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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Jack C. Graham, San Diego
Eugenia Martin, San Diego
Everett & Leona Andrews, El Toro
Gayle Ver Steeg, San Diego (Feb.)



GENERAL MEETING, MAY 9

Our May meeting will be a busy one.

Our election for next year's slate of officers will be held - so please try to come and participate.

We also have a stunning mini-show of our epi blooms this month. It should be an outstanding display this year because of our early blooming season. (About two weeks ago, my Acapulco Sunset bloomed for the first time - had about 10 blooms and they all opened with 3 days of each other!)

Our program will be given by member and 1st Vice President Gene Lund, who will talk about epi culture and other related epi good-stuff!

See you there!



MAY REFRESHMENTS

...Penny Bunker

The folks were wonderful bringing in extra goodies for the April meeting - even a great donation of doughnuts. It is wonderful how we have a party every meeting. That's how we grow - having fun as well as learning how to grow beautiful flowers.

Those signed up for May meeting:

Leona Andrews Barbara Church
Betsy Bollman Madeline Dacey
Mary-Alice Buaas Curt Hammel
Joyce Carstensen Vernon Hook
Red Carstensen Elsie Kairath



MOTHER'S DAY SHOW, MAY 13

...Kathie Van Arum

The May meeting will be the last chance to sign up to exhibit. If you only have from one to six flowers you may bring them in on Sunday morning before 9:30 AM. There will be coffee and donuts and punch during the day. Please bring your own lunch. If you have any questions about the show please call me at 477-5258.

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ADELINE SZOBAR

It is with sadness we report the death of Addie Szobar on April 6. Addie was an avid epi lover, and a former librarian for the society. She, along with her husband George, was active in the society's events until her ill health. Addie was also a member of the Fern and Fuchsia Societies.

We will miss her.

Our deepest sympathy to her husband George, and family.



EPIPHYLLUM CULTURE, MAY

...Pat Stebbins

Remember to adjust your watering schedule to the warmer weather - keeping your plants moist, not wet.

Check often for ants and other insects and spray when needed.

Come to the Epi Events this month and ENJOY!



Well, I did it again, folks! I put the wrong zip code number (a typo) on Margaret Pethley's address in the April newsletter and my proof-reader didn't catch it either. If you sent for an absentee ballot and didn't receive it in time to send it in for the election at the May meeting, please don't blame anybody but me.

I apologize....Pat Stebbins

NOMINATIONS - SDES OFFICERS 1984-85

The candidates are:

President: Elinor Latimer
Gene Lund

1st Vice Pres. (Programs):
Greg Balvin

2nd Vice Pres. (Membership):
Jeannie Burger

Recording Secretary:
Margaret Pethley

Treasurer:
Dorothy Breining

Corresponding Secy.:
Debbie Capp

Directors (choose 4):

- Ernest Angus
- Cecile Bradley
- Dick Chadwick
- Madeline Dacy

- Bev Garber
- Frank Granatowski
- Rick Latimer
- Gus Schlapfer
- Mike Shepley
- Carrie Stafford



APRIL GENERAL MEETING

...Gene Schmedding

Our general meeting for April was loaded with nice surprises. Bob and Lois Burks (Calif. Epi Center) paid us a visit and brought some lovely cuttings for the cutting table, also a whole flat of Easter cactus, some in bloom. They are always so generous. Thank you a heap, Bob and Lois.

Also, our beloved Wressy Cocke came for the meeting. We were so very glad to see him, as it had been some time since he has been able to visit. He is looking just marvelous. One would never know that he had a bout with illness last year.

Our ever faithful friend, Howard Jones, was also there so we were delighted to see some of our members that can't always attend because of the distance they have to travel. That is true dedication.

Dick Chadwick reminded us that the Wild Animal Park show is the 5th and 6th of May. And if you are showing blooms, to wear your Epi badge for free admission. Get there early about 7 AM so you will be set up and have your car out of the area before show time.

Don't forget to let Kathie Van Arum know, if you haven't already, that you would like a table for the Mother's Day Show. Either call her at home (477-5258) or see her at the next meeting. That will be your last chance. Also, if you will have cuttings to donate for the show, call Kathie and she will tell you who to get them to in your area. If you live in the Chula Vista area I will be glad to take them for you (455 E. Naples, C.V.) or call Carrie Stafford (co-chairman of show), 420-3646 691-8363

If you are planning to take the bus tour this year, call Ed Broz for reservations, or see him at the next meeting. The cost is \$10 per person, and bring a sack lunch.

