May 30
12 Noon to 3 PM
3624 Voltaire
San Diego (Pt. Loma)
Phone 223-8258

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Sam Markey

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Saturdays
9 AM to 2 PM
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THE GOLDEN AGE OF EPIPHYLLUMS

Part VIIIc: TMM's Hybrids

by Rick Latimer

MONMONIER'S PINKIE	PINK LASS	RUBIET
MONMONIER'S PLUM	PINK RHYTHM	RUBY KAY
MOON DANCE	PINK SWAN	RUFUS
MOONLIGHT SONG	PINKY	RUGOSA
MORNING GLORY	PINNACLE	
MOUNT HOOD	PREAKNESS	SAFFRON BEAUTY
MULBERRY ROSE	PRESIDENT F. D. ROOSEVELT	SAMITE
MULTIFLORA	PRIDE OF VENTURA	SANDRA
MYRTLE FRANCIS	PRIMAVERA	SANTA BARBARA
	PRIMROSE	SANTA ROSA
NANA ROJA	PRINCE CHARMING	SATELLITE
NAOLIA	PRINCE VALIANT	SATURNALIA
NARRANGITA	PURIFLORA	SCINTILLA
NAYADA	PURPLE HEART	SEA BREEZE
NELLIE O'GRADY	PURPLE LAKE	SERENADE
NEON		SHAMROCK
NELLIE WADE	RADIANT LIGHT	SHAWN*
NEPTUNE	RADIANT LIGHT SPORT***	SHINING COUNT*
NEVOSA	RANEE	SHIRLEY
NEW YORK	RASPBERRY	SHOOTING STAR
NIAGARA	RED ARROW*	SHOW OFF*
NIGHTINGALE	RED BELL	SHOW QUEEN
NORTHERN LIGHTS	RED BLAZE*	SHOW STAR
NORTH STAR	RED CRICKET	SIERRA SUE
	RED FASHION	SIESTA
OLD ROSE	RED HOT*	SILENT NIGHT
ON PARADE	RED WING	SILVERETTE
OPALINA	REGATTA	SILVER TOWER
ORANGE JULIUS*	REINA DEL SOL	SIR GALAHAD
ORCHIDEE CELESTE	REVELRY	SIROCCO*
OREGON MIST	RICHARD DIENER	SKYLARK
ORIENTAL PEARL	RINKA	SLEEPING BEAUTY
OWLETTE	ROBERT E. LEE	SMILIN' THROUGH
	ROBIN	SNOW BOUND
PACIFICA	ROMANCE	SOUTHERN BEAUTY
PAGODA BELL	ROMAN HOLIDAY	SPACE FLIGHT
PAINTED DOLL	ROMEO REYNA*	SPARKLE
PARADISO	ROSADO	SPARKLET
PAVON DE ORO	ROSE AURORA	SPARTA
PEE WEE	ROSEBUD	SPICA*
PEGGY McCONNELL	ROSE DORE	SPLENDOR
PEGGY O'NEIL	ROSELACE	SPRING CHEER
PERFECTA	ROSELILAC	SPRING MAID
PERTNESS	ROSEMARY	SPRING PARADE
PETER PIPER	ROSE OF FRANCE	SPRINGTIDE
PETITE ROSE	ROSE OF KILARNEY	SPRINGTIME
PICK-A-DILLY	ROSINA	STARLET
PIN BALL**	ROYAL ROSE	STARLET KAY
PINK FOAM	RUBESCENT	STARLING
PINK ICE	RUBICUND	STILL WATERS

	<u>Theodosia Burr Shepherd's Hybrids</u>
SUN BEAM	
SUNDRRA	
SUN FLOWER	CASE-KNIFE CACTUS (1896)
SUNNY DAWN	MAINWARING'S RED (1916)
SUN SHADOW	MRS. BOUMAN (1916)
SURPRISE	ORANGE GEM (1896)
SUSIE Q*	REFULGENS (1896)
SUTTER'S GOLD	
SUZETTE	
SWEET ALIBI	
SWEET SUE	
SYLVIAROSA	

(See the February issue of EpiNews for the T's.)

UNIQUE

VAGAMUNDO
 VALENTINE(red)
 VALENTINE(orange)
 VANITY
 VELVA SHEEN
 VENOSA
 VENTURA JUBILEE
 VENTURA STAR
 VIOLA
 /IOLETTA
 VOGUE

WEDDING DAY*
 WEE SCOTT
 WENDY
 WHIMSICAL
 WHITE AND GOLD
 WHITE BEAUTY
 WHITE GODDESS
 WHITE LACE
 WHITE 'N' GOLD
 WHITE PLUME
 WILLIAM D. MONMONIER
 WILLIAM ROHBOCK
 WINGLET
 WISTFUL

YELLOW NECKLACE
 YELLOWSTONE

ZAFFRE
 ZION

*These hybrids were named by the Cox's.

**These hybrids were named by John A. Daniel.

***These hybrids were named by Earl Childs.

REFERENCE: Rainbow Garden's Directory of Epiphyllums and Other Related Epiphytes, 1979.