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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Robert & Julia Herrington,
Chula Vista
Mrs. Virginia Vandecar,
San Diego

MARCH GENERAL MEETING

...Gene Schmedding

Our program for the meeting was a very unusual and charming one. Mr. Sam Markey presented a slide show, complete with sound, that he is going to give at his high school reunion in Pennsylvania.

He took us on an imaginary trip on camels through a desert, all the time we could hear the mumblings of the "natives" in the background; (the camels and other beasts of burden that we and the "travelers" saw were courtesy of the Wild Animal Park.) The tour took us through the various sections of Mr. Markey's garden which have names such as "Garden of Memories", etc. There was a running narration by Mr. Markey. He even took us to his place in Mexico where he and Adela, his wife, welcomed the "visitors" to their home. Then back through his Chula Vista Garden which was in full bloom. Such a beautiful sight. His plants were heavy with bloom and very well kept. Then back to the W.A.P. where the visitors were cautioned to be very careful when getting off the camels. I am sorry

APRIL GENERAL MEETING, April 11

Our program for April will be presented by member Frank Granatowski. Frank has a very interesting evening planned, showing some of the culture aids he has put together and discussing his growing methods. A good spring meeting, see you there!!

APRIL REFRESHMENTS

...Penny Bunker

Thanks to those who have agreed to bring treats:

Red & Joyce Carstensen
Bonnie & Bill Kehret
Alice Kinderman
Betty Klumpp
Thelma Swenson
Pat Stebbins
Dorothy Breining
Gene Schmedding

that I can't do justice to the program. It has to be seen to be appreciated.

Mr. Markey said that very few people in Pennsylvania had ever seen an Epiphyllum, or even knew what one was. I am sure that they will know the beauty of them after they see Mr. Markey's program.

Our Mother's Day Show time is creeping up on us at a fast gallop, so, if you are planning on showing, make your table reservations at the next meeting if you have a particular area that you want. Or you can call Show chairman Kathy Van Arum and tell her to reserve a table for you if you are willing to take potluck. Let us not have any tables go begging for lack of displayers.

Since there will be absentee ballots for our May election, we had nominations from the floor a month early so the ballots could be printed.

We had a good turnout as usual, 110 members and 9 guests. As we were so late getting to the cutting table, no names were drawn and the table was thrown open for the members to take what they wanted. Each new member and new guest were given a small rooted plant to get them started on the road to being an "epiholic".



I am sorry to say that we have lost another member. Jack Eubanks passed away the first of the month. He not only had a nice collection of epis, but also was an avid bromeliad collector. A few years ago Jack put on a very interesting show for us, and brought several unusual specimens for us to see.

Our sincere sympathy goes to his family.



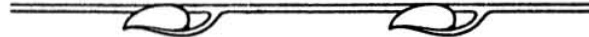
ABSENTEE BALLOTS/NOMINATIONS

Just a reminder... Those of you who expressed disappointment in past years about not being able to attend our election meeting to vote - you can now vote by absentee ballot. Please contact Recording Secretary Margaret Pethley and she will send

you a ballot. The ballot must be returned to her before the May meeting.

Nominees will be announced at the general meeting in April and will be in the May Epi News. Election is at the May meeting.

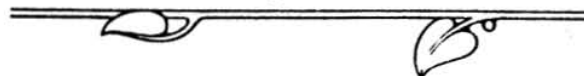
Margaret Pethley (phone 461-8607)
5753 Jeanette Ave.
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WILD ANIMAL PARK... Dick Chadwick Green Thumb Show. At our April meeting we will have a sign-up sheet for tables for the Green Thumb Show at the Wild Animal Park on May 5th and 6th. Please indicate which day or both days you would like to show, also if you would like a whole table or a half table. We also need people to man the information table and act as host and hostesses at the new Epi Shadehouse.

This flower show denotes the opening of the Epi season at the Wild Animal Park. We will have sign-up sheets for people wishing to serve as host each weekend of May and June and possibly through July from 9 AM to 5 PM. If you want to work only two hours, that's fine, or you can make a full day of it.

