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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Irwin Ryan, Australia
Ken and Mary Etta Branch,
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CHRISTMAS DINNER, SUNDAY, DEC. 5

Just a brief reminder to those of you who will receive your newsletter before Sunday.

Our 7th annual Christmas Dinner and Awards Banquet is at Tom Ham's Lighthouse, 2150 Harbor Drive (on San Diego bay across from the airport at the west tip of Harbor Island). Social hour at 6 pm, dinner at 7 pm.

Please don't forget your dinner tickets - no dinner if you don't have one. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Remember to bring your gaily dressed 4" potted cutting and also your nametag - AND your holiday appetite AND good spirits!

See you there!

- and ...

BILL AND RUTH NELSON still have an excellent selection of 1-gallon potted epiphyllums for sale. Priced from \$3 to \$5, you won't find a better bargain. Call 298-3349 for an appointment.

THIS IS A DECEMBER/JANUARY ISSUE!

...a two-month issue this month because I'm taking the holidays off this year and there will be no January newsletter. Hope you're not too disappointed but I need the vacation.

Your next issue will be in February.

...Pat Stebbins

NOVEMBER MEETING

...Gene Schmedding
Our November meeting was highlighted by our longtime and much loved member, Howard Jones' 80th birthday. A long cord was strung along the wall, hung with many cards from members. Also, there was a huge card on the table in the back of the room which everyone signed. We all wish Howard many more years of good health and happiness.

Chuck Everson and Jerry Williams of Rainbow Gardens were our guests of the evening. Jerry gave a most interesting commentary and slide show on Hoyas and Rhipsalis. I (and I am sure I was not alone) did not know that the unusual and attractive Hoya came in so many colors and shapes. Also the Rhipsalis is a very unusual plant, growing like a lace curtain,

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a group of small bottles, oval, flat-shaped leaves, and almost any other shape of leaves or branches that you can imagine. The flowers (as a rule) are very small, about the size of your little fingernail, but when the plant is in full bloom, it is most attractive sight. Both the Hoya and the Rhipsalis are excellent companion plants for your epis, as they enjoy the same location and treatment as the epi.

As the Board meeting was held a week early this month because of Thanksgiving, Elinor Latimer invited us to meet at her home. Of course she went all out. A table filled with many delicious "goodies" got almost as much attention as the meeting. You are a wonderful hostess, Elinor, and we all thank you for your generosity.

Now - some good news! Bill Nelson has not been in the best of health lately, but he is improving. And we hope that the improvement will continue until he is back in "fighting form" again. (Bill Nelson's address 4553 Maryland St., San Diego, CA 92103).

And - Addie Szobar was in the hospital for three weeks, but is home now and recovering from surgery. Because of her illness, she has not been able to attend the meetings for quite a while. I know that she would enjoy a few cards from her epi friends (4310 Cessna, San Diego, CA 92117).

Don't forget that we are having a December meeting this year, as our yearly dinner will be held on Sunday instead of our regular meeting night. Do not bring cuttings to the meeting this time, as Dick and Elinor Latimer are donating a lot of their seedlings to be given at the raffle instead of cuttings.

... for your information

Marion Foster has been appointed to fill the Director vacancy left by Dick Chadwick. Thank you, Marion.

The Sea World Show representative for 1983 will be Paula Minardi. Paula will have all the details of the show in the near future.

DECEMBER MEETING, DEC. 8

Our December meeting will be on our regular meeting night, and will be a super-special one, a lovely Christmas bonus for everyone attending. Don't bring cuttings for the cutting table because our program will be presented by Dick and Elinor Latimer and our cutting table will be (exclusively) seedlings from the Latimer crosses. The raffle will be conducted as usual and you get to take home your very own infant epiphyllum (maybe a BLUE one? - you never know. It's got to happen some day).

Don't miss this one!

DECEMBER REFRESHMENTS

...Penny Bunker

Wasn't that a lovely birthday celebration for Howard Jones! I think he will always remember the cards and beautiful thoughts in them. We all love you, Howard.

How about those epiphyllum cookies? The cutter was made by Roger Mohling and cookies made by Roger and by Valerie Ann Bailey. Thanks to everyone, and your cooperation for goodies.

Now, remember December 8th is an extra meeting, and ONLY COOKIES this month...those signed up are:

Helen Barkdoll	Dorothy Ogdon
Mary Etta Branch	Mary Post
Debbie Capp	Betty Ridge
Frank Granatowski	Barbara Schreader
Millie Moore	Kathy Van Arum

JANUARY 1983 MEETING, JAN. 12

The January meeting will be a very nice surprise. In an exclusive interview with the Program Chairman, this reporter was told that the program is not (at this date) officially signed up, but he assured me that it will be a very special one. (I'm a sucker for an honest face, so take a chance folks - you know Milt Turner won't do you wrong!)

...and anyway, how else can you possibly start the New Year without attending the first Epi Meeting?

AUCTION FOR HANDBOOK FUND

Do you have a plant or two you'd like to donate to a good cause? We will be having an auction at the monthly meetings - specifically to benefit the Handbook fund. Find out at the Host Table when you come in where to put your donation so it won't wind up someplace else.

(It doesn't necessarily have to be a plant - you could donate any garden related gadget or craft in new or good condition to be auctioned.)

