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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

R. Berry, New York, New York
Catherine Holcombe, San Diego
Johanna Livanavage,
Lake Arielta, Pennsylvania



NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING, Nov. 9

The program for November will be a question and answer panel of members - so bring all your questions about epis and be prepared for a lively discussion period!



NOVEMBER REFRESHMENTS

...Penny Bunker

The holidays are upon us - this is the last meeting of the year in Room 101. Christmas time we will all be served and even I can have a rest-full time. Don't get me wrong - being your refreshment hostess is one way I can serve this wonderful club.

Thanks to all of you that sign up for the great goodies we enjoy each meeting. We will be looking forward to your generosity again next year. The refreshment time lets us meet people and get acquainted, and everyone has a party every month!

Those signed for November are:

Valerie Bailey	Virginia Kocentes
Lorna Barrows	Joan Miller
Willise Brubaker	Roger Mohling
Madeline Dacey	Louise Newman
Maria Luz Flores	Betty Ridge



OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

...Gene Schmedding

Because we met on the night of the World Series, we didn't have too big a turnout, although there were 115 members and 10 guests which really wasn't too bad.

Member Ron Miller was our guest speaker for the evening. He showed slides of the new, large shadehouse

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in the Wild Animal Park - from the first two-by-fours being placed, to the final stretching of the shade-cover. Then the celebration potluck luncheon being held in the new house.

There were slides of the two beautiful replicas of his seedling "Jennifer Ann" carved by George French, placed one on each side of the door to the shadehouse. Such a lovely greeting to visitors to the new Epi House. Not only did Mr. Miller have all the lovely slides of the shadehouse and George's beautiful carvings, but he also brought slides he had taken of the 1982 flower show. He showed each individual table after it was decorated, and all the cuttings in the cutting room before it got crowded with visitors. Thank you Ron, for a really interesting program.

As you all know, the Society is in the process of getting data together to publish a book that will be a "learning tool", not only for the greenest of beginners, but, hopefully, the more experienced growers will be able to learn from it also. If any of the members have an idea, experience, or a tip on growing more beautiful epis, please contact Ernest Angus, Rick Latimer, or Katny Van Arum. There will be a chapter called "Trouble Shooter" in which many of your ideas may be used.

OCTOBERFEST AT WILD ANIMAL PARK
(BEAUTY & THE BEAST) Oct. 8, 9, 10

...Nate Ogdon

It all started months ago, potting up 4" and gallon pots, getting ready for the fall sale. The spring sale is more rewarding in that we have blooms to help the sales, but epi lovers will buy most anytime.

On Thursday the regular crew got things ready to move down to the "tree trail". The park got ready by turning the new epi house into a giant warehouse. They found out that you can really put a lot of donated plants into that place.

On Friday the crew moved the cuttings down along with the plants, got the projector (although it didn't work too well), set it up and were

ready for the grand show. Next year we gotta try to get further down the trail - that San Diego sun is murder on the plants and the sales persons.

Bright and early Saturday morning, we got started. The projector just wouldn't stay synchronized with the sound track. The pictures were good tho, and did help sales in lieu of true blooms. Dick Chadwick furnished a Cocks 10 x 56 that was in bloom and Howard's pictures and the posters rounded out the background display.

At noon all three days the members gave a demonstration on propagation of the epi's. I gave it on Saturday, Helen Barkdoll on Sunday, and George French on Monday. From what I heard from some of the tourists, Helen & George did a bang-up job. (Thanks, again.)

On all three days there were tours to the Epi House for those interested. I gotta admit, it sure looks better than it did on opening day - and working better all the time.