There will be a third sign-up sheet for a work party on April 14th (Sat.), and April 21st (Sat.) to make cuttings for the show. We will have a cutting crew to cut the plants but we need workers to write the name on the cuttings and look up the color. We also need some people with a good steady hand to mark all the pots with the name of the flowers (marking pens will be furnished).



Mountain-rose petals
Falling, falling,
Falling now...
Waterfall music

Basho

SDES BUS TOUR, May 20, 1984

Arrangements for the SDES Bus Tour have been finalized:

leave S.D. (Balboa Park, behind Organ pavillion)

7:00 AM Sharp (SUN. 5/20)

Beahm Gardens, then to Open Garden of Mr. & Mrs.

I. Hughes (in L.A.), then to The E.S.A. Show at the L.A.

Arboretum, then to Hurst Nursery, then to Rainbow Gardens, and Return to San Diego (at approx. 7:00 PM)

The cost is \$10.00 per person, and bring a sack lunch (there is a snack bar at the Arboretum if you don't want to carry your lunch).

Reservations will be taken at the April and the May meetings, and the sooner the better. Reservations to be made and paid at the same time. Any questions call Ed Broz 465-1721

Kisses, Shinto, Tiny Treasure, Vive Rouge, Wedding Bells, and some seedlings.

Please remember to write down what has bloomed in your garden during the last month and leave it on the library table. April will be the last month for writing down the off-season blooms. We will continue it after the main blooming season is over.

Open Garden time is here again and our last Education Committee meeting for this administration will be April 21st, at 10 AM, at the home of Marian Foster (6590 Springfield St., see Open Gardens). Marian and her husband designed and built a most fascinating outdoor garden. The unique lathhouse is one of the more spectacular Epi houses in the community. You will most certainly want to see this shadehouse and enjoy the company of other members. The members of the Education Committee will be on hand to answer any questions and offer helpful hints. Light refreshments will be served along with delightful company and Epi fellowship. See you there.

EDUCATION

...Helen Barkdoll

At the March meeting we learned about repotting, fertilizing for blooms, and how to prune off the dead winter growth. Besides using a black marking pen to label the branches, we also learned that a white, china marker is very effective to label the green or black plastic pots. Keep the pots and china marker dry.

This year we have had informal discussions of many topics and have enjoyed the fellowship of like minds.

March's refreshments were supplied by Mary Alice Buass. They were a delightful surprise of some most delicious pastries and cookies with coffee. Gene Lund supplied cuttings and plants to those who needed certain epis for specific reasons.

The following epis bloomed last month: Ackermanii, Aztec Star, Bob-O-Link, Bridal Showers, Catalina, Confetti, Ernst Gundchen, Elf Queen, Francis Reich, Franklin, Fox Tails, Friendship, Fire God, Harald Knebel, Hero, Lutiga, Mary K, Moeve (?), Michel T (?), Naranja, Petey Kelly, Pixie Plum, Pete's Snowflake, Prof. H. S. Irwin, Padre, Skipper, Sweet

EDITOR'S NOTE:

When I have the time, I try to check questionable spelling on hybrid names and scientific (horticultural) words and terms used in our newsletter. For instance, "Harald Knebel" is almost always misspelled as "Harold". In this month's bloom list there are two questionable spellings: Moeve, and Michel T. I can find no hybrids with these names on any list that I have, so whoever turned these names in, it might be a good idea to go to that plant and determine what the name really is. Perhaps you were given a misspelled cutting, or some crucial letters were washed away by watering or wear. This is one of the ways in which a mis-named cutting can be passed from person to person.

When you get a new cutting, check out the name and be sure you have the correct spelling, attach a tag or put a stick in the pot with it with the description of the bloom, size, color, etc. that you find in your reference list - so that when it

blooms you can immediately see if that "GORGEOUS BLOOM" is indeed what you thought you were getting.