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BAIT FOR SNAILS!

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Our program for the meeting was put on by Frank Granatowski. A very interesting talk on species and how they crossed back and forth to create our present start of hybrids. He also showed us a very easy way to have a starting box for cuttings. He used a nursery flat and built a frame to fit inside, and crossed rubber bands back and forth on nails to hold the cuttings upright after they are planted in the soil in the frame. He used redwood for the frame so it would last many years. He stressed the essential ingredients for good growth - food, water, heat, air, and light. Good points to remember.

There were 118 members attending and three guests.



OPEN GARDENS:

Thursday May 17th

POTLUCK/OPEN GARDEN

Gladys and Kent Harper's 19th Annual Garden Party, 1984, 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 until dusk - come after work if you can't make lunch (for leftovers).

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



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

(Note: There are still seats available - call Ed 5/11/84)



"The fancier who enjoys the pleasure of bringing together a collection finds a lifetime too short to fully explore his hobby".

A quote from horticulturist Harry Johnson, who hybridized most of the Easter Cacti that I have in my collection. The growing and showing of these plants has made my retirement years more enjoyable - a happy 90th birthday to you, Mr. Johnson!

...Leo Kihm

April 11th through May 8¹². 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!



SAN DIEGO EPIPHYLLUM SOCIETY'S YEAR END REPORT: 1983-1984

Upon taking office, your President wrote to Sacramento about the status of the incorporation of this society. I was advised that we were indeed incorporated and had been for almost three years. I finished the procedure by listing the current officers of this society. We all are now protected from law suits against the members if someone were to be hurt at one of our functions. Also, we will be able to get a mailing permit when we receive our non-profit status, and thus save on the mailing costs.

The Book Committee has continued with their task in compiling an authoritative and much in demand up-to-date book on the plants that we so love. Mrs. Kathie Van Arum has located a publisher and we hope to have

the book off the press during the next term.

We had another one of our lovely Christmas Awards banquets at Tom Ham's Lighthouse, in December. I have never felt such warmth and good feelings as at that dinner.

A new committee was formed to look into the possibility of placing approximately 50 epiphyllum plants in the San Diego Zoo. This collection would nicely complement our much larger collection at the Wild Animal Park.

The Society was represented in the "Palomar Showcase" exhibit at the California Garden Clubs' convention for the first time (at the Hyatt Islandia Hotel).

Plant contributions were sent to the Epiphyllum Society of America's shows at the Los Angeles Zoo and Arboretum.

At this time, we are looking forward to two more successful shows of our own at the San Diego Wild Animal Park and in Balboa Park and our garden tours.

Also, the Society awarded Fern LaBorde an Honary Life Membership and an Honorary Directorship for her service to this Society.

I wish to thank my officers, directors, chairmen, and those other members who contributed to making this a successful and productive year for the San Diego Epiphyllum Society! We have had a feeling of great teamwork this year to make this year outstanding.

...Elinor Latimer, President



That the birds of
Worry and care
Fly above your
Head, this you
Cannot change,
But that they
 build
Nests in your
 hair,
This you can
 prevent.

...old Chinese
Proverb



YOU MIGHT LIKE TO KNOW!

...Sanford Roberts

The four one-year old rooted cuttings (Flirtation, Pegasus, Pride of Bell and Sparkle) treated with Lanolin-BAP-1AA paste at the June 1983 meeting, failed to reproduce or show any evidence of cloning. The treated plants entrusted to Nate Ogdon and Rick Latimer rotted to the base, however, the emerging plants or growth from aereoles below soil level survived on Ogdon's plant.

A few drops of DMSO in a quart of warm water has been reported to aid in faster and better germination of daylily seeds. Seeds were soaked in enough water to cover them for two days. The DMSO helps to penetrate the hard shell seed covering. DMSO is available at most PetCo stores, and is rather expensive. It is used widely for sprains and stiff ligaments in horses. Also, many people use it for arthritis ailment. Warning: It is not approved by the FDA for human application.

Some epi fanciers are using outdated birth control pills when fertilizing their epis. A junior in Woodlands, Texas, has undertaken the use of Ortho Novum (birth control pills) as a Science Fair project at his school. As control plants he is using 20 tissue culture daylilies and 20 tissue culture Boston ferns—all grown under artificial light. One month of treatment reveals no significant difference between the control plants and the plants treated with various concentration solutions. More information on this project is to be published later when available.

