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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

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Capt. M. H. & Marion Buaas,
San Diego
Daniel & Christine Sanchez,
San Diego



Addie Szobar is back in the hospital again. If you'd like to send her a cheerful note, I know she'd really appreciate hearing from you.

Addie Szobar
4310 Cessna
San Diego, CA 92117



Help!

Do you have an interesting article or item that would be appropriate for the Epi News?

Are you doing some experimenting with hybridizing or cuttings you'd like to tell about?

It would make my job a lot less worrisome to have a backlog of newsworthy articles to draw from (that I didn't have to hunt for, especially

now that I'm also involved with the forthcoming handbook).

Are you concerned about your writing, spelling, grammar? Not to worry - can fix you up like Hemingway, or at least Bombeck!

There are a treasured few who do contribute regularly and I am eternally grateful. This newsletter is yours and I would like to continue on the level I've tried to maintain.

Please let me hear from you.

...Pat



APRIL MEETING, April 13

As our speaker for the April program, we are pleased to welcome Mr. A. J. S. McMillan of Bristol, England. Mr. McMillan is currently visiting in Los Angeles; he is renowned in the horticultural world and is past Editor of "Epiphytes" Newsletter. He will present a slide program on Christmas cactus hybrids.

Howard Jones was our scheduled speaker for April but Howard graciously consented to reschedule his program for May because of the availability of Mr. McMillan. Howard's program in May will be "How

to Photograph an Epi" - a timely and interesting subject from a man who really knows how.

SLIDE LIBRARY

- and speaking of photos - do you have slides of epis or society events that you would like to contribute to the slide library? We would appreciate any you have. Make sure they are correctly identified (name, your name and date if possible). They will be greatly appreciated. See Peg Minardi (Slide Chairman).

HISTORIAN

- also, there are historical albums being kept by our Historian Blendina Boyle - do you have any items or photos (not slides) you could contribute that would be appropriate? Call Blendina if you do, 421-7918.



APRIL REFRESHMENTS

...Penny Bunker

The spring rains are supposed to bring gorgeous flowers, so we should be looking for a windfall in May with all the extra rain this year. The folks turned out for a delightful program in March, traveling all over Hawaii, and brought lovely goodies.

Those signed up for April:

Wilia Collins	John & Lee
Marian Foster	Holcombe
Ramona Huftill	Cliff, Jan and
Barbara Jolly	Jackie Rice
Elsie Kairath	Gene Schmedding
Millie Moore	
Mary Post	



MARCH GENERAL MEETING, March 9

...Gene Schmedding

Mr. Ernest Chew (formerly of the S.D. Zoo as botany consultant) currently consulting editor of the San Diego Home and Garden Magazine, and the Rancho Santa Fe Travel agency in charge of horticultural tours. He is also consultant for the Golden Door in Escondido, regarding their Japanese Garden.

Mr. Chew showed us many very beautiful slides of Hawaii and other surrounding islands, and their lush growth of tropical plants and lovely waterfalls. The wettest spot in the world is the island of Kauau. It has a lovely fern grotto, and also a "Grand Canyon" that compares with our Grand Canyon here.

Some of the most fascinating of the pictures was the varying patterns on the trunks of different palm trees. Many of them looked like lace had been wrapped around them.

There was also a very strange tree called the "Cannon Ball" tree, with flowers growing out of the trunk.

Mr. Chew's talk was so interesting, I am sorry there isn't room to tell everything that he talked about.

There were 154 members in attendance and 10 guests. As usual each guest was presented with a small growing epi (1st time guest).

Bob and Lois Burks of California Epi Center brought quite a few nice, rooted cuttings for our auction for the book fund. Our thanks Bob and Lois, you are always so very generous.

The Nominating Committee was chosen. It consists of John Clancy, Greg Balvin, Gwen Johnston, Jack Bradley and Helen Barkdoll.

Time is getting short to reserve your show table. We want this to be the best show we have ever had (and that is going to be hard as we have had many of the best flower shows in San Diego in the past). Contact either Gene Lund or Helen Barkdoll for your reservation, or offers to help in any way that is needed. There are a lot of jobs that need to be filled to make a successful show, let's not wait until the last minute to speak up. The earlier things are taken care of, the more time can be devoted to making this the most beautiful show ever.



NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS '83-84

Once again it is time for new officers to be elected for all elective offices. The Nominating Committee will announce their nominations at the April meeting and candidates will be elected at the May meeting.

Nominations will also be permitted from the floor (April meeting) provided the nominee is present and agrees to the nomination or has given written consent.

If you would like to take part in the operations of our Society but don't know what to do about it, now's the time.

For complete details on offices and duties, or anything else regarding nominations, please call a member of the Nominating Committee as soon as possible.

John Clancy (Chairman) 277-8206
 Greg Balvin 281-8229
 Jack Bradley 426-0537
 Helen Barkdoll 469-9165
 Gwen Johnston 583-9251

Nominations will be published in the Epi News before the May meeting.