I have a plant with an absolutely breathtaking bloom, an XL soft pink, "marbled" (not striped) petal. I look forward to it's blooming every year and it's hardy leaf growth and disease resistant nature make it a very desirable plant. The name on the cutting (from the cutting table) was "MEMORIET". (?) I can find this name on no list that I know of, I have been searching for seven years.

about these plants, we hope that you will be generous and let us know.

But for now, here goes:

ARIEL	ASTRA GLEAM
ARIZONA SUNSET	ATHOS
ARK	ATLAS
ARNOLDI	ATOMIC
ARTEMIS	AUDACIA
ARTESIA	AUDACITY
ARTIFACT	AUDREY
ASGARD	AUGENWEIDER
ASSESSOR KURT	AUGUST WERNER
DOMSCH	MENDEN
ASTOLAT	AUGUSTI

And it goes on and on...! Hope to see you on these pages next month. Until then...

RESEARCH COMMITTEE

...Greg Balvin

Well, another month has come and gone, before you know it, it will be time for elections and blooming season. I don't know about you, but I'd like to add my appreciativeness for the wonderful program Mr. Markey gave us at the March general meeting. It was really wonderful, and gave me a feeling of happy anticipation for all the good things to come. My plants for the most part are doing quite well, and I'm noticing the buds getting bigger and stronger all the time. One small regret, it looks like we're in for an early bloom. This weather is playing havoc with the flowering cycle, but what with one thing or other, we should have plenty of flowers for our big shows which are just around the corner. I still say that if we extend the hand of cooperation to Mother Nature, maybe she'll go along, too!

As I am in the position of running unopposed for 1st Vice President in charge of Programs, I need some input from you, the membership, concerning what YOU want to see at our general meetings. If you have any ideas PLEASE see me at any general, board, or Research Committee meeting.

Speaking of the Research Committee, our next meeting is to be held April 16, at 7:30 PM in Room 104, Casa del Prado.

As before, and more to come in the future, we again submit a list of 20 plants that may be lost or misplaced! If you have any information

CUTTINGS FOR MOTHER'S DAY SHOW

...Dick Chadwick

It is not too early to start making cuttings for our Mother's Day Show on May 13th. By starting early you can be selective in your cuttings and avoid the last minute rush. We need all the cuttings we can get but "PLEASE" try to insure the cuttings you donate are of a quality that you, yourself would be willing to buy. Take your time and examine your plants to see what branches are going to bloom, most should be showing signs of buds by now, and select a non-blooming branch for your cuttings. And, "DON'T OVERCUT YOUR PLANTS" just for our show. If you only have a couple of cuttings, they will be appreciated.

Cuttings should be at least 6" long, marked with the name and the color. Use abbreviations for the color such as "W", white; "PK", pink; "P", purple; "R", red; "Y", yellow. If the flower is bicolored, list the predominant color first, ex: "W/PK", white and pink. If the flower has more than two colors, they can be marked "MULTI", multicolored. "PLEASE" separate the cuttings by color, it will save us a lot of time and trouble. If you don't remember the color of the flower, don't guess at it, send it along and we will look it up.

Cuttings made now will have time to callus over. They should be laid

flat in a box or tray and placed in a cool shaded area where the air can circulate around them. Don't store them in a paper or plastic bag, as they will rot in a very short time.

Cuttings can be brought to the general meeting in April or May or to the Mother's Day show and turned over to Ernest Angus or me (Dick Chadwick). If brought to the general meeting, please tell the person you give them to that the cuttings are for the Mother's Day show.

April 11th through May 8. SDES member Leo Kihm will have a display of approximately 20 of his Easter Cactus in the Greenhouse at the Wild Animal Park (right next to the Gift Shop). If you remember Leo's table at our Mother's Day show last year you know this will be a classy display!

OPEN GARDENS

April 21, Saturday, 1 PM to 5 PM

* MARIAN AND ELMER FOSTER,
6590 Springfield St., San Diego
(Encanto area), 266-0355.

Marian is hosting the Education Committee meeting this month the early part of the day, come and attend both events and make a day of it. Light refreshments will be offered.