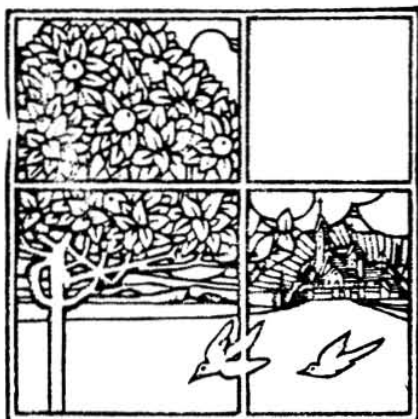
Two epi crosses with total lack of germination (not one seed) for me were Black Light (Granatowski stock) x Stern von Erlau (bloom, pollen, from Ed Gauss), and Reward (Walter Gorrell stock) x Clarence Wright (bloom, pollen from Ed Gauss). We grow three plants of Reward. Stock of these three from Gorrell, Granatowski and LaBorde. Each is Reward, but intensity of bloom coloration varies on each plant with each season. We will repeat the cross with Clarence Wright. Note: Reward is a parent of Clarence Wright.

Most successful crosses for germination of 1984 (freshly harvested seed) have been Madeline (French stock) x Ruby Snowflake (Ogdon stock), Tele x Madeline (French stock) and Black Light (again, Granatowski stock) x Madeline (French stock). Note: One of George French's more successful crosses has been Tele x Jennifer Ann.

Next projects: The anticipated blooming of two crosses in 1985. These consist of about 400 plants each of Flirtation x Dolores and Marseillaise x Dolores; cross was made in May 1980 and seed planted January 29, 1981. The more interesting and best of these will be crossed with Phyllis Flechsig's 1983 introduction of Clown; the still scarce Oakleigh Masterpiece and the probably more scarce, or rare, Star of Tunisia (Coolidge Gardens, 1938 introduction). Rainbow Gardens' Directory of Epis gives date of 1938 while both ESA directories do not list the date.

Final project for 1984: Obtain a good cutting of Peppermint Candy (a sport of Black Light) registered in 1981.

EDITOR'S NOTE: In 1981 Sanford Roberts submitted an article on his use of Gibberellic Acid. Next month I will publish the results of the experiment using this substance done by Dick Chadwick. I think you will find this very interesting.



BOTANICAL FOUNDATION PLANT SALE

...Elizabeth Glover

ANNUAL BOTANICAL PLANT SALE, May 26 and 27, Casa del Prado Patio.

Sale hours are 10 AM til 5 PM. Saturday and 10 AM til 4 PM Sunday. All clubs and individuals are invited to contribute plants, extra cuttings, seeds, or whatever and deliver them to the Library, Room 104 on Friday May 25th from 10 AM to 8 PM. Please have suggested sale prices on your articles and plants.

— *And,*

SOME OTHER GARDENING EVENTS AT CASA DEL PRADO THIS COMING MONTH:

May 19, 20 SAN DIEGO GERANIUM SHOW
Sat. 12 to 5 PM, Sun. 10 AM to 5 PM

May 26, 27 HEARTLAND AFRICAN VIOLET SHOW, Sat. 1 PM to 5 PM, Sun. 11 AM to 5 PM

June 2, 3 SAN DIEGO CACTUS & SUCCULENT SHOW, Sat. 1 PM to 5 PM, Sun. 10 AM to 5 PM

— *also,*

UPCOMING "GREEN THUMB SHOWS" at the SAN DIEGO WILD ANIMAL PARK

May 5, 6 9 AM to 5 PM, S.D. EPIPHYL-LUM SOC. Members to show blooms and sell park cuttings. Growth and care tips from the experts.

May 12, 13 9AM to 5 PM. S.D. BROMELIAD SOC. displays large vibrantly colored tropical flowers. Growth and care tips from the experts.

May 19 9 AM to 5 PM, NORTH COUNTY ROSE SOC. , displays prize-winning roses. Growth and care tips from the experts.



White cloud of mist
Above white
Cherry-blossoms...
Dawn-shining mountains

Basho

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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 *still available*

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

Epiphyllum Chrysocardium, Large,
4 yrs. old

Call Madeline Dacey, 464-8540.

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~~ **287-9193**



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).