I want to thank those of you who signed up and came to help in the sales area, and especially those who stayed on when their relief didn't show.

on Saturday: Helen Hayden, George French, John Piland, Vernon Hook, Sako Hook, Rex Ellis, Susie Ellis, Louise Newman, Carrie Bledsoe, Ed Post, Mary Post, Thelma Capp, Andy Capp, Debbie Capp, Gene Lund, Ron Miller, Joan Miller.

on Sunday: Gus Schlapfer, Mary Schlapfer, Ed Lucero, Chuck Spencer, Jack Stafford, Carrie Stafford, Charles Saltzer, Paul Phelps, Howard Jones, Betty Jones, Mary Etta Branch, Jeannie Burger

on Monday: Kathy Van Arum, Margaret Blake, Harry Blake, Edweenia Vilorio, Muriel Ingham, Irmela Paul, Dick Chadwick, Valerie Bailey, Elsie Tremblay, Roland Tremblay

And a special thanks to those who came not just one day but two, and though I didn't show it above on the daily listing, there were quite a few. Thanks and we will see you again come spring - the weekend before Mother's Day. Put an X on the calendar, you'll be glad you did.

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CHRISTMAS DINNER, AWARDS BANQUET
December 14

There are still some tickets left and you can get them at the November meeting. The entertainment for the evening will be "The Main Attraction", a group of young people from the Chula Vista School of Creative and Performing Arts. (I saw these kids at the Fair this year and they are terrific!) Remember to wrap your plant for the plant exchange in festive wrap and conceal the name so it will be a surprise. I will print complete time and place details in the December Epi News.

For any more information you need, call chairman Dorothy Breining at 427-9306.



EDUCATION

...Helen Barkdoll

The Education Committee met in the patio of George French. George presented us with his ideas on how to get rid of spotting by successive grafting of rapidly growing cuttings. He showed us his grafts and how big and heavy they developed on his Opuntia pad. Madeline was a very gracious hostess and served light refreshments. We had a tour of George's greenhouse and his immaculate area for growing epis.

Ray Conser showed us his experiment in grafting very small seedlings. We exchanged a lot in interesting information. George had a water energiser to test.

The next meeting of the Education Committee will be on Saturday, Nov. 12, at 10 am at the house of Louise Newman, 9261 Ellenbee Dr., Santee, phone 448-3145.

The epi's that have been blooming since last meeting are: Fringe of Gold, Wagner's Pet, Koishi, H. B. Seedling, G. F. Seedling, Night Blooming Cereus, Ursula Le Guin, Padre, Princess Louise, George's Choice, Strictum, Munecca, Pumilum, Desert Sunrise, Touch of Gold, Tiny Treasure, Caudatum, Cocke's 8 x 52 and 10 x 56, Beyond Desire, Herbst, Autumn Brightness, Madeline, Jennifer Ann, Fortune Teller, Happy Face, Instant Sunshine, Bridal Shower, Crenatum. I hope I havn't missed

any. You see, we do have flowers blooming all year around if we have the right varieties. Please remember to add your bloom to the list for Winter Flowering Epis next meeting. (List is at the Library table.)

Seed is available from some of the best hybridizers in packages of 20 to over 50 seeds, depending on the cross. Mixed seed also available. Send \$1.00 donation per package, payable to San Diego Epiphyllum Society (to cover expenses). Send your request to Dick Chadwick, 4747 Garfield Ave., La Mesa, California 92041.



PLANS FOR A FUTURE PROGRAM

...Margaret & Harry Blake

The Epi Society is continually on the alert for suggestions for interesting and informative programs. One such suggestion has come to our attention which we feel worthy of development - a slide presentation showing the variety of epi gardens among our membership. We visualize this slide show as an extension of our Open House Tour Program. Like the Open House tours, a program of slides depicting the physical layout and practical and unique methods for hanging and caring for the plants would go a long way in the exchange of ideas. The ingenious and sometimes amazing ways members have found to make room for their epi hobby are a delight and could provide both help and encouragement to our new and/or prospective members and should be of interest to the old members.

In the near future you will be called upon for your assistance in the formulating of this slide show by loaning your slides or making an appointment with our representative to have pictures made of your area. We look forward to your interest and cooperation in making this a special program.

(Call Margaret or Harry Blake at 444-1937)



NOTES FROM THE SEARCH AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE

...Greg Balvin

As the membership hopefully knows by now, it has been and will continue to be this Committee's goal to determine the location of as many of the old-time hybrids as possible.