SAN DIEGO EPIPHYLLUM SOCIETY
1982-83 PROPOSED BUDGET

INCOME

Membership Dues	\$ 900.00
Monthly Cutting Table	0.00
Mother's Day Show Sales	4,000.00
Christmas Dinner Sales	1,650.00
Sea World Show Sales	250.00
<u>TOTAL INCOME:</u>	<u>\$6,800.00</u>

EXPENSES

Social	*\$3,550.00
Epi News	1,450.00
Monthly Program	500.00
Photo Supplies & Service	100.00
Telephone	50.00
Research & Development	200.00
Miscellaneous	150.00
Savings	800.00
<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>	<u>\$6,800.00</u>

*Includes Christmas Party Expenses

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 events...Dec. 18 "Botany for Breakfast"

"Conifers of the San Diego Zoo, 8 and 10 am. Reservations 231-1515, ext. 412 — *And,*

Jan. 22 "Bamboos of the San Diego Zoo", 8 and 10 am.

Windy winter rain...

My silly big

Umbrella

Tries walking backward

Shisei-Jo

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CLASSIFIEDS

CALIFORNIA EPI CENTER 1983 full-color
"Flowering Jungle Cacti" Catalog,
\$1.00 (deductible). Hundreds of
Orchid Cacti (Epiphyllums), Rhipsalis,
Christmas and Easter Cactus, Rattail
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THE GOLDEN AGE OF EPIPHYLLUMS

Part XVb: The Beahms

by Rick Latimer

The following is the tribute to Gertrude Beahm published in the Cactus and Succulent Society of America's Journal:

It is always hard when the time comes to say good-bye to a friend of many years and so it is now that we, with great sadness, announce the passing of our beloved editor of the E. S. A. Bulletin, Gertrude W. Beahm on August 14, 1962. Following church services, she was laid to rest on August 18, 1962.

Mrs. Beahm is survived by her devoted husband, Sherman E. Beahm, two daughters, Shirley and Frances (Mrs. Edward) Jagielski, one son James W. Beahm, ten grandchildren, and her brother Alfred V. Wagner.

As editor of the E. S. A. Bulletin for 18 years, her interest in its articles and general contents increased with the years as she unceasingly strove to do her best to make the Bulletin worthy of the high standard she had set for it.

Gertrude's love of plants and flowers was awakened early in her life due to her home environment and her own innate interest. Thus nurtured, it grew steadily and remained with her all of her life. Always a student, she never faltered in her search for knowledge. She was blessed with many fine attributes -- a keen intellect, a splendid memory, an interest in many subjects, often wide and varied, and a great sense of loyalty. Possessing an open mind, she always delighted in listening to the views of others, always tolerant and understanding.

Mrs. Beahm was one of the first of our time to appreciate the value of our lovely Epiphyllum flowers and to see that the future held great promise for them. In her later years, her sense of touch grew more intense and she was able to "see" the newer Epiphyllum varieties by handling them and having the colors described to her. She well remembered the flowers she had known and loved and no one could ever tell her an "Argus" was an "Agatha" or any other well remembered variety -- she knew better definitely.

To many of the members of the (CSSA) Society, it will bring a note of sadness for them to learn that Mrs. Beahm had been blind for over 20 years, and bed-ridden with painful arthritis for the last 10 years or more. In spite of all her suffering, she maintained a cheerful spirit in her frail body and kept mentally alert to the very end. Her voice has been stilled, but her great spirit lives on.

Her husband Ernie died March 14, 1977 after a long illness at the age of 80. Ernie started the Beahm Gardens nursery in 1920 and has been, over the years, one of the leading Epiphyllum

growers. He was a director and Associate Editor of the Epiphyllum Society of America. He will be especially remembered as a warm, friendly, and exceedingly courageous individual. If we did not already know him, many of us had the chance to meet him on one of our early Bus Tours to the ESA flower Show. Although many Epiphyllum nurseries have gone by the wayside over the years, the Beahm Gardens Nursery is still very much with us. We wish it well!

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Beahm Hybrids

Adonita	Copper Horn	Fascination
Alice Roosevelt	Coral Mist	Fedala
Allurosa	Crinoline	Flora Dora
Alma Mater	Cupid	Flower Song
Amulet	<u>Daisy Dean</u>	Frances Wymond
Arctic Waters	Dark Fury	French Anthem
Baby Doll	Darky	Front Page
Beahmii ?	Dawn Glow	Frosty Rose
Bertha Talbot Loose	Desert Haze	Galic Gold
Berty Snow	Dido	Gallant Host
Bessie Beahm	Doll Dance	Gallant Knight
Black Papa	Donald Duck	Garden Party
Bo-Peep's Crook	Dreamland	Gay Heart
Bountiful	Duchess of Windsor	Glad Rags
Brief Dream	Duke of Windsor	Globetrotter
Buckeye	Dutch Girl	Golden Emblem
Caliente	Ebony	Grace Marie
Cannon Ball	Elkhart	Grand Master
Charming Night	El Ray	Greenling
Chivalry	Emerald Isle	Gretna Green
Cindy	Empire Rose	Happy Sprite
Cinerama	Ernie's Purple Pride	Heartbeat
Circus Man	Evening Haze	Heart's Desire
Cleona	Fanciful	Heatwave
Contentment	Fancy Queen	Hiawatha