

Epi News

Meetings: 2nd Wednesday, 7:30 PM
Room 101, Casa del Prado
Balboa Park, San Diego

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Welcome

NEW MEMBERS:

Bob Brown, San Diego
Dottie Dutcher, El Cajon
Preston & Kate Hale,
Salem, Oregon
Elsie Kairth, La Jolla
Alfred T. Mikell,
Birmingham, Alabama
Thomas Moore, Bakersfield
Henry M. Raphael, San Diego
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Smith,
San Diego
Iva M. Sullivan, San Diego
Eckhard Meier, West Germany

JOHN VAN ARUM

On behalf of the San Diego Epiphyllum Society, I wish to extend our heartfelt sympathy to Kathy Van Arum and family for the loss of her beloved husband who passed away peacefully in his sleep on August 9, 1981. He will be missed by all who knew him.

...Gene Schmedding

AUGUST MEETING

...Gene Schmedding

As usual we had a large turnout at our August meeting. There were 177 members and 27 guests. I'm sure everyone thoroughly enjoyed our guest speaker, Bill Beuer. He and his wife Erna, are among our most loyal members. They come all the way from La Puente, California every meeting night. Now that is what I call dedication. In case you aren't aware of it, Bill and Erna are the owners of EPICO Epiphyllums. Bill's talk was very informative. He covered many subjects, from how to keep your plants down in size, to fertilizing, watering needs and types of pots. I, for one, liked the fact that he stressed the point that what he was saying worked for him, not that he was telling us that that was the only way of growing epi's; a good point to remember when someone asks us for advice - what works for some of us may not work for someone else, as climate, water and growing area may be different.

Erna Beuer showed some lovely slides of some of their blooms that they had recently registered. Also some of the flowers from the 1979 flower show.

Our Christmas Dinner Chairman, Elinor Latimer, announced that our Christmas dinner this year will be at the Bahia Hotel. Members cost will be \$5.00, guests will be \$15.00. As Elinor will be out of town for a short while, the money for your tickets should be paid to either Dorothy Breining or Cecile Bradley in her absence.

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AUGUST MEETING (cont'd)

I wonder if this humid weather has caused everyone's Epi's to grow as fast as mine. I think I will have to invest in a machete soon to get in and out of my house. Now, if they will only bloom in May as much as they have grown, everything will be OK for the flower show.

By the way, don't forget to get your cuttings going for the tables on our Dinner night in December (Dec. 9). Bring at least one plant for each person in your party, and extras if you can, because there are some members that have not been with us long enough to be able to get cuttings from their plants yet, and we want to be sure that every one gets a plant for Christmas.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Another program in an effort to bring you different and varied subjects of interest: a presentation with slides on plants and wild flowers of Israel, presented by the County of San Diego. Don't miss it.

SEPTEMBER REFRESHMENTS

...Penny Bunker

It is amazing how our group is growing; and what a delightful meeting was experienced in August - a most interesting program.

Thanks to all that brought goodies - seems some late comers to the table were left out; we must ask those in the front group to remember there are dozens coming behind and leave that extra bit for them. Thanks to Sanford Roberts for his luscious zucchini bread donated even though he had not signed up...it was most appreciated. Mildred Leason and Jan Rice were most helpful with the serving and preparations in the kitchen - thanks a lot gals.

Those signed for refreshments for September:

Joyce Bjorkman	Bev Garber
Blendina Boyle	Lee Holcombe
L.G. Coutts	Kathleen Lund
Madeline French	Dorothy Ogdon
Elizabeth Glover	Pat Stebbins

NOW IS THE TIME (September-October)
...Frank Granatowski

Now is the time:

- to maintain good grooming of your plants, by eliminating unsightly and non-productive branches, and thus conserving energy for the plant in general. Remember the healthier branches will produce stronger blooms next spring.
- to protect plants from excessive direct sunlight, and to prevent the soil from drying out. An occasional misting or spraying of foliage can be very beneficial.
- to protect new growth from wind damage.
- to practice preventive maintenance of insect control by spraying with Malathion, Cygon, or Orthene. BE SURE TO READ AND FOLLOW DIRECTIONS ON LABELS!!
- to protect the apples (seed-pods) that you have so religiously developed from pilferage by Blue-Jays who are especially fond of the ripened fruit. In some cases rats have also been known to feast on these delicacies.

*- and a little something
for the soul ...*

This was thoughtfully submitted by Dolores Moss. It is the poem used by Betty Cooper at the installation of our officers in July.