OPEN GARDENS

Members who would like to make their plants and gardens open for showing to other members of the Society, please call Open Gardens chairman Jack Stafford, 420-3646, or see him at the April meeting. Jack would like to coordinate the days and locations so they would be in the same area of town on the same day. (Going from Chula Vista to El Cajon to Point Loma on the same day is a real trip!)

So think about it - and if you think you'd like to show off your garden and green thumb sometime in the next few months (with epis blooming is nice, but not necessarily essential), call Jack.



In the open shop
 Paperweights on
 Picture books...
 Young springtime breeze

Kito

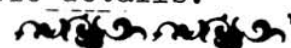
Epi-vents!

April 30, May 1 SAN DIEGO EPIPHYLLUM SOCIETY "GREEN THUMB" SHOW AT WILD ANIMAL PARK: Sat. & Sun. 9AM to 5 PM. Members to bring their blooms for showing, and sell park cuttings to the public. No need for fancy display, just styrofoam or paper or plastic cups for your blooms will do. There will be a sign-up sheet at the hostess table at the May 13 meeting. You can sign up for a 2-hour stint and talk your socks off about epis for two hours (or hang around all day and talk if you like), and take in the Wild Animal Park to boot. This is really a fun thing to do and a good opportunity to get to see our epi shade houses at the park. Howard Jones will be running tours all weekend every few hours to see our houses. Get complete details on how to get in, times, etc. from Nate or Dorothy Ogdon when you sign up (or call them 479-0425).

May 8 (Mother's Day) ANNUAL SDES FLOWER SHOW: THEME "SALUTE TO BALBOA PARK". Show in Room 101, 10:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Cutting sale in Room 102. Contact Helen Barkdoll to reserve your table for showing, 469-9165.

May 15, SDES BUS TOUR: to the Epiphyllum Society of America Annual Show at the L. A. County Arboretum, Rainbow Gardens Nursery, Hurst Nursery, and possibly another nursery (as yet unconfirmed). Bus reservations \$10.00 per person. See Ed Broz (or call him 465-1721), for your reservations, sooner the better - time is getting short.

May 28, 29 SEA WORLD SHOW: Sat. & Sun. at Sea World. Members to show their blooms and sell their cuttings in the greenhouse at Sea World. Reserve your table now. See or call Chairman Paula Minardi (578-3597) for more specific details.



MOTHER'S DAY SHOW, MAY 8

CUTTING ROOM - Cuttings for the Mother's Day Show:

This is our once a year big money-raising event and much of the society's functions are dependent upon everyone bringing in cuttings. Bring in as many as you can cut consistent with high quality (like those you would like to receive), minimum of seven inches, and longer ones are welcome. Everyone attending will want to bring in at least a few good cuttings, and some people are privileged to be able to donate very many. We are thankful for all donations. Mature plants are also welcome.

In order to make things run smoothly in the cutting room, please label your cuttings by name, followed by color coding: R = red, PK = pink, O = orange, Y = yellow, W = white, P = purple, MULTI = multicolored. If it is a two-colored flower, you may put the predominating color first, such as W/Y for a mostly white flower with yellow markings. If you know the flower size and want to add it, XL = extra large, L = large, M = medium, S = small. It would be a great help if colors are separated into different bags if you are fortunate enough to have quite a few to donate.

Now is the time to start cutting those Epiphyllums you can share with the public. By cutting them in the next couple of weeks, they have sufficient time to callus over before the show, and it saves you the last minute hurry. Keep the cuttings outside in the open air in the shade. Do not put them in bags until the day of the show. Bring good mature growth, avoid tender new growth.

We thank you for seven, or seventy times seven.

...Dick Chadwick and Ernest Angus, (690-2742)

Cutting Room (463-4316)

"SALUTE TO BALBOA PARK" SHOW

Excitement is mounting and enthusiasm is catching as we watch our buds swelling into perfect flowers that we hope will be the blue ribbon blossom of the show. If you haven't already signed up for a table, now is the time to see me at the library table next meeting. We still have quite a few tables available, so come and join in the fun! We should be setting up Saturday May 7, after 5 o'clock. If we all do as much as possible to get our displays ready on Saturday, then we can relax and thoroughly enjoy the day of the show.

A potluck lunch may be shared by those that participate and bring a dish to share. Please bring a casserole, salad or dessert. Beverages will be provided. Let's make this a show to be proud of, and each help add a few dollars to the society for the handbook, dinners, and the other many services we enjoy. If you have any questions or want to reserve a table by phone, please call me, 469-9165. Let's all work together to make this show fun as well as beautiful.

...Helen Barkdoll, Co-Chairman

*Editor's Note: If you want to contribute cuttings but can't deliver them or make it to the show (heaven forbid!), please tell Ernest or Dick or Helen, and they will see that they get to the cutting room in time.