April 28, Saturday, 9 AM to 5 PM

RON AND JOAN MILLER, 822 Via Rancho Parkway, ESCONDIDO, phone 746-9620
and

HOWARD AND BETTY JONES, 1524 South Citrus, ESCONDIDO, phone 746-2839
(IF YOU NEED INSTRUCTIONS on how to get to the Miller's or the Joneses, Ron Miller will have a map or written instructions at the April meeting.)

EPIPHYLLUM CULTURE, APRIL

...Pat Stebbins

By now you are enjoying a new flower or two every day, and in another week or so the display will be steady. The days are getting warmer and you will need to pay more attention to your watering habits; the warmer weather means more frequent watering.

It will now be obvious which older branches of your plants can be pruned out, those that are no longer producing blooms or have become scarred (start new cuttings or contribute them to the Mother's Day Show if they are in good condition).

You can also start removing dead blooms from the plants which, if they have been pollinated, will take up energy producing the seed "apple".

If you are going to pollinate, this is the time. If you want to start hybridizing and need pollinating information, that is one of the purposes of the Education Committee.

By attending the meetings you will learn what you need to know. Some members who are currently hybridizing are Helen Barkdoll, George French, Dick Chadwick - they are available at the general meetings and usually at the Education Committee meetings.

You have probably already sprayed at least once for the spring crop of aphids and ants, but this needs to be done frequently, and it only takes one lapse to allow them to sneak back - they are really deadly to newly formed buds.

...and remember, BAIT FOR SNAILS AND SLUGS!

... some other gardening events at Casa del Prado, Balboa Park -

April 15, CONVAIR GARDEN CLUB ROSE SHOW, Sun. 1 PM to 5 PM

Apr. 21 & 22, EXOTIC PLANT SOC. SHOW
Sat. 11AM to 5 PM, Sun. 11 AM-5 PM

Apr. 28 & 29, SAN DIEGO-IMPERIAL CO. IRIS SHOW, Sat. 12:30 PM-5 PM,
Sun. 11 AM - 5 PM

May 5 & 6, SAN DIEGO BONSAI SPRING SHOW, Sat. 10 AM-5 PM, Sun. 10 AM - 5 PM

CLASSIFIEDS

CALIFORNIA EPI CENTER will be open Saturdays 10 AM to 5 PM, during MAY and JUNE (no appointment necessary). Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy the beautiful display of flowers. Cameras welcome. We're open the rest of the year (except during April) by "appointment"...just call and if we're here, you're welcome to come by. If you haven't visited the nursery before, please call for directions or send a long stamped envelope for our map. We have thousands of rooted epiphyllum cuttings, rhipsalis, Christmas and Easter Cactus, Rattail Cactus, hoyas, rare epiphytic cactus and haworthias for sale at the nursery as well as an expanded selection of basket size plants at very reasonable prices. We are located at 1444 E. Taylor St., Vista, CA 92083. (619) 758-4290.

FOR SALE

Epiphyllums (with buds), all colors
Large - gallon size

Epiphyllum Chrysocardium, Large,
4 yrs. old
Call Madeline Dacey, 464-8540.

EPIPHYLLUM HANDBOOK - S. Haselton, the author-approved photocopy reprint of the 1951 original is now available from Rainbow Gardens. This softbound, 231-page book has 176 black/white photographs and is indispensable for epiphyllum enthusiasts! Card stock self-cover, plastic ring binder. Only \$12.95 + \$1.50 for postage/handling/insurance (Californians add 6% tax). Our 1984 plant & bookshop catalog contains 37 pages of our latest offerings in the world of epiphytic cacti. Cost: \$1.00. Added reminder to you all: We invite one and all during the blooming season - bring your camera! We're open WITHOUT appointment every Saturday in April and May (except May 19th) - just give us a call (213) 697-1488. RAINBOW GARDENS, Box 721, La Habra, CA 90633 (address: 1574 E. Dorothea Rd., La Habra Hts., CA).

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.

