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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

N. S. Simmons, Del Mar  
Dorothy Spear, North Hampton,  
New Hampshire  
Harold Barnes, Spring Valley

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*Happy New Year!*

My gosh, here it is February already - that two months I took off really flew. I just about broke even on the things I had planned to do and the things I really did, but my epiphyllums were high on the priority list and they got fed and pruned and tuned up for spring. (We won't talk about the accumulated "stuff" on the patio and the messy potting shed - that can wait a little). I just get so tickled to walk out there and see all those tiny buds forming. I guess that's a thrill you'll have as long as you have epiphyllums. I had a bloom on PROF. H.S. IRWIN last week, and blooms for the last six weeks or so on CONFETTI and ELF QUEEN, and of course the ever faithful HAROLD KNEBEL.

Though it is February, and since our last newsletter was in December, I do want to say a few words about our lovely Christmas awards banquet. Elinor Latimer performed her magic again and it was another memorable evening.

The dining room at Tom Ham's Lighthouse overlooks the marina at Harbor Island and with the boat lights and light fog rolling in, combined with the festive spirit of the members and the excellent buffet served, it was about as close to perfect you can get.

Our entertainment was the La Mesa Chapter of the "Sweet Adelines", who gave us a delightful program of holiday music sung in barbershop style.

Among those honored with a "special award" plant were the SDES Committee Chairmen and Society Representatives, and board members of the 1981-82 term. Also honored were past presidents John Clancy and Gene Lund (who are now Honorary Life Directors). In recognition of their past work on behalf of the Society, an Honorary Life Membership was presented to Nate Ogdon, Dorothy Ogdon, Dick Chadwick, and Pat Stebbins.

Our special award plants were from Lois and Bob Burks nursery, the California Epi Center. Chuck and Jerry of Rainbow Gardens generously donated a copy of their "Directory of Epiphyllums" and a special award hoyo.

*...Pat Stebbins*

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DECEMBER/JANUARY MEETINGS

...Gene Schmedding

Our December 8 meeting was attended by 167 members and guests. The program was a slide show by Dick Latimer of some of his seedlings. He has a good number of outstanding flowers which he will register later. Instead of members bringing cuttings for the cutting table, Dick and Elinor Latimer donated 200 of their young seedlings which were given to ticket holders at the drawing. Everyone got at least one seedling.

Wouldn't it be something if someone got a seedling that bloomed blue, the color that every hybridizer is trying for?

We had a most interesting speaker at the January 12 meeting, Mr. Ray Landon from Walter Anderson's Nursery. Mr. Landon is very well educated in plant culture and his hobby is orchids. He raised orchids in Detroit for six years, then moved to southern California and worked at Nurseryland for a while and is now employed at Anderson's nursery mainly in their orchid department. He has over 400 of the beautiful plants in his private collection. This evening he showed slides of Paphiopedilum (Lady Slipper) orchids, many of which are suited to house culture if you have the right lighting. Two that he especially recommended for culture in the house are "Maudie" and "Villosum". The culture of the Lady Slipper is not too much different from the epi so they are suited to live comfortably in the same area as your epis.

I am sorry to report that we have lost another member. Elsie Johnson passed away the middle of December. Our sympathy goes to her relatives.

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FEBRUARY MEETING, FEB. 9

The guest speaker at our February meeting will be member Gene Lund who will present a slide program titled "Introduction to Epiphyllums"

based on the Scott Haselton "Epiphyllum Handbook" - an excellent program for new members and prospective new members.

FEBRUARY MEETING REFRESHMENTS

...Penny Bunker

It doesn't seem possible that another year is a month old already. We had such a grand group in January, busy after all the holidays, but they didn't forget to bring their goodies. Starting well, we had the following sign up for February 9. Remember to bring several dozen cookies (about 4 dozen as we have such a large group coming), or a large oblong cake to cut into squares.

Valerie Bailey	Roger Mohling
Wilia Collins	Millie Moore
Blanche Hafiz	Irmela Paul
Curt Hammel	Dot Runde
Mildred Leason	Gayle Widner

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AUCTION FOR HANDBOOK FUND

Do you have a plant or two you could donate to a good cause? We will be having an auction at the monthly meetings - specifically to contribute funds to our forthcoming handbook.

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).

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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.