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SAN DIEGO EPIPHYLLUM SOCIETY BALANCE SHEET 1982 - 1983

<u>INCOME/ASSET ACCTS.</u>	<u>BUDGET AMT.</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE YTD AMT.</u>
-Membership Dues	\$ 900.	\$ 1,173.35
-Cutting Table	Ø	Ø
-Mother's Day Show Sales	4,000.	Ø
-Christmas Dinner Sales	1,650.	1,332.00
-Sea World Show Sales	250.	Ø
-Interest	Ø	266.52
-Plant Sales	Ø	738.95
Sub-total	<u>6,800.00</u>	<u>3,510.82</u>
Checking/Savings Balance	<u>3,957.07</u>	<u>3,957.07</u>
Total Income/Assets Balance	10,757.07	7,467.89
<u>EXPENSE/DEBIT ACCTS.</u>	<u>BUDGET AMT.</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE YTD AMT.</u>
-Social	3,550.	Ø
-Christmas Dinner	Ø	2,645.80
-Refreshments	Ø	105.69
-Photo Supplies & Service	100.	Ø
-Office Supplies	Ø	212.13
-Telephone	50.	Ø
-Research & Development	200.	Ø
-Savings	800.	Ø
-Plant Society Memberships	Ø	138.00
-Sales Tax	Ø	248.26
-Speaker Honoraria	500.	325.00
-Epi News	1,450.	1,414.10
-Handbook Reserve	Ø	176.75
-Miscellaneous	150.	295.46
Sub-total	<u>6,800.</u>	<u>5,561.19</u>
Checking/Savings Reserve	<u>3,957.07</u>	<u>3,957.07</u>
Total Expense/Debit Balance	\$10,757.07	\$ 9,518.26

Date: March 22, 1983

Prepared by: *Randy Light*
 Randy Light, Treasurer



- some gardening events (other than epi) of interest..

April 16,17: EXOTIC PLANT SOCIETY 5TH ANNUAL SHOW Casa del Prado, Majorca Room, Balboa Park. Sat. & Sun. 11 AM to 4 PM - FREE
April 16,17: SAN DIEGO ROSE SOCIETY 16th ANNUAL ROSE SHOW. Balboa Park Club, Balboa Park. Sat 2 PM to 7 PM Sun. 10 AM to 6 PM. Donation \$1.00

April 19: SAN DIEGO FLORAL ASSO.. MEETING Casa del Prado, Majorca Room. Spaghetti Dinner - Program: Herbs by Rosalie Garcia. Tuesday 6:30 PM - Reservations: 232-5762 (Not later than Apr. 15).
April 23, 24: SAN DIEGO BONSAI CLUB 18th ANNUAL SPRING SHOW Casa del Prado, Majorca Room. Sat. & Sun. 10 AM to 5 PM. FREE
May 1: QUAIL GARDENS FOUNDATION "FUN & FESTIVAL" SHOW. Quail Gardens, Ecke Family Bldg., 230 Quail Gardens Dr., Encinitas. Sun 10 AM to 4 PM. FREE

WILD ANIMAL PARK SHADEHOUSE

...Nate Ogdon

On March 12 a good sized working party mustered at the WAP to commence the moving of plants from the upper house and the old house. In due time, after bending hooks on the wires and usual discussion, always in calm quiet voices, we got started.

The ladies weeded and cleaned up the grounds - made quite a pile of broken limbs (trees) and debris, broken pots, etc.

Gene & Co. put up a lot of ties on the Saran. That area is shaping up pretty good. George French has done some work on the Saran since this date.

It took a little while but finally one could see what the new house was going to look like from the plant viewpoint. They should love it - lots of growing room, lots of light and moving air. With the work done on this date and on later days the upper house is all but stripped of plants that will be going to the new house. One more small working party around the 26th should have both houses in order.

Those attending were:

Howard Jones	Larry & Lorna
John Piland	Barrows
Vernon Hook	Gus Schlapfer
Ed & Mary Post	Ed Broz
Gene Lund	Danny Broz
Hugh & Oralee Steele	Marcia & Steven
Ralph & Elinor Berry	Hultgren
Walter Gorrell	Nate & Dorothy
George French	Ogdon
Dick Chadwick	
Dr. Hafiz	

NOW IS THE TIME MAY-JUNE

...Frank Granatowski

Now is the time:

- to enjoy the fruits of your labor. Properly cared for plants should produce an abundance of beautiful, spectacular blooms.

- to cross-pollinate as soon as blooms open. However, pollinate with definite goals in mind, i.e., specific color or shape, size, off-season blooms, double flowers, etc. Bees and insects may do the job satisfactorily but they are not very selective.

- to remove spent and wilted blooms by cutting about 1/2" from the base of the flower. Use a sharp knife or pruning shears. This method is also advised when cutting flowers for display.

- to continue good grooming of mature plants by pruning older branches that are no longer productive, i.e., branches on which many areoles are calloused and scarred from previous blooms. These cuttings can be used to start new plants.

- to protect foliage from the hot summer sun. Maintain plants in filtered sunlight.

- to water regularly. Keep moist but not wet. Do not allow soil to completely dry out.

- to repot cuttings and plants that have outgrown their containers.

- to attend the local "Epi Shows" and meet and talk with established epi growers. This is also a good opportunity to obtain new cultivars for your collection.

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is open on the weekends for the month of April without an appointment. All are welcome. Books are also available for preview upon request. RAINBOW GARDENS, 1574 E. Dorothea Rd., La Habra Heights, California 90631, (213) 697-1488

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