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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

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Andrew Capp, La Mesa  
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Tim Edwards, San Diego  
Frank Jordano, Santa Barbara  
Leo Kihm, San Diego  
Gerry Mattijetz, Bell, CA  
Ed Neubauer, San Diego  
Katherine Rich, Eatonville, Wash.  
Janice Shores, San Diego

## MEMBERSHIP DUES!

Just a reminder - please don't let your membership dues lapse if you can possibly help it. It requires a lot of special handling on my part and the Membership Secretary's to send you a notice, remove your name, and then add it again on our roster and mailing labels. So..remember to check the number in parentheses following your name on the mailing label and keep your dues current to within a month if you can - either mail it to Joyce Bjorkman or give it to her at the general meeting.

Thanks from both of us.

(Also - remember that a "Membership" consists of a Single Membership OR Family Membership (of spouse and spouse-member, NO other family relatives...)

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## JUNE MEETING

...Gene Schmedding

Our June meeting was most interesting. Our program for the evening was presented by Richard Latimer, Jr. Rick showed slides of the Latimer-family trip through Western Germany.

He and his family visited with Mr. Eckhard Meyer of West Germany (a member of our society) and Rick took many slides showing how Eckhard grows his epis. He also showed the garden of Dr. Stouk. Their tour took them through many beautiful areas of

Western Germany, where the buildings are very old and beautiful and unusual. Among them were the castles of the mad King Ludwig. It was almost like the famous Winchester House in San Francisco, in that he never had any of his five castles quite finished. There were also slides of the beautiful cathedral of Cologne.

There was also a brief ceremony installing our new officers for the coming year, officiated by our good friend and member Betty Cooper.

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## JULY MEETING, July 14

This month our program will be presented by George French. George is a long time member and past president, and a most successful hybridizer (JENNIFER ANN, DEAR HEART, RADIANT FIRE, etc.\*). We can look forward to many beautiful slides from George's collection, including new, unnamed seedlings.

(\*see Member Profile VOL. 6, No. 1 Epi News)

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## JULY REFRESHMENTS

...Penny Bunker

Words fail when we look at our group and the great folks who bring their goodies, so we can have a refreshment table for our guests to enjoy a dessert in the evening.

Those signed up for the July meeting are:

Ernest Angus  
Margaret & Harry Blake  
Lynn Brokaw  
Agnes Eubanks  
Madelon Montunna  
Millie Moore  
Katherine Stroup  
Emily Packer  
Irmela Paul  
Diana Smith

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Following is a complete list of Board members and Committee Chairmen for the year June 1982-1983.

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 Charles Coons  
 Plant and Cutting Table,  
 Dick Chadwick

Legal and By-Laws, Ernest Angus  
 Refreshments, General Meeting,  
 Penny Bunker

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NOW IS THE TIME - JULY, AUGUST

...Frank Granatowski

Now is the time:

- to fertilize plants that have completed their blooming cycle with fish emulsion, slow release nitrogen fertilizer or any good balanced fertilizer. DO NOT OVERFEED.
- to remove spent blooms and unwanted apples, in order to conserve the plant's vitality.
- to transplant to larger containers, plants that have outgrown their present containers, i.e.: transplant 4" pots to gallon pots and gallon pots to 2-gallon pots. If you have the necessary garden space it is advisable to utilize hanging baskets than to support pendulous growth with a trellis.
- to plant new cuttings during the warm weather, to allow new growth to become established during the growing season.

- to remember to water hybrids during the hot summer months, and remember an occasional spraying or misting of your plants is very beneficial. DO NOT allow soil to completely dry out.

- to maintain plants in their proper environment such as lath house, under shade cloth, or suspended from the branches of a tree, and avoid direct exposure to the hot summer sun.

- to learn and benefit from mistakes in the past year, and to look forward to a more productive blooming season in the next.

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*Around town*

July 24 & 25 - San Diego Gesneriad  
 Show, Casa del Prado  
 Sat. 12 - 5 pm, Sun. 10 am - 5 pm  
 July 31-Aug. 1 - San Miguel Begonia  
 Show, Casa del Prado  
 Sat. 1-5 pm, Sun. 1-5 pm  
 Aug. 7 & 8 - San Diego Dahlia Show  
 Casa del Prado  
 Sat. 2 - 5:30 pm, Sun. 10 am - 5 pm

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Sorry to take so long completing this article - we have so many wonderful things to get to you and only so much space and time...new members who would like to have Part 1 (Vol. 6, No. 1) and Part 2 (Vol. 6, No. 3) please let me know and I will send them to you.