I Belong to the Epi Society Because:

In the beginning I belonged
Because I dreamed of flowers
Growing in the garden where
I'd while away the hours;
And I belonged because a friend
Invited me along
And to the melody of life
It added one more song.

(cont'd)

Then I belonged because the
 friends
 I met there were so fine.
 The wealth of love they had to
 give
 Could only add to mine,
 And I belonged because I felt
 I, too, had much to give,
 And the exchange of thoughts
 and plans
 Could help us all to live.

Now, I belong because the world
 Needs beauty, love and peace,
 And the Epiphyllum Society
 helps fill this need,
 Our tensions to release.
 Each meeting of our local group,
 Each gathering afar,
 Expands our wide horizon's view
 As we reach for our star.

Each one belongs to Epiphyllums
 For reasons of his own,
 But each one knows within his
 heart
 He does not stand alone,
 Since every flower that's ever
 shared
 Adds beauty to the soul,
 And every friendship ever made
 Makes love a sweeter goal.

- bits and pieces

...Pat Stebbins

...someone mistakenly took a
 4" pot belonging to Bev Garber from
 the show table after the meeting
 last month, it was marked "Diso-
 cactus Ramulosus", with a small
 white flower. Please bring it back
 at the next meeting. Please.

...in the list of chairmen re-
 ported in Gene Schmedding's column
 last month, I inadvertently left out
 Frank Granatowski, Chairman of the
 Sea World Show. My apology, Frank.

...the Christmas Party at the
 Bahia Hotel will have wheelchair
 access for those who require it.

...AND NOW THE BIGGIE! The Show
 Theme for 1981 will be "HAPPY
 HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD", another
 unlimited imagination theme.
 Start planning!

- about town

Fern Show, Sept 15

Jerry and I attended the Fern
 Show and were impressed more this
 year again. We talked to George
 Szobar, a Fern Society and an Epi
 Society member, who gave us a brief
 tour. This is a very young group, 5
 years old, and they have about 125
 members. Their display of ferns
 grows more beautiful each year and
 this year it was like walking into a
 tropical glade at twilight. Their
 "Best of Show" award went to a
 spectacular Polypodium Aureum, long
 dark green serrated fronds; it was
 in a 3 ft. wire basket and about
 6ft. circumference, a patio filler if
 I ever saw one. It's owner, Ken
 Haines (and past president) says he
 cuts it clear back once a year and
 it just gets bigger and bigger.

I will not even discuss the
 staghorns and grandes, I think they
 do that with mirrors.

The Fern Society meets the
 3rd Thursday of every month in Room
 101.

Cactus & Succulent Show Sept. 29, 30

The Cactus and Succulent Society
 show was spectacular. I was only
 there for a very short time because
 I was ill but my impression was one
 of exceptional organization and
 quite spectacular exhibits. I could
 not begin to understand the many
 categories of judging and prizes but
 the prize winners were beyond ques-
 tion. A truly staggering array of
 exotic and rare, marvelous plants.
 I might add one of the brightest
 spots in the room was the smiling
 face of their president, our own
 Rick Latimer. Good show, Rick.

The Cactus and Succulent Society
 meets the 2nd Saturday, Room 101,
 1:30PM.



Laurie Hirvonen, Clear Lake, has been growing this cactus since 1923 and has never seen as many blooms on it as this year. The orchid cactus is almost 5 feet across and filled with thousands of big red blossoms.

— other Gardens

...submitted by Dorothy Ogdon

I thought this clipping might be of interest to you. My sister from Washington State sent it to us, thinking we would enjoy it since she knows that we grow Epi's. I don't think the plant had thousands of blooms but certainly hundreds. Imagine growing it since 1923. I would guess that it is an Ackermanii.

My sister, as well as Nate's sister, Ruby Kelling (a member of our society) grows Epi's. We always marvel at the lush green color of their Epi's up there. So you see if you have a glass house or a glassed-in porch with heat, you can very successfully grow Epi's in a cooler climate.

We got started with Epi's up that way too, 30 years ago. Not knowing just how to get a start I just cut a division off the growing plant, a Vive Rouge. It may not have

been the correct way but it grew and we still have descendants from it in our collection today.

— Epi Business

Our two Epi Society events on Saturday the 15th were both great successes. The workshop/demo held at Gene Lund's, with Dick Chadwick and Frank Granatowski went very well, with about 50 people attending.