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I received the following and thought it might be of interest to some of you:

from RANCHO SAN DIEGO TRAVEL, SDSU Aztec Center:

"Ernest B. Chew, who planned and planted much of the San Diego Zoo, will be leading a 4-island Hawaiian plant tour around Easter time. Don Gustafson, SD County Farm Advisor will lead an avocado and citrus tour of Greece and Israel in March 1983. Peggy Winter, Newsletter Editor and Tour leader for the California Rare Fruit Growers club is leading another 4-island tour of Hawaii in June and a trip to New Zealand and Australia in November. All of these trips are open to anyone interested.

"We do a lot of research for our clients and have an extensive list of Botanical gardens, experimental stations, private homes and interesting nurseries worth visiting in many countries.

"For any plant club that would prefer a tour in their specialty for their members only, we offer the same detailed planning and one free trip for every 15 paying passengers. We provide import permits and all documents necessary to bring plants home with you along with the telephone numbers and addresses of the foreign agriculture agencies which will have to inspect and sign the import documents.

"We are hoping that your members will think of us when it's time to plan their next vacation whether they plan to tour with other plant lovers or simply wish to browse through the great botanical gardens on their own. We can get you there".

For more detailed information of this service contact Peggy Winter, area code 619, 287-6280.

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#### NOW IS THE TIME

...Frank Granatowski

Now is the time:

- to maintain good grooming by removal of dead, spindly and unsightly branches from your plants.

- to remove dead leaves and debris from containers, thereby eliminating a haven for harmful pests and allowing a free flow of oxygen to the soil and root system.

- to remove scale residue clinging to outside of containers.

- to give mature plants a final feeding of Nitrogen-free liquid fertilizer such as Bloom-Builder or Hi-Bloom, to promote healthy buds and blooms.

- to utilize control methods to inhibit aphids and ants (who are attracted by the nectar) from attacking new buds and blooms. Insecticides such as Orthene and Malathion can be used. READ AND FOLLOW DIRECTIONS ON LABEL CAREFULLY!

- to remember not to attempt to relocate plants once buds have begun to form.

- to bait for snails which become more active with the wet weather. A few granules of Sluggetta placed at the base of the plants has proved to be very effective, and it leaves little or no residue.

- to repot last year's cuttings that have outgrown their present container.

- to gather and store rain water for future use. If possible store in covered opaque containers to avoid infestations of larvae and buildup of algae.

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Roaring winter storm  
Rushing to its  
Utter end...  
Ever-sounding sea

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EPI SHOW 1983

The SDES Annual Mother's Day Show will be upon us before you know it, so start getting ready!

The theme this year is "Salute to Balboa Park".

Reserve your table early with Show Chairman Gene Lund (469-1677) or Co-Chairman Helen Barkdoll (469-9165), or see them at the meeting.

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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 Cactus, Hoyas, Succulents. Nursery open by appointment. Please call for directions. California Epi Center, Dept. SD83, P. O. Box 1431, Vista, CA 92038. Phone (619) 758-4290

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*- some upcoming  
Garden events - -*

- ✓ Feb. 5, 6 S.D. CAMELLIA SOC. 36TH ANNUAL SPRING SHOW. Casa del Prado, Majorca Rm., Balboa Park. Free Sat. 1 to 5 pm, Sun. 10 am - 5 pm
- ✓ Feb. 15 S.D. FLORAL ASSOCIATION MTG. Exhibit and talk by Steve Brigham on rare plants. This meeting honors the Quail Botanical Gardens (Encinitas, CA). Sales table with some of the rare plants. Casa del Prado, Majorca Rm., Balboa Park Tuesday 6:30 pm "Open to the Public" Hot Chicken Box Supper \$1.50 per person, "Door Prizes". Information & Reservations (619) 232-5762
- ✓ Feb. 19, 20 IKENOBO SCHOOL OF IKEBANA 7TH ANNUAL EXHIBIT, Casa del Prado, Majorca Rm, Balboa Park Sat. & Sun. 11 am - 4:30 pm. Free
- ✓ Feb. 26 BOTANY FOR BREAKFAST SERIES "ALOES OF THE S. D. ZOO". Presentation by Bill Knerr, Plant Propagator, SD Zoo, Rondavel Rm., SD Zoo. Continental Breakfast. Sat. 8 am. Info. & Reservations (619) 231-1515, ext. 412
- ✓ Feb. 26, 27 S. D. ORCHID SOCIETY SPRING MINI SHOW, Casa del Prado, Majorca Rm., Balboa Park Sat. Noon-4:30 pm, Sun. 10 am to 4:30 pm. Free

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RAINBOW GARDENS now has the new yellow Christmas Cactus "Gold Charm" at \$5.00 per small rooted plant, in stock and available for pick-up at our Nursery or UPS shipment (\$2.50 charge for Calif., \$3.50 elsewhere) plus 6% sales tax (Calif. residents). NEW 1983 plant/bookshop catalogs \$1.00 (deductible). RAINBOW GARDENS NURSERY & BOOKSHOP, P. O. Box 721-SD, La Habra, CA 90631. Credit cards accepted (min. plant order \$10).