This article was submitted by Chuck Everson of Rainbow Gardens and was written by a member of a British Cactus and Succulent Society back in 1967. (I have omitted all addresses in the original article since most of them no longer exist and could cause confusion...Pat.)

#### EPIPHYLLUM HYBRIDS AND THEIR HYBRIDIZERS...By F. Braun

##### PART 3

The two growers who are probably the most well known to epiphyllum collectors are Mr. and Mrs. Peter Vinkemulder, better known as the Cactus Pete's, who for 34 years raised many fine varieties in Los Angeles and whose business, on their retirement is being continued by their son Cactus Pete, Jr., at

Los Angeles, California

The other growers are of course the Beahm Gardens of Pasadena, California. Mrs. Beahm, who was blind for over 20 years and confined to her bed for the last 10 years of her life, edited the Journal of the Epiphyllum Society for 18 years until her death in 1962. She will always be remembered by the Epiphyllum species *gertrudianus*, a lovely plant with deeply indented branches and midway in appearance between *darrahii* and *anguliger*. (Update: Mr. Beahm has passed away and the nursery is now operated by Ed Jagielski.)

The most prolific hybridizers of the last decade were undoubtedly Paul Fort and Garland O'Barr. They raised 984 hybrids and many unnamed pans of seedlings, including the best yellow epiphyllum so far introduced, called Reward. To those unacquainted with the modern hybrids, the new varieties come as a considerable surprise, as in many cases the colorings are unique and the form far superior to many of the old hybrids. Many of the flowers have ruffled petals and well

defined bi and tri-colored blooms. Their white variety Dolly Madison is particularly outstanding and remains open for nearly a week. The nursery did not retain its plants but released them to commercial growers of epiphyllums. They have disposed of their entire stock to private growers of these plants and now do not have a single epiphyllum at their new home in Laguna, California. Persons acquiring the plants were the late Clark Malcho, Ed Stephens late of the Blue Bird Nursery, Sherman E. Beahm, Dr. H. S. Irwin, W. J. Hathaway of Long Beach, California, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Harmon of Inglewood, California and finally, Holland.

Other prolific hybridizers of recent years were Ed Stephens late of the Blue Bird Nursery and Leo M. Daly who raised over 500 varieties. Mr. Daly had a stroke a few years ago and Nelson Ross of Orange, California bought Mr. Daly's collection. When Ed Stephens had to sell his nursery because the land was wanted for development by W. R. Effinger, a building contractor who knew nothing about epiphyllums, Nelson Ross became the manager of the new nursery and apart from a small part of the collection being acquired by R. W. J. Stanley of Long Beach, California, I understand that the bulk of Stephens collection is intact. (Update: now destroyed.)

Some of the other hybridizers are Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Harmon, Dr. Irwin, Clarence Mendelson, Frank Stern, Louis Vasseur, Ralph C. Shuey, and True Sipe who have jointly raised numerous hybrids. Howard L. Jones, Floyd Nahigan, E. J. Robertson, Mr. Drake, Martha Maxwell who took over the secretaryship of the American Society after Capt. Weston, Mr. Howard, F. C. Pozoni of Glendora, C. L. Wright, E. C. Dittman, Ed Hummel of Inglewood, R. A. Fields who raised that lovely variety "Pride of San Gabriel", Mr. Dennis who raised "Canadian Ruffles" and finally, Dr. Troxell.

Commercial growers are Harry Johnson's Cactus Gardens\*, Paramount, California. The Lessar Nursery\*, previously mentioned. Ace Nursery\* Mrs. Catherine McCollum of Altadena, California, Terry Gardens\* (Mrs.

\* Update: Now no longer.

Helene Terry), Carlsbad, California, but Walther Haage of Erfurt is concentrating on producing dwarf, free flowering varieties, having been interested in this work since 1925. The late Mr. Ash\*of Santa Barbara, California, also grew plants commercially and on his death, his widow, Mrs. Leona Ash endeavored to continue the business. She was, however, unable to do so and another source of supply had ceased.

In England immediately following the last war, it was virtually impossible to obtain the new varieties due to the Treasury restrictions on sending dollars out of the country. However, the situation improved when J. T. Barber of Chelford, Cheshire listed virtually the whole of Beahms catalogue and was followed shortly afterwards by Worfield Gardens of Bridgnorth, Shropshire, upon Sir Oliver and Lady Leese returning from America with some of the newer varieties.

During this time, Mr. F. R. McQuown, the well known Carnation and Pink expert, started hybridizing with some of his plants and introduced numerous plants prefixed with the name "London". These were subsequently introduced to the trade by Worfield Gardens and Auger Epiphyllums.

