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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Steve Hultgren, San Diego



MAY MEETING, May 11

Our speaker for May will be member Howard Jones, whose program was postponed from last month. Howard's program will be "How to Photograph an Epi". (Howard only has about 60 years photography experience but he won't try to cover all of it on one program.)

Howard's latest accolade is a Community Service Award Certificate presented by the Ralph's Supermarket chain this past March. Their "Volunteer of the Month" Award was presented to Howard for his horticultural contribution to the Escondido area, including the Wild Animal Park. (Coincidentally, Howard was the first customer at the first Ralph's store in Los Angeles, 61 years ago).



Bring your Epi blooms to May meeting too!

MAY REFRESHMENTS

Betsy Bollman
Ruth Carlen
Bernadine Southard
Sako Hook
Susie Ellis
Millie Moore
Mary Alice Buass
Betty Klumpp
Pat Stebbins



APRIL MEETING

...Pat Stebbins

Although our scheduled speaker never arrived, it was a full, busy evening - what with all the May events' last minute instructions, the glorious mini-show of Epi blooms, and the nominations for next year's officers.

If you missed Penny Bunker's bustle (?) at the refreshment table it's because she was recovering from eye surgery; she's doing well and we'll see her in May. Her husband Walter stood in for her but his bustle is not quite the same. We missed you, Penny!

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Wasn't it great to see Bill and Ruth Nelson again? They've had to curtail their activities this past few months because of Bill's health, and it was really good to see their smiling faces.

In case you missed it last month, make it a point in May to look at the classy library shelf-cabinet made for the society by our talented librarian Charlie Saltzer. You sure do good work Charlie, I'd like to bring you home with me for about a year!



Good News! The latest report on the Szobar's is good for a change. Addie is recuperating at home now and George is recovering from his recent by-pass surgery. He's due home in a couple of days (as of 4/24). The cards from well wishers have been most appreciated.

Addie & George Szobar
4310 Cessna, San Diego, CA 92117



NOMINATIONS - SDES OFFICERS 1983-84

The candidates are:

President:

Elinor Latimer
Frank Granatowski

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Gene Lund
Ron Miller

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Greg Balvin
Helen Barkdoll
Charles Coons
Roland Johnston
Gene Schmedding
Michael Shepley
George Jennings
Jeannie Burger
Ron Miller

Please pick up your ballot at the host table when you sign in at the May meeting.

PLEASE COME AND VOTE. REMEMBER, "NO VOTE, NO VOICE!"



BETTY COX

We regret the news that Betty Cox passed away April 12th in Sequim, Washington. She is survived by her husband, John. They moved to Sequim in 1977 due to health reasons and to be near family.

Betty and John operated "Cox's Epi Nursery" in Encinitas, the first epi catalog nursery in the San Diego area. Betty was one of the first speakers of the San Diego Epi Society after it was formed.



9am-5pm

WILD ANIMAL PARK, April 30, May 1

Members to show their blooms and sell park cuttings to the public - a really fun weekend in pleasant surroundings and unlimited Epi-talk with fellow Epi-freaks. And what fun talking to someone who is looking at an Epi bloom for the first time!

If you have lots of blooms to show you can bring them in via the Service Entrance and park in the back lot there. Be sure to wear your nametag.

There may be some time slots left to fill so give Nate Ogdon a call and he'll give you any other details you need to know. (Phone: 479-0425)

Come on out and help make this a success once again!



MOTHER'S DAY SHOW, MAY 8

...Helen Barkdoll

Beware! Epi fever is in the air and it's catching. Exposure to flowers and even the mention of a new variety will cause overwhelming enthusiasm to burst forth. There is no immunity, and the only treatment is to attend the Mother's Day Show for group therapy. This highlight of the

if before 9am

May meeting - Vote ² for Officers

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year is the very best time to get to know the many interesting members of our San Diego Epiphyllum Society by working with each other, cooperating, helping, and encouraging everyone.

The element of chance and surprise electrifies the air as we wonder if we will have enough flowers to show. If you happen to have a particularly outstanding flower bloom a day or two ahead of time, it can be preserved by putting it in the refrigerator, in the vegetable drawer. Flowers have been known to stay crisp for up to several weeks when put into a large, covered pickle jar, and refrigerated.

All the energetic members who have tables of flowers to display are beaming with pride, anxious to show the results of all their loving efforts throughout the year. Still, no one needs to be felt left out of the fun. If you only have a few flowers, they will be beautifully displayed on a special table. Be sure to have your name as well as the Epi's name on a card that can be obtained at the show. YOU can show off too.

Note: If you have a particularly beautiful, free-flowering hanging or standing plant, we have room to display that also.

Those who want to share in the potluck lunch, please bring your contribution to the kitchen. Join in the festivity and volunteer where needed. You will happily find that it really is more fun to participate and be an essential, loving part of the society. See YOU there!

Need information? Helen Barkdoll (469-9165) and Gene Lund (469-1677).

Cutting Room Procedures:

Trim your plants and get them into shape and help the society too.