To date we have unearthed 3,200 plus varieties and are continuing to find more and more. As we are able, the varieties we find will be put forth into circulation whenever possible and eventually they will add extra color to what is currently available in our collections. We are continuing our quest for the rare and unusual so if you suspect that what you possess may be unique, but aren't too sure, feel free to corner us and ask. Any suggestions to this end will be gratefully received and all information will be kept confidential. If you have a little extra time to put to good use, why not come and join our band of explorers? We meet at 7:30 PM the 3rd Wednesday of every month, Room 104, Casa del Prado in Balboa Park, to discuss a variety of subjects.

All are welcome!



NOW IS THE TIME, November-December

...Frank Granatowski

Now is the time:

- to withhold fertilizers, especially those containing nitrogen, (the first number in the formula i.e., 4-10-8), thus allowing the plant to become semi-dormant.

- to protect plants from exposure to the elements. Frost, hail and strong wintry winds can cause irreparable damage. Overexposure to harsh winter sunlight can be as detrimental as exposure to the hot summer sun.

-to transplant into larger containers those plants that are not expected to bloom next spring.

-to check the apple (seed pod). Ripened apples may be picked and the seeds planted. However, do not rush this procedure. Germination of the seeds will be vastly improved when the apple has become fully-matured.

- to take advantage of the winter rains, even prolonged rains will have no harmful effect on epi hybrids that are planted in good porous soil and they will tend to leach the soil of accumulated salts. Collection of rain water for future use is strongly advised. Store in covered opaque containers to prevent mosquito larvae and buildup of algae.

- to maintain good grooming of your plants. Prune out dead, unsightly, and non-productive branches to conserve the plant's energy. Keep containers free of debris, and last but not least, bait for slugs and snails. A few granules of SLUGETTA placed in the base of the container has proved to be a very effective control and leaves little or no unsightly residue.



USE OF "SEVIN" IN CONTROLLING SNAILS AND SLUGS

...Dick Chadwick

"Sevin" is a carbaryl product the same as "Cygon". It is reasonably safe to use but it will kill bees if you spray the flowers. Also, like Cygon, it will kill angleworms.

For many years I have been running a gourmet cafeteria for slugs and snails, feeding them my best epis, not by my choice, but theirs. With all my trees and the mulch under them, it makes a beautiful hatching ground for slugs and snails. I have been using 50 to 100 pounds of snail bait a year in trying to control them in a losing battle. Finally, I discovered that "Sevin" works on snails and slugs.

I am experimenting with both "Sevin" dust and spray. The dust comes in a 5% powder and the spray comes in a 5%, 23% and 26% solution. The higher percentages cost more but are cheaper to use as you only use a third as much. With the powder, I have had good results but it is very unsightly. I leave it on the plants about a week, then wash it off, trying to wash most of it into the pot

to kill any insect in the pot. One of my main stumbing blocks is that I do not know the effective life of the powder or the spray. I suppose it is between three and seven days. With the spray, I get better coverage over a larger area. Also I found that I had better results if I sprayed just before dark so the plants would remain wet for several hours. This way the spray killed by mere contact, the slug or snail would not have to eat the plant to die. In the time I have been using "Sevin", I have reduced the damage to my plants to less than ten percent.

If you decide to try "Sevin", read the precautionary statements, they don't always tell you everything. "Seven" is for chewing and sucking insects. A snail may not be an insect, but he sure is a chewer. Also, the next time you see some of the fancy snail baits in a store, look at the label, most will show one of the ingredients as Carbaryl or Sevin and jack the price up three or four dollars for ten cents worth of additional ingredients.



REPORT FROM THE LIBRARY

...Rick Latimer

To give the members a better idea of what is available to them in our SDES Library, we will periodically list some of the inventory. This month we will list some more of the books that have been donated over the years:

First some more books donated by the Nelsons:

Ware Budlong, Indoor Gardens
Scientific American's Plant Life
 The American Home's The American Home Garden Book & Ency.

