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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We've had some really good programs this past year, and if you haven't attended recently, the January program will be a good one to start with. As reported in the December issue, member Phyllis Fleckig will be our speaker, showing slides of her epies and talking about epi culture and hybridizing.

Also, Rick Latimer will give a Handbook Committee status report.

The January Refreshment list is running short this month, so please feel free if you can bring some goodies (a small sheet cake or 3 doz. cookies). Those signed up already:

Leona Andrews
Elinor Berry

Jean Gray
Dorothy Ogdon

DECEMBER MEETING

The Christmas Party/Awards Banquet took place on a dark and stormy night, but that didn't seem to keep anyone away. The room at the Scottish Rite Center was roomy and the tables were very festive with their surprise pot in the center, topped by three helium filled balloons (my granddaughter enjoyed that part the most).

George and Jerry Plaisted, two of our hardest working members, received Honary Life Memberships in the SDES. Both George and Jerry have been active on the Executive Board and various committees and society events non-stop since they joined, and the awards were certainly well deserved.

Everyone went away with a smile and a potted epi, and a lucky person at each table got a surprise unnamed seedling to nurture.

Thanks to Gus and Marj Schlapfer for arranging a lovely party.



MOTHER'S DAY SHOW

The theme for the annual SDES Mother's Day Show in 1985 is: TA DA! "MOTHER", so start planning that spectacular display right now - that's only four epi-months away!



EPI SUPPLY COMMITTEE

Some supplies for members are available at Gene Lund's, 5666 Aztec Dr. from 9 AM to 11 AM on the Saturday following the general meeting. PLEASE CALL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ANDY CAPP, 469-4784, IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT PARTICULAR ITEMS, OR IF YOU CAN'T MAKE THIS TIME.

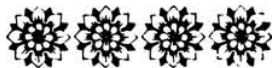
Items vary in quantity and availability from month to month but basic items are:

Sponge Rock Labels
Hangers Gallon Pots
Charcoal (50 lb. Bag @\$12.00)



PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE...

If you have any garden related item suitable for the Epi News (or something you've written), I'd really appreciate it - any questions, call Pat, 279-8026.



NOW IS THE TIME JANUARY-FEBRUARY
...Frank Granatowski

Now is the time:

- to feed mature plants with nitrogen-free or low nitrogen fertilizers, such as Bloom-Builder, Hi-Bloom, etc., to promote blooming this spring. Either liquid or time-release granules can be utilized; if liquid is used a subsequent application is advisable in another month.
- to prune out unproductive and unsightly growth, thereby allowing more energy to be utilized by newer and healthier branches.
- to maintain preventive pest control, by keeping plant containers free of debris and extraneous materials. Spray with insecticides only when necessary. Orthene, Malathion, and Cygon are available locally. READ AND FOLLOW DIRECTIONS CAREFULLY!
- to protect from unexpected frost and strong wintry winds.
- to pick ripe apples (seed pods). They can be planted immediately without undergoing drying process, however, some sort of natural or artificial light and heat is needed to encourage germination.

to take advantage of beneficial rains. If plants are potted in proper porous soil even heavy rains will have no harmful effects on them.

to bait for slugs and snails. A few granules of Slugetta has proved to be very effective and leaves little or no unsightly residue.

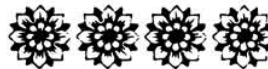


CUTTING TABLE - Let's start the 1985 cutting table off right - if every member would bring two really good cuttings (at least 6", unblemished, a year old minimum) wouldn't that make a super selection? The cutting table arrangement is as good or better than I've seen since I joined, thanks to Mike Shepley...that's his end of it...our end is GOOD cuttings! Mark your cutting with legible name AND color...

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING!

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Descending seaward
Far-off mountain
Waterfall...
Winter nights are still

Kuokusui

