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GENERAL MEETING, AUGUST 10

...Helen Barkdoll

Have you ever wondered how the new hybrid Epiphyllums are developed? What do they look like when they are immature plants? Is it a complicated procedure? Perhaps you have never even thought about Epis except in terms of plants and cuttings. Certainly not in terms of unknown seedlings. You'll wait until they are developed and put on the market, you say. But it would be interesting to know about it even if you didn't intend to do the actual crossing.

The program this month will show slides never before seen. You will be able to follow the process from the pollination of a flower, through the actual procedures, to the final showing of a new hybrid. A very interesting new method that anyone can do in their own home will be shown. Come prepared to enjoy a new method of propagation.

My shadowy path
 I've swept all day
 And now...Oh no!
 Camellia-shower!

Yaha



AUGUST REFRESHMENTS

...Penny Bunker

We are in the middle of summer but our meetings bring out the very interested folks, and they enjoy a treat at the coffee break. Thanks to all of you who share your special cookies or cake so that our tables are full. (We have nearly 175 folks chatting and meeting people and making friends to enjoy the beauties of the Epis). Those signed up for August are:

Madeline Dacey	Betty Ridge
Mary Killian	Dot Runde
Michiko Munda	Denise Shepley
Louise Newman	Katherine Stroup
Margaret Pethley	Elsie Tremblay

(Be sure to bring enough for 15-20 people.)

Thank you...

JULY GENERAL MEETING

...Gene Schmedding

Our regular meeting of July 13 was sparked by a most informative talk on species, by Rick Latimer. I am sure that many of us learned a lot about that family of Epis that we didn't know. I even found out the name of a couple of plants that I didn't know, that have been in my own collection for a good many years.

Dorothy Breining (Christmas award banquet chairman) reminded us that the tickets for the dinner would be \$11.00 per person, and would be on sale at the October and November meetings...also, get your cuttings started now for our gift exchange. Be sure you have a potted cutting for each member of your party and extras too if you have them (there are some members that have not been in the Society long enough to have plants big enough to take cuttings from.) The dinner will again be at Tom Ham's Lighthouse, on Harbor Island, Wednesday, December 14.

Don Irwin, our By-Laws Committee chairman, has named as his committee to revise the by-laws, Margaret Pethley, Elizabeth Glover, Cliff Rice, and Ed Lucero. If anyone has a suggestion as to what should be added or removed from our present set of

by-laws, write them down and give them to him (or mail to Don Irwin, 9227 Carthay Circle, Spring Valley, California 92077). All suggestions are welcome as we want our Society to run as smoothly as possible.

Don Irwin is also our Parliamentarian, and he asked that the membership please refrain from talking during the programs. Not only is it extremely rude to the speaker, but it is also very annoying to the people sitting close, who are trying to listen to the program.

Gordon Rowley, the well known horticultural lecturer, author, and hybridizer from England is here in the United States, and was invited by the Cactus and Succulent Society to give a lecture in San Diego. The SDES was invited to attend (in last month's Epi News) on Friday evening July 22, in the Natural History Museum in Balboa Park. Mr. Rowley spoke on pollination, and the various shapes of flowers that determine what bird or insect would be likely to be the pollinating agent. Hummingbirds, bats, bees, butterflys, flys, are all attracted to different shaped flowers, according to the easy accessibility to the bird or insect to the nectar. In getting the nectar, the pollen is transferred to the body and head of the nectar gatherer, and when he goes to another flower it is transferred to the new flower.

The educational aspect of Mr. Rowley's lecture, enhanced by his keen wit, made a very interesting evening; the SDES thanks the Cactus Society for inviting us. We also thank Mr. Rowley for answering the many questions that our members asked.

Editor's note:

Wondering why the Christmas dinner tickets are more expensive this year?

In the past, the Society has subsidized a large part of the total cost per person (for example, say 250 people at \$12.00 per person, the SDES would pay half or maybe more.)

This year the Society will pay for the gift plants (per family) and

our entertainment; the individual gets to pay the rest...

As you know, we are trying to do more in the area of education about Epiphyllums, such as the forthcoming new handbook (an expensive venture), the research committee, adding to our slide/photo collection, our library and so on...

So - that's where our money is going. I'm sure you'll agree it's a worthwhile sacrifice, and worth the cost of a dinner ticket for our once-a-year awards banquet.



SAN DIEGO WILD ANIMAL PARK

...Nate Ogdon

There isn't much going on at the park right now. Our thanks to George French for making a new potting table and mix storage-bin in the upper house. He also made a portable table for when the time comes to do some re-potting in the new house.

...and Dick Chadwick has been trying to get the sprinklers aimed properly.