Hollydale	Love Night	Placentia
Ice Cap	Lydia	Polka Parade
Iced Glory	Magic Moon	Polka Party
Ice Follies	Margaret Ward	Polly's Rose
Indian Fox	Marie Celeste	Pollyanna
Irish Fireflame	Maxwellton	President Harry S Truman
Jacolyn Manning	Minnehaha	Pride of Corona
Jericho	Miss Beverly	Pride of Harlem
Joan Marie	Miss Margaret Truman	Pride of Paloma
Joedy	Miss Muffett	Prince of Orange
Joel	Miss Nancy Bell	Prince of Wales
John Greer	Moon Glow	Pulford's Giant Empress
Joyce	Moonlove	Pulford's Giant Trumpet
Judy	Moonstone	Pygmalion*
Juniata	Mormor	Queen Katherine
Kadolia	Morocco	Queensland
Kathie	Mother of Mine	Raggedy Ann
Kathleen Heatley	Mount Lofty	Raspberry Parfait
Katrinka	Mrs. Bess Truman	Red Hermosissimus
Kinneloa	Mystic Melody	Red Robin
Kismet	Nomad	Renown
Lady Serner	Orange Nymph	Rita Ellen
La Jolla	Oriental Charm	Roman Torch
Lemon Drop	Pacemaker	Rose Marie Rosetta
Leonotis	Palcentia	Rose of France
Lilliput	Paracutin	Rose of Tralee
Little Gem	Paradise Queen	Rose Parade
Local Talent	Pedra	Rose Perfection
Lode Star	Pedrita	Rose Tourney
Lois O.	Perleberg	Rose Wing
Lolita	Persian Rose	Rosey
Lord Dunraven	Pimiento	Rosina
Lotus Queen	Pink Fantasy	Rosy Rosetta
Royal Ann	Star Bright	Tiny Jewel
Royal Balladier	Starlla Lee	Tonga
Ruby Star	Sun Dodger	Torch Light
Rudy Boysen	Sunland	Torchy
School Girl	Sunny Gal	Trocadero
Scotch Lassie	Susan Marie	Tululosa
Scott Thomas	Suspense	Turkey Trot
Sharon	Susquehanna	Vanessa
Show Girl	Swagger	Velvet Lady
Show Stopper	Tangiers	Verna
Silver Beau	Tarragon	Veronica
Silver Frost	Tehachapi	Virginia
Sister Julia	Texan	Wayward Imp
Sky Pilot	Theda Bara	Whirlaway
Snow Goddess	Theme Song	White Flame
So Sweet	The Sentry	White Pride
Southern Cross	Thunder Head	Woodland Imp
		Yreka

\*Dr. Stauch drew my attention to this hybrid: Pygmalion - Narrow orange sepals with lighter orange petals edged in soft magenta. Forward trumpet. Cooperii type ovary-tube, heavy caned plant growth edged in brown. Cooperii X opuntia!!!

"Grace Marie" was registered in 1949 and named by Gertrude Beahm for her mother. This flower is a seedling of Cooperii and the shape and size are the same, however the color is a delicate true pink with the outer petals in dusky pink.

Fort and O'Barr Hybrids named by the Beahms

Coronet	<u>Dolly Madison</u>	Queen of Sheba
Cover Girl	Dreamy	Queen's Choice
Cuthbert	Drifting Cloud	Red Ripples
Dainty Bess	Golden Prince	Rio Hondo
Dark Accent	High Hopes	Roman Beauty
Dark Moon	His Grace	Royal Melody
Delicate Lass	Lark Ellen	Spic and Span
Del Mar	Little Jewel	The Duke
Desert Song	Little Moon	The Senator
Dixie Knight	Matagama	Watcheer
		Yvonne

Grand Slam is a Hawks hybrid named by the Beahms

ADDITIONAL REFERENCE:

Martha Maxwell, "Some Epis I Enjoyed this Year and Why", Epiphyllum Society of America's Bulletin (11:2), 10/1955, p. 10.