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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Derek Obayashi, Naperville, Ill.
Fumiko & Tom Kida, Lemon Grove

Also at the meeting, the membership voted to accept the existing operating by-laws.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

...Pat Stebbins

This was an outstanding meeting for those of us who like to look at slides. Howard Jones was our guest speaker and talked to us about hybridizing, presenting many beautiful pictures of his blooms and a step-by-step instruction of how to pollinate an epiphyllum bloom. He also talked about some of the pitfalls of hybridizing and some of the many joys (as seen by his slides). One extra-spectacular slide that sticks in my memory is that of Ruby Snowflake alongside an offspring (hybridized by Howard) of a pink "Snowflake", as yet unnamed.

Howard also made an appeal to some younger members to try hybridizing - in other words, get an early start since it takes at least 7 years from start to a point where you know you've got a hardy, good grower in addition to a lovely bloom.

We were also treated to an exceptional display of color prints of Sam Markey's collection. He had over fifty 10 x 13" pictures of a wide variety of his blooms, proving that he is not only a first-rate epi grower, but also a talented photographer.

OCTOBER MEETING, OCT. 13

Our guest speaker for October will be member Ron Miller, one of the society's Photographers. Ron will present a slide program including past events of the SDES, our shows, dinners, etc.

This will be another good one!

OCTOBER REFRESHMENTS

...Penny Bunker

They say that summer is behind us, and the first days of Fall are here - the weather certainly hasn't seemed like it; hot, then COLD as a winter day, then a windy spring day.. Regardless, we shall have some special goodies for our meeting to enjoy at the coffee break.

The following signed up for October 13th :

Elinor Berry	Betty Klumpp
Susie Ellis	Jackie & Jan Rice
Gloria Holm	Jean Seile
Vernon Hook	Dorothy Young
Henrietta Jensen	Pat Stebbins

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MEETING: 2nd Wednesday 7:30 PM, Room 101 Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

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DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE:

Nov. 1 (Mon.)

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WILD ANIMAL PARK, OCT. 9, 10, 11

The annual "Beauty and the Beast" affair at the Wild Animal Park is this weekend. The SDES will have a table where members will display their blooms and sell park cuttings and potted epis to the public (on Saturday and Sunday). This is a fun, information-type event and members are welcome to come and participate. Nate and Dorothy Ogdon have signed up table hosts in 2-hr. increments for both days and may have all the time slots filled (ask them), but you can come out and buzz around anyway - we can't have too many epi people, and it's fun!

If you have any blooms and can get them to the park, please do.

Also, if you don't have park passes and have any questions about getting into the park, please call the Ogdon's for instructions, 479-0425.

CHRISTMAS DINNER, DEC. 5

Our annual Christmas Dinner, the "7th Annual Awards Banquet", will be at Tom Ham's Lighthouse on Harbor Island. Dinner chairman Elinor Latimer will take reservations at the October and November meetings. Reservations will be closed after the November meeting.

Tickets are \$6.00 each per member and member/spouse. All other family members or guests will be \$12.00 each. When you get your ticket, hang onto it because you will need it in order to get your dinner at the restaurant.

If you are going to have a transportation problem, please call Transportation chairman Ed Broz (465-1721). There won't be any excuse to miss the party because you can't get there!

Details of time, etc. and map of location will be in November Epi News.

For reservations contact Elinor Latimer, 5990 Lake Murray Blvd., La Mesa, CA 92041. Phone (714) 463-1655.

HANDBOOK COMMITTEE

The SDES is going to try to put together a handbook with up-to-date information on culture (including cooler climate culture), hybridizing, pests and fertilizers, do's and don'ts, and just general how-to information.

The first Handbook Committee meeting will be October 18 (Monday) at 7:30 PM in Room 104, Casa del Prado in Balboa Park (directly across from Room 101).

I would like to appeal to anyone who would like to contribute to this effort to please attend the meeting. This will be mainly an organizational meeting to see who can do what.

We will need people who can and will write, and who can contribute their knowledge about printing, publishing, binding - all that good stuff.

I am willing and eager to contribute my time to put it all together and do the leg-work but the book will belong to you and we'll need everyone who can to get involved.

If you are interested in contributing but can't make the meeting please call me and let me know your desires before the meeting.

...Pat Stebbins, Chairman/Editor
279-8026

LIBRARY

Do you have any garden books or magazines taking up space somewhere? Want to put them to good use?

The SDES Library will gladly accept any contributions of plant-related material for loan to members.

Contact Librarian Charles Saltzer (422-3854) or Helen Barkdoll (469-9165) or see them at the general meeting.