The Wild Animal Park Potting Day resulted in about 700 4" pots with new cuttings to be sold next spring at the park. Those who contributed their time and sweat of their brows were Howard Jones, Nate and Dorothy Ogdon, Bob and Dorothy Breining, George and Madeline French, Ernest Angus, Diane Smith, Ken Marr, Lorna and Larry Barrows, and Charles Coons.

MEMBER PROFILE SERIES

...Gene Schmedding

DICK HARTFORD

This is a profile of a Charter Member now gone, and how he got started growing Epi's.

Dick Hartford was the first Vice President of the San Diego Epiphyllum Society, and from the first meeting in the old Floral Building where the society was first born, he and I became fast friends. Dorothy and Dick used to come to my house every Friday night and we would gossip over coffee and cake.



Dick Hartford, Nate Ogdon and George French, 1975

I asked him one time how he got to be interested in Epi's because he used to kid me and say I was out of my mind to love "those weeds", as he called them. He said that when he retired from the Navy right after WWII he needed some pocket money so he offered to clean a neighbors yard for her. She said "Please take those two awful looking cactus to the dump". Being a packrat he took them home and planted them in the ground where they bloomed in a few

months. One was white and the other one red. He thought they were unusually beautiful blooms for such an odd looking plant. Then he sold his house and move back East. Then, came back to Spring Valley and bought another house. He went back to the old house and asked the lady that bought it for a piece of those funny cactus'. She said "Please take the whole ugly mess". He took them home and planted them in the ground on the west side of the house where they again rewarded him with beautiful blooms.

As he was at that time interested in ferns, he went up to Blue Bird Nursery to get a sword fern, where he met the owner Ed Stephens who not only had ferns and other plants, but epiphyllums too. They were in bloom at the time. Dick made the remark "I didn't know that Orchid Cactus was so beautiful". Professor Irwin happened to be at the nursery at that time and scolded Dick for calling epiphyllums "Orchid Cactus", then told him about the Epiphyllum Society of America and suggested that he attend a few meetings. He did. He met many of the old timers and from then on was hooked on Epi's.

I forgot to say that Dick forgot the fern that he went to Blue Bird Nursery for but brought home \$50.00 worth of Epi's. He found out later that his first two epi's were LONDONII and VIVE ROUGE. So beware all you newcomers. You never can tell what will get you if you don't watch out.

Vendor of bright fans
Carrying his pack
Of breeze...
Suffocating Heat!

Shiki



HARVEST FESTIVAL AT THE WILD
ANIMAL PARK

Weekends Oct. 10-11 and 17-18

Jim Gibbons of the Wild Animal Park has sent us an invitation to participate in their annual "Beauty & the Beast" sale (semi-annual that is). They will accept properly potted, rooted, tagged, inventoried and of good quality plants and/or cuttings. The park will keep 1/2 of whatever plants are sold, 1/2 goes to the Society, so make sure they are marked accordingly. The items will have to be to the park by the 8th. Gene Lund will give details and instructions at the next meeting or if you miss the meeting call him at 469-1677.

EDITORS NOTE:

As announced at the last meeting, there is a now a number in parentheses following your name on your address label. This number denotes the month your society dues are due. There are a few members paid up two years at a time so keep that in mind if you are one. Please note this number from time to time so you'll be reminded and won't fall behind. This will be the only reminder you will receive.