Second, some donations of Sam Markey:

Paul C. Standley & Junian A. Steyermark, Studies of Central American Plants - IV (Fieldiana (23:2))
 Louis O. Williams, Tropical American Plants - III (Fieldiana (29:7))

Paul C. Standley & Louis O. Williams, Flora of Guatamala (Fieldiana (24:7:2))
Organic Gardening (1/79).

Next, some books that I have donated:

Wilhelm Barthlott, Cacti
 C. Glass & R. Foster, The Field Notes of Tom MacDougall (1936-71)
 Gina Pavey, The Color Nature Library of Cacti & Succulents.

And finally the books from the estate of Eva Clover:

George Ashley, The Punctured Thumb or Cacti & Other Succulents
 Ladislaus Cutak, Cactus Guide
 E. Yale Dawson, How to Know the Cacti
 T. H. Everett, New Illustrated Encyclopedia of Gardening
 Charles Glass & Robert Foster, Cacti & Succulents for the Amateur
 Hans W. Hannau & Jeanne Garrard, Tropical Flowers
 Dorothy & Bob Hargreaves, Tropical Trees of Hawaii, Hawaiian Blossoms, Tropical Trees of the Pacific, African Trees, African Blossoms
 Scott E. Haselton, Cacti for the Amateur, Succulents for the Amateur
 Nicky Hayden, Cacti, Succulents, & Tropical Plants
 Edgar & Brian Lamp, Encyclopedia of Cacti & Succulents, Popular Cacti in Color
 W. Taylor Marshall & R. S. Woods, Glossary of Succulent Plant Terms
 Gordon D. Rowley, The Illustrated Encyclopedia of Succulents
 S. H. Scott, The Observers' Book of Cacti & other Succulents
 Claude Chidmian, Cacti & other Succulents
 Ortho, The World of Cacti & Succulents and other Water Thrifty Plants
 Reader's Digest, Complete Book of the Garden
 Sunset: Western Garden Book, 3rd Ed.
 Frances Perry, Simon & Schuster's Complete Guide to Plants & Flowers.



CLASSIFIEDS

MERRY CHRISTMAS! Although Christmas is still seven weeks away, you might consider giving your loved one a nice book from our Bookshop catalog. We've sent each of you one at no charge. You should be getting it any day now. For those of you in the area, why not call and drop in. We have a wide selection of Christmas cactus, and in full bud, which should add color and warmth for the holidays. Rainbow Gardens, Box 721-SD, La Habra, California 90633. Phone (213) 697-1488.

CALIFORNIA EPI CENTER will be open by "appointment"... just call to see if we're here, and if 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 rhipsalis, rattail cacti, and holiday cacti. And, we have a good selection of rooted epiphyllums that are not in the 1984 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, California 92083. Phone (619) 758-4290

NAME TAGS

Jeannie Burger will take your order for a SDES nametag (blue plastic with a pin-back). They are \$2.65 including tax). Call Jeannie, 280-6747



Cruel autumn wind
Cutting to the
Very bones...
Of my poor scarecrow
Issa

... on the garden calendar...

Nov. 27 SUMI-E PAINTING & FASHION SHOW. Room 101, Casa del Prado, Sunday 11 AM to 4 PM. Free. Theme of the show is "The Four Gentlemen", represented by the four botanical subjects of Bamboo, Plum, Wild Orchid, and Chrysanthemum. (There will also be displays of flower arrangements by the Ikebana schools of Ikenobo, Ohara, and Segetsu.)

Happy Thanksgiving!



THE PROPOSED SDES BY-LAWS WILL BE MAILED TO MEMBERS THIS MONTH, TO BE APPROVED BY THOSE PRESENT, AT THE JANUARY GENERAL MEETING. IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE ONE AND WISH A COPY PLEASE CONTACT DON IRWIN, 9227 CARTHAY CIR., SPRING VALLEY, CALIFORNIA 92077.