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December is here,
December at last,
And boy, am I really happy.
Next to Christmas, my dears,
The day I like most
Is the day of the Epi Party.

So put on your dress-ups,
A bauble or two, and maybe
Even your spats..
Bahia's the place,
By the Bay, you know,
Just follow your nose, and the
Map!



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

D. Newman, San Francisco
Jeanne Capes, San Diego
Jesus & Mary Comacho, San Diego
Evan Payne, San Diego
Anne Munda, San Diego
Velma Terrill, San Diego

NOVEMBER MEETING

...Gene Schmedding

Lois Burks of California Epi Center gave a very interesting slide show at our November meeting, showing slides of the many parents of our modern hybrids (that Mr. Gordon Rowely wrote about in the ESA newsletter). I don't think that a lot of us were aware that some of the plants that we have in our collections were the branches of the family tree that our lovely blooms that we are so proud of sprang from. How Lois can name bloom after bloom without referring to notes is beyond me. I can hardly remember one from one blooming season to the next. It was a very educational show.

I am sorry to report that the widow of Dick Hartford, who many of us knew and loved, is in very serious condition in Mercy Hospital. I know that Dorothy would love to get some cheerful cards from us. She is in Room 704, Mercy Hospital, 4077 5th Ave., San Diego, CA 92103.

On November 10, Kathy Van Arum and I were privileged to attend the Flowering Pear Tree Planting Ceremony on the site of the proposed Japanese Friendship Garden in Balboa Park. It was attended by the 16th Biennial Japan/American Conference of Mayors and Chamber of Commerce presidents.

There were so many dignitaries there. There were delegates from a great many of the mid-western states, also from Washington, Oregon, and California. We were there a few minutes before the program started, and as we were just standing around, the mayor of Seattle and his wife, spotted my badge and wanted to know what Epiphyllum were. Of course I told them. Then the fun began.

Kathy just happened to have some pictures in her purse, and you should have heard the "Oh's" and "Ah's". We soon had quite a crowd around us. None of the people gathered around us had ever seen an epi before. The men were just as interested as the women.

Mrs. Bishop and Mr. Hippen of the Friendship Garden were the official MC's and hosts. The mayor of Tokyo was only one of the Japanese dignitaries that spoke glowingly (through an interpreter) of our beautiful city and especially our lovely Balboa Park.

All in all it was a very rewarding afternoon for Kathy and myself.

I hope to see you all at the Christmas dinner. At any rate, have a beautiful Christmas and a wonderful New Year.



NOW IS THE TIME JANUARY-FEBRUARY
...Frank Granatowski

Now is the time:

- to feed mature plants with nitrogen-free or low nitrogen fertilizers, such as Bloom-Builder, Hi-Bloom, etc., to promote blooming this spring. Either liquid or time-release granules can be utilized; if liquid is used a subsequent application is advisable in another month.
- to prune out unproductive and unsightly growth, thereby allowing more energy to be utilized by newer and healthier branches.
- to maintain preventive pest control, by keeping plant containers free of debris and extraneous materials. Spray with insecticides only when necessary. Orthene, Malathion, and Cygon are available locally. READ AND FOLLOW DIRECTIONS CAREFULLY!
- to protect from unexpected frost and strong wintry winds.
- to pick ripe apples (seed pods). They can be planted immediately without undergoing drying process, however, some sort of natural or artificial light and heat is needed to encourage germination.
- to take advantage of beneficial rains. If plants are potted in proper porous soil even heavy rains will have no harmful effects on them.
- to bait for slugs and snails. A few granules of Slugetta has proved to be very effective and leaves little or no unsightly residue.



COMING UP in the JANUARY NEWSLETTER:

Member Profile, on San Diego hybridizer GEORGE FRENCH

and, Part XII: Some English Hybrids, from the GOLDEN AGE OF EPIPHYLLUMS by Rick Latimer



Around town ...

CHRISTMAS IN FLOWERLAND BAZAAR

SUNDAY, Dec. 6, 10am-4pm
Ecke Family Bld.
Quail Botanical Gardens
230 Quail Gardens Dr., Encinitas

Many unusual and rare plants propagated in the gardens; poinsettias, hanging baskets, herbs, cacti and ferns, rare fruit trees, bamboo-collectors plants including rare palms and other tropicals, and many, many more!



"CHRISTMAS IS EVERYWHERE" Show, the San Diego Floral Association

FRIDAY thru SUNDAY, Dec. 4, 5, 6
11am-9pm Fri. and Sat.
11am-4pm Sun.
Room 101, Casa del Prado
Balboa Park

Decorated doors and tables on display and trees trimmed old and new ways; a boutique of garden-related gifts to buy.



On jolly New Year's Day
My last year's bills
Drop in
To pay their compliments.

Anon.

Help!!

We need some help at the Wild Animal Park epi houses in the next few months. If you can volunteer for a few hours or a day, Thursdays and/or weekends, for watering, weeding and general maintenance please call Nate Ogdon, 479-0425.



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ATTILA, L Pur.
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SAN DIEGO EPIPHYLLUM SOCIETY
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY
1981



WHEN: December 9, Wednesday
PLACE: BAHIA HOTEL
998 W. Mission Bay Dr., Mission Room
TIME: 5:30 No Host Cocktails
7:00 PM, Dinner

PLEASE DON'T FORGET YOUR TICKETS, THEY MUST BE TURNED IN FOR YOUR DINNER.

ALSO...BRING YOUR 4"^{RBT} ROOTED CUTTING FOR YOUR TABLE GIFT.

HAVE FUN!!

