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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Nanette Clark, San Diego
Sean Minogue, National City
William Woodard, Des Moines, Iowa
Robert Rothschild,
Northborough, Maine



FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING, Feb. 13

Last July Rick Latimer gave the first of a two-part program, a slide presentation of a trip to Baja California by some of our members, on a plant collecting expedition.

At the February meeting, member Ron Miller is going to give us a program on the second part of that adventure.

Hope to see you there!



FEBRUARY REFRESHMENTS

...Penny Bunker

There were many contributors to the "goodie" table for January even though only a few had signed up last fall. We had great homemade cakes and cookies...thanks to all...it was a sight to see.

Those who have signed up for February:

Joan Miller

Oralee Steele

(Editors Note: we need at least eight more people to bring refreshments: a small sheet cake or 3 doz. cookies. Please feel free...)



JANUARY MEETING

...Gene Schmedding

The first meeting of the SDES in 1985 was held on January 9 and was a very successful meeting, as usual, even if the