Now is the time to take your cuttings for the cutting room sale, if you have not already done so. Every donation is appreciated and needed. We will also gladly accept donations of those extra plants you are replacing with newer varieties. Tired of that Padre, Ackermanii or Limehouse? Your extra plant could be the motivating force to introduce a newcomer to the wonderful world of Epiphyllums.

Looking for a special Epi? We might have THAT particular cutting or plant, so come prepared to add to your collection. All potted plants should be rooted. Sale starts at 10:30 AM.

We can always use some extra volunteer help to release a worker for a coffee break or whatever. Join the comaradarie of fellow Epiholics. This is YOUR show, so come and be a part of it.

Any questions, suggestions, and volunteering of time, please see the Cutting Room Chairmen, Dick Chadwick (463-4316) or Ernest Angus (690-2742).



BUS TOUR, May 15

If you intend to go on the bus tour, time is running out for reservations. It is \$10 per person to be paid at time of reservation.

The bus will leave from Balboa Park, behind the Organ Pavillion, promptly at 7 AM, May 15, and will return at approximately 7 PM. There is plenty of parking in that lot.

The bus will go to Rainbow Gardens, Hurst Nursery, the L.A. County Arboretum for the E.S.A. Show, then on to Beahm's Nursery, Rogers Nursery, and return to San Diego.

You can take a sack lunch to eat enroute (the Arboretum has what almost passes as a picnic area but quite a walk from the entrance), or you can eat at the Arboretum snack bar (they won't let you take lunch things or thermos' onto the grounds). There is a \$1 admission fee to the Arboretum but the Epi Show is free.

If you have any questions, Ed Broz is Bus Tour Chairman, call 465-1721.



SEA WORLD SHOW, MAY 28, 29

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 (phone 276-1216) for more specific details.



Open Gardens

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CALL JACK STAFFORD, 691-8363

May 12, Thursday

Gladys and Kent Harper's 18th Annual Garden Party, 1983, begins at noon with a potluck lunch (bring your favorite casserole, dessert, or salad). Bring your neighbor, spouse, or a flower-loving friend. Garden open till dusk - come after work if you can't make the lunch (for leftovers).

1110 Sapphire St. (Pacific Beach)
Phone 483-3363

May 14, 15, Sat. & Sun. 10 AM to 4 PM

Howard and Betty Jones

1524 S. Citrus, Escondido (off 78)

This is the first Open Gardens in five years and Howard has many new plants to see, also some cuttings and 4" potted cuttings for sale.

May 14, 15, Sat. & Sun. 10 AM to 4 PM

Donald and Willise Brubaker

6354 Lake Decatur (San Carlos area)
La Mesa

Open Gardens and also plant sale - cutting down on their collection. For more information call 465-9743

May 14, 15, Sat. & Sun. 8 AM to 3 PM

Sam and Adela Markey

189 Bethune Way, Chula Vista
Phone 420-7966



A POTTING PROBLEM

...Dick Chadwick

Recently we lost beautiful 10-year old Epiphyllums in our shadehouse at the Wild Animal Park. At first it was believed to be caused by heavy watering followed by several weeks of constant rain. This was only part of the problem. Upon examining the potting mix, it was found to be mud and pumice, all the humus that had been in the mix had decomposed.

What had happened over the years was, as the humus rotted away the soil and pumice in the mix settled to the bottom, new mix had been added from time to time to make up for the shrinkage. The final result was a pot with the bottom half soil and

pumice, and the top half humus mix, a sort of time bomb as far as Epiphyllums are concerned, just waiting for the time of too much water - then, root rot!

Humus in the potting mix is the life of the Epis. It helps hold moisture, fertilizer, and keeps the mixture loose and aerated, but humus doesn't last forever. Depending on the plant material used, it will last 3-7 years, gradually decomposing, helped along by the nitrogen in the fertilizer used.

If you should have severe settling in your pots, it would be much better to repot the plant, adding potting mix under the roots instead of top-ping off the pot and inviting root rot and stem rot.

Note: Epiphyllum "Lee's #55" has been named "SCARLET ELEGANCE".



PRESS RELEASE FROM SEA WORLD:

SEA WORLD SUMMER FLORA COURSE MAY 28

Learn how to brighten your summer garden at Sea World's Flora and Landscaping course this Saturday, May 28. Horticulturist Susan Dietz will lead a tour of the park's beautiful gardens and provide growing hints and planting requirements for your own garden. For more information or to make a reservation, call the Sea World Education Department at 222-6363, ext. 353.



In the sea-surf edge
Mingling with
Bright small shells...
Bush-clover petals

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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.

NAME TAGS

Jeannie Burger will take your order for a SDES nametag (blue plastic with a pin-back.) They are \$2.65 plus tax. She will see that you get it at the next meeting after your order. Call Jeannie, 280-6474.

CLASSIFIEDS

CALIFORNIA EPI CENTER will be open without appointment Saturdays only 10 AM to 5 PM during the May and June blooming season. Open other days of the week and throughout the rest of the year by appointment only. Full color catalog \$1.00 (deductible). California Epi Center, 1444 E. Taylor St., Vista, CA 92083. Phone: (619) 758-4290

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