Harry Auger of Auger Epiphyllums, the flat at Wacousta, the Bishops Avenue, Hampstead, London N. was the first commercial grower since the war to stage an Epiphyllum exhibit at the Chelsea flower show. This attracted considerable attention in the gardening press and on the easing of the Treasury restrictions he quickly built up a very large collection of the new varieties which are usually prefixed "Eastern".

At the same time, another commercial grower of these plants, Mr. Clive Innes of Holly Gate Nurseries, Ashington, Sussex was also increasing his collection of plants including some of the unnamed deLaet varieties.

In Belgium, Gregoire Hocckx of Antwerp has a large collection of plants including some of the unnamed de Laet varieties.

German growers are somewhat difficult to locate due to the two zones,

\* Update: Now no longer.

For 30 years Haage worked closely with Knebel and has introduced Montezuma and that beautiful clear red variety called Rotkaeppschen (Red Riding Hood). Mr. Innes is in contact with Mr. Haage and it is hoped that some of Haage's newer introductions will become available in the future.

In Australia, the firm of Dawson and Gill of White Hills, Bendigo, Victoria have a very full list including one of their own introductions which might prove too violent for the greenhouse as it is described as white with a black eye.

...to be continued.

### *Bits and pieces ...*

The Christmas Party Chairman, Elinor Latimer, will announce the particulars of this year's party at the July meeting.

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Our custom of honoring members whose birthday month it is, by being first in line for birthday cake and refreshments is being discontinued. There will be no birthday cake every month as in the past.

HOWEVER, people who bring in refreshments will get a free cutting of their choice (from the cutting table) and also be first in line for refreshments. Nice trade-off, huh?

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...from an old back issue of the ESA Bulletin:

CATCH 22: If we didn't have bugs and insects, we wouldn't have flowers, and if we didn't have flowers we wouldn't have bugs and insects.

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COMING IN AUGUST ISSUE OF EPI NEWS:

Member Profile, Don Irwin

THE GOLDEN AGE OF EPIPHYLLUMS  
Part XV: The Beahms  
by Rick Latimer

CLASSIFIEDS

EMERALD GARDENS NURSERY specializes in small and miniature blooming and growing epiphyllum hybrids. We also have a limited but lovely selection of medium to extra-large bloomers and species. If you would like a copy of our new 1982 retail mail-order catalog, send your name and address and a 20¢ stamp. Our brand new wholesale mail-order list is now available. Send any requests to EMERALD GARDENS NURSERY, Yankee Farm Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93109. We are open by appointment only for direct buying-retail or wholesale; so give us a call at (805) 966-7413. You will find our specimen plants to be the finest for sale in southern California. Hope to see you soon!..... Dean Walters

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OVER 400 PLANTS FOR SALE, ALL EPIPHYLLUMS, from 1 gal. to 2 gal. size..from the personal collection of the late Alice Buchanan (formerly associated with California Epi Center). All plants are mature, in good condition, and available for immediate sale. Call after 3:30 pm weekdays for appointment. Bucky Buchanan (213) 284-1771, at 2120 S. Curtis Ave., Alhambra (just south of Los Angeles).

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We, here at RAINBOW GARDENS NURSERY & BOOKSHOP want to spread the news about Epiphyllums and Related Epiphytes! To those of you who don't know this, we've got the only mail-order bookshop in the world dealing with these plants. Here's an example: DIRECTORY OF EPIPHYLLUMS

by Rainbow Gardens (a new updated 300-page book); PHYLLOCACTUS by Curt Knebel; EPIPHYLLUM STATIONERY - an exclusive from Rainbow Gardens Bookshop; VENTURA EPIPHYLLUM GARDENS 1940 NURSERY CATALOG REPRINT - also an exclusive; MAY/JUNE 1982 CACTUS & SUCCULENT JOURNAL with the main article on "THE RATTAIL CACTUS"; the soon-to-be-issued AUG/SEPT 1982 issue of the Flower & Garden Magazine, with the major article entitled: EPIPHYLLUMS, THE ORCHIDS OF THE CACTUS FAMILY, written by Chuck Everson of Rainbow Gardens; and don't forget the out-of-print Houseplants and Porch Gardens magazines on (A) EPIPHYLLUMS, 1978; (B) MINI-EPIPHYLLUMS, 1979; (C) RHIPSALIS, 1979; (D) HOYAS, 1980. We're running out of all of these, and there won't be any more after that. For those of you who want to order any of the above and do NOT have our Bookshop Catalog and order form, feel free to drop us a note, asking for one. It's free! RAINBOW GARDENS, BOX 721, LA HABRA, CA 90631

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