REPORT FROM THE LIBRARY

...Rick Latimer

Ruth Nelson has practically doubled the size of our library with the following donations:

Raymond Carlson, The Flowering Cactus
Claude Chidamian, The Book of Cacti and other Succulents

Frederic E. & Edith S. Clements,
Flower Families and Ancestors

Charles Glass, The Cactus and Succulent Journal 1966 Yearbook Family Album

Victor A. Greulach, Botany Made Simple

Scott E. Haselton, Epiphyllum Handbook

Vera Higgins, Crassulas in Cultivation

Walter Kupper & Pia Roshardt, Cacti
W. Taylor Marshall, Succulent Plants
Reg Manning, What Kinda Cactus Izzat?
Elvin McDonald, The World Book of House Plants

H. Rose, Flowering Cacti and other Flowering Plants

Harold William Rickett, Botany for Gardeners

F.F. Rockwell, 10,000 Garden Questions Answered by 15 Experts

Albert E. Wilkinson, The Flower Encyclopedia and Gardener's Guide

Sunset's Vegetable Garden Book

Sunset's Western Garden Book

...and

San Diego Cactus & Succulent Society's Espinas y Flores 1978-82

San Diego Epiphyllum Society's Epi News 1977-82

Thank you Ruth!!!

Also, we have purchased for our library the following:

Clive Innes, the Complete Handbook of Cacti and Succulents

J. Riha & R. Subik, The Illustrated Encyclopedia of Cacti & other Succulents



NOW IS THE TIME, SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER

...Frank Granatowski

Now is the time:

- to maintain good grooming of your plants, by eliminating unsightly and non-productive branches, thus conserving energy for the general well being of the plant. Remember the healthier branches will produce the stronger blooms next spring.

- to protect plants from excessive direct sunlight, and to prevent the soil from drying out. An occasional spraying or misting of the foliage can be very beneficial.

- to protect new growth from wind damage.

- to practice preventive maintenance of insect control. Use of insecticides is recommended only when absolutely necessary. Malathion and Orthene are available locally. BE SURE TO READ AND FOLLOW DIRECTIONS ON LABEL!

- to bait for snails and slugs. A few granules of Slugetta placed at the base of the plant has proved to be very effective and leaves little or no unsightly residue.

- to protect the apples (seed pods) from Bluejays and other birds

who are especially fond of the ripened fruit.

- to give plants a final feeding of a good balanced fertilizer before they become semi-dormant.



WEEDING

...Dick Chadwick

Much has been written regarding weeding your Epis. Most of the information says to just pull them ^(weeds) out, roots and all. This is fine as long as the weeds are small and not established in the pot. Most weeds have strong root systems and once established, the roots will fill the the pot and wrap around the feeder roots of the Epis. If you have this condition and attempt to pull the weeds out, you will probably pull off all the feeder roots of the Epi and invite root rot.

Several ways to correct this condition is the use a short bladed, long handled scissors, like a bandage scissor, and cut the weeds off. If it is an annual type of weed, you will just have to do it once but if it is oxalis you will have to cut it off three or four times before it will sap all the strength from the roots and they will finally die. There is a "Spurge Oxalis" weed killer that is safe to use on Epis, but it has to have warm weather to work. If you hang your plants in tiers and can't do all your weeding at once, do the top row first. This will prevent the top row from re-seeding the lower pots, especially oxalis.



Another garden event...

AUG. 20, 21 San Diego Fern Society
Fifth annual show, Casa del Prado,
Majorca Room
Sat. 2-5 PM
Sun. 10 AM-5 PM

Free



CLASSIFIEDS

Once again, member Louise Newman has free unnamed Iris (for the digging) to offer her SDES friends. She also has some named ones (already dug) for \$.50 a rhizome. Call her at (619) 448-3145 after 8 PM for directions and time.



...FROM NATE & DOROTHY OGDON

The Honey-Do Ranch is having a plant reduction sale Saturday and Sunday, August 13 and 14. The Honey is still there but the Do is getting scarcer.

Plants range from 4" established starts to gallon pots with a few 2-gal. pots.

We are down Bonita Rd. traveling east, 2-1/2 miles from beautiful downtown Bonita to San Miguel Rd., up and down a slight hill for 1/2 mile on San Miguel Rd. We are on the left side (north) at 5739 San Miguel. We'll be open from 9:30 AM to 7 PM each day. In case you get lost, our phone number is 479-0425.



CALIFORNIA EPI CENTER will be open by "appointment"...just call to see if we're here, and if we are you're welcome to come by...for those of you who would like to select your plants in person rather than ordering by mail. As usual, we have a very large selection of rooted epiphyllums, rhipsalis, rattail cacti and holiday cacti. And, we have a good selection of rooted epiphyllums that are not in the 1983 catalog. If you'd like our current catalog, send \$1.00, which you may deduct from your first order. California Epi Center, P. O. Box 1431. (1444 E. Taylor St.) Vista, CA 92083
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