CROSSES & NAMES OF EPIPHYLLUM HYBRIDS as LISTED by FORT & O'BARR

- 52 AL Gertrude Knebel x garden
 Benison Farewell
 Dragon Fly Tosca
 Fame
- 52 AM Thorinne x Madonna
 Ali Baba Les Sylphides
 Angelita Magic Moment
 Cabrillo Makebelieve
 Discovery Red River
 Galaxy Reward
 Gilded Lily Silhouette
 Golden Fleece Sun Jewel
 Gold Ray Tambourin
 Indian Love Call Tejon
- 52 AN Oskar Steudt x The Miracle
 Big Chief Hawaiian Moon
 Blarney Hula
 Bounty June Moon
 Cheops La Favorita
 Command Lei
 Cortez Macbeth
 Desire Moor
 Egypt Ovation
 Golden Chariot Picadore
 Greek God Sing Song
 Happy-Go-Lucky Thing of Beauty
- 52 AO Winged Pharaoh x garden
 Black Prince Mahatma
 Colleen Penelope
 Laughing Boy Sonata
 Legacy Spring Melody
- 52 AP Toucan x Pride of Bell
 Astro de Oro Golden Harvest
 Distinction Gypsy Love
 Dowager
- 52 AQ Pegasus x Annie P. Williams
 Aristotle Galileo
 Blessing Garland O'Barr
 Brigadier Genius
 Buddha Golden Bough
 Capriccio " Eagle
 Circus " Spur
 Color Magic " Tresses
 Diamond Head Grand Prize
 Earthling Hansel
 El Capitan Heritage
 Eternal Love Honey Horn
 Flamboyant Kahana
 Fleeting Beauty La Belle France
 Forever Loveliness
- 52 AQ continued
 Lover Siren Song
 Madness Song of Songs
 Monastery Garden Song of the
 Navona Islands
 Neapolitan Night Summer Night
 Obsession Swan Lake
 Paolo Sweet Song
 Raven Tournament
 Rose Bowl Winter Morn
 Sanctuary Zenith
- 52 AR Sunny Dawn x W.D. Monmonier
 Bauble Poem
 Cambodia Sun Gold
 Fox Fire Tallulah
 Golden Jubilee Wonderful One
 Golden Rain Zorina
 Old Faithful
- 52 AS Sunny Dawn x Sonnenuntergang
 Blaze of Beauty Impresario
 Convent Garden Maharanee
 Coppelia Maximillian
 Corona del Sol Premier
 Glitter
- 52 AT Edah x Pride of Bell
 Afghan Mellow Moon
 Beatitude Mestico
 Beautiful Morning Mineola
 Cavalier Nero
 Celebration Oasis
 Concerto Orpheus
 Divine Persian Garden
 Esmeralda Promise
 Fashion Promised Land
 Festoon Psalm
 Heiress Quadrille
 Hong Kong Royalty
 Jungle Moon Solitaire
 Loving Cup Sudan
 Malta Maid Tahitian Night
 Masai Trade Wind
 Masquerade Troubador
 Meditation Uganda
- 52 AU Bohemienne x garden
 Chant Princess Louise
 Danseuse " Margie
 Pamper " Olga
 Princess Betty Sugar Plum
 Princess Emma

CROSSES & NAMES OF EPIPHYLLUM HYBRIDS as LISTED by FORT & O'BARR

- 52 AV Aristocrat x garden
- 52 AW Carmencita x garden
Chi Chi Murrur
Ingenuer
- 52 AX Harmony x garden
Humming Bird
- 52 AZ Scintilla x garden
- 52 BA Cyclamen x garden
Joyita
- 53 A Richard Diener x garden
Tear Drop Tunis
- 54 I Belgian Pfau x Sun Goddess
- 54 J Viviana x Sh'fy's Ruff. White
- 54 L Marie van Hoorde x garden
- 54 M Tiffany x garden
- 54 P Aristocrat x Prof. Ebert
- 54 Q Poldi Svetnic x Kaiserin type
- 54 S Poldi Svetnic x Polypet
- 54 T Poldi Svetnic x Riot
- 54 U Poldi Svetnic x Heureka
- 54 V Electric x Heureka
- 54 Y Day in Spring x garden
- 54 AA Fragile Gold x garden
- 54 AB Pegasus x Poldi Svetnic
- 54 AC Pegasus x Sunny Dawn
- 54 AD Pegasus x Edah and 4-Star
- 54 AE Sunny Dawn x Sun Goddess
- 54 AF Sunny Dawn x Heureka
- 54 AH Bizerte x Orchid Supreme
- 54 AL Edah x Nevosa

- 54 AM Edah x Four Star
- 54 AO Sherfy's Glory x garden
- 54 AP Polypet x Poldi Svetnic
- 54 AQ Polypet x Edah

VOLUNTEERS

In botany a VOLUNTEER is a seedling which appears of its own accord, it does not come from a seed which some person has planted - cross unknown, of course.

1948 -

Al Askar	Guiding Star
Baal	Jungle Prince
Corsican	Nubian
Dansour Noble	Pajaro
Desperado	Prima Ballerina
Fongsyn	Russell A. Redler
Golden Dream	Sheraton
Courage	Titicaca

1949 - Ethiopia

1950 -

Aala	Gavotte
Adagio	Motif
African Queen	Nola
Cadenza	Pompeii
Carlotta	RoseLawn
Dark Rapture	Virtue
Etude	White Hope
Faun	

1951 -

Bell Song	Loti
Bohemian Boy	Lullaby
Centurion	Peola
Cosette	Pheasant
Horizon	Typhoon
Inca	War Dance
Juanito	Wizard
Jungle Jewel	Zambezi
Karachi	Zuni
Lone Star	

1952 - Forest Fire

1953 - Summertime