A bright autumn moon...
In the shadow of
Each grass
An insect chirping

Buson

NOW IS THE TIME, NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

...Frank Granatowski

Now is the time:

- to withhold fertilizers especially those containing nitrogen (the first number in the formula, i.e., 4-10-8), thus allowing the plant to become semi-dormant.

- to protect plants from exposure to the elements. Frost, hail, and strong wintry winds can cause irreparable damage. Overexposure to harsh winter sunlight can be as detrimental as exposure to the hot summer sun.

- to transplant into larger containers those plants that are not expected to bloom next spring.

- to check the apple (seed pod). Ripened apples may be picked and the seeds planted, however do not rush this procedure. Germination of the seeds will be vastly improved when the apple has become fully matured.

- to take advantage of the winter rains, even prolonged rains will have no harmful effect on epiphyllum hybrids that are planted in good porous soil and they will tend to leach the soil of accumulated salts. Collection of rain water for future use is strongly advised. Store in covered opaque containers to prevent mosquito larvae (wigglers) and buildup of algae.

- to maintain good grooming of your plants. Prune out dead, unsightly, and non-productive branches to conserve the plant's energy. Keep containers free of debris, and last, but not least, bait for slugs and snails. A few granules of SLUGETTA placed in the base of the container has proven to be a very effective control and leaves little or no unsightly residue.

From Peg Minardi:

"...couldn't find the Isopryl Alcohol to swab epi branches for scale - remembered that Vodka works in breathing machine ebulizers. So, fill a shot glass with Vodka - dip your cotton ball and start swabbing - the branches LOVE IT!! The scale disappears - happy also, it is presumed!"

OCTOBER 10*

San Diego Floral Association Meeting: "Floral's Fall Festival" and "Octoberfest", Majorca Room, Casa del Prado, Tuesday 6:30 p.m.

*The Epi Society will have a table at this event - if you would like to participate please contact our Floral Association representative, Kathy Van Arum for more details. Phone 477-5258

Some other garden events

Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28 THURSDAY WORKSHOP "Open to the Public", Free Floral Crafts Instructions, S.D. Floral Asso. Garden Center, Balboa Park 10 am to 3 pm. Info. Colleen Winchell 479-6433

Oct. 30 BOTANY FOR BREAKFAST SERIES "SUCCULENT TREES, SHRUBS, & VINES" Presentation by Bill Knerr, S.D. Zoo Plant Propagator, Rondavel Room, S.D. Zoo - Continental Breakfast Saturday 8 a.m.

Information & Reservations 213-1515, ext. 412

Oct. 30, 31 SOGETSU CHAPTER OF SAN DIEGO 3rd IKEBANA STYLE ARRANGEMENT SHOW, Majorca Room, Casa del Prado Sat. & Sun. 11 am to 4:30 pm

CLASSIFIEDS

EMERALD GARDENS NURSERY regrets to announce it's closing of business. We would like to thank all of our friends, supporters, and all of those who helped us along the way. We are having a great closing sale until Saturday, October 30, 1982 at the nursery. (There will be no mail-order sales during the period until closing). We will be open every Monday from 1 to 5 PM. For an appointment on any other day but Sunday, call us at (805) 966-7413. ATTENTION EPI NURSERIES: We will honor wholesale plant sales at the nursery. We have many high quality 2", 3" and 4" small plants available at great savings. Some prices will be negotiable. Many of the small plants are of the Fall-blooming Wressy Cocke crosses. Also for sale are a high quality soil sterilizer (propane/steam), and a soil blender, as well as many other miscellaneous items. For any inquiries, please give us a call. Emerald Gardens Nursery, Yankee Farm Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93109.

Sincerely yours, Dean Walters

Does anyone have a spare (at least 5-6 years old) ARGUS ?
I would like to buy it.

Pat Stebbins, 279-8026

FALL AND CHRISTMAS SALE
HURST NURSERY...Large 8" potted plants usually selling for \$15 or more will be on sale for 3 for \$35, included in this choice variety will be DR. JOHN T. COX, FRANCIS C, GEORGE FRENCH, MARGE COCKE, HAWAIIAN SUNRISE, SNOW-BANK, ORANGE CRUSH, TEXAS FLAME, and ACAPULCO SUNSET. Our 6" potted plants usually selling for \$12.50 will be priced at 3 for \$30. In this group are CORAL LACE, KRUGGERAND, KAMY, SASSY PINK, OLE, PINK CAMEO, and many more. Sales purchases are limited to one variety of a kind and reasonable prices on our other potted cuttings. Sale days are Nov. 3 thru 28. We are closed Mon. and Tues. Sorry, no mail orders and no dealers. Hurst Nursery, 12059 Lambert, El Monte, CA 91732
Phone: (212) 444-5296

RAINBOW GARDENS proudly announces their brand new 1983 Plant Catalog! New color pictures, new George French hybrids, Christmas/Easter Cactus, English rattails, and new books on Cacti, Succulents. Our new multiple discount coupon and new winter bonus offer makes our 37-page plant/bookshop catalogs the most attractive offer ever, and still only \$1.00. Rainbow Gardens Nursery & Bookshop, P.O. Box 721-ESD, La Habra, CA 90631. (Our 1982 plant customers will be receiving their copy in the mail soon at no charge).

NEWS BULLETIN:

Brand new epiphyllum color photograph book. 256 color photographs. Japanese text, English subtitles, \$19.95. Inquire for more details. Rainbow Gardens Nursery & Bookshop.

This concludes the article 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)
 Part 1 is in Epi News Vol. 6, No. 1 (Jan.), Part 2 in Vol. 6, No. 3 (March), and Part 3 in Vol. 6, No. 7 (July). I hope you have enjoyed it.

EPIPHYLLUM HYBRIDS AND THEIR
 HYBRIDIZERS...by F. Braun

PART 4

In conclusion, I must express my gratitude to Scott Haselton of Epiphyllum Handbook fame and the Epiphyllum Society of America without whom this article could not have been written. Much midnight oil was burned and much literature pored over to col- late this article. It was for me an enjoyable task and one which I feel will be of some value to future re- searchers to enable this record to be amended in due course.

My personal thanks are also due to Mr. C.E.L. Gilbert of Romford, who first set me on the road; to Teddy Young, our late hardworking Treasurer, who never objected when I entered his greenhouse with a knife and who is now enjoying a well earned retirement amongst his Epi's in Sussex; to Ken Grounds for supplying true species and finally to Mr. Auger for his generous help in filling the large gaps in my collection following the bad winter of 1962-3.

Last but not least I must ex- press thanks to Mr. H. W. Dobson, well known to our American friends, for the valuable help he has given me over the past decade.

Notes by the Author:

Following publication of my article in the February Journal, Dr. Irwin of the Epiphyllum Society of America has notified me of certain errors and omissions which require correction:

The varieties rasied by Knebel, other than those commemorating his family and relatives are those varie-

ties readily available in this coun- try. I appreciate that he raised many other worthy hybrids such as Gertrude Beahm, CeKa, Camillo Schneider, Heureka, Dr. Von Roeder, Deutschland, etc. but these and his other varieties are somewhat more difficult to obtain and would only be located after extensive searching and possibly importing cuttings from abroad.

Mrs. Clarion Steele was years ahead of Poindexter with the results of European seeds. Poindexter was only placed first for alphabetical reasons. Mrs. Steele was the earliest of the West Coast hybridizers in the 1930's.

R. W. Kado should read R. F. Kado. Both Kado and Ito in fact re- turned to California after the War, Kado to his Rockcraft and Bonsai business and Ito took over Lessar's Nursery specializing exclusively in cacti and succulents.

The address for the Coolidge Nursery should be Altadena Drive and not Alterdens Dr. As the nursery is no longer in existence, this altera- tion is perhaps academic.

Mr. Leslie C. Parker should be in the past tense as his nursery is now being operated by Mr. Ito. What has become of Poindexter's plants I cannot say at the moment.

There are four varieties called Pfau, 1. Callender's Pfau, 2. Dreers Pfau, 3. Belgian Pfau and 4. Pfau.

Cactus Pete Jr. only operated from the stated address for a short time and was assumed to have gone out of business. However, I understand that he is still growing Epiphyllums at another address although I believe he is not open for business at the moment.

Neither Mr. Hathaway, Mr. and Mrs. Harmon or Nelson Ross sell Epiphyllums and therefore should not be approached for catalogs or cut- tings.

The reference to Effinger "knew nothing about Epiphyllums" should be deleted. I understand that Nelson Ross only assisted Effinger in or- ganizing his nursery until Garden

Grove premises were ready, probably as Ross is gradually going blind. Effinger expects to be open for business during the coming season and should have a good selection of plants.

Floyd Nahigan left the Los Altos address about 10 years ago and has apparently lost all interest in these plants.

E. J. Robertson and C. L. Wright were both former presidents of the American Society and Mr. Wright is currently the Treasurer.

Ed Hummel is no longer at Inglewood and his business is now wholesale and mailorder only.

Harry Johnson now does mail order only and I understand Mrs. McCollum ceased her business four years ago.

Finally, the words in the paragraph relating to Mr. Innes "including some of the un-named De-Laet varieties" should be deleted as it is a printer's error and the following words substituted "and his catalogue now lists several hundred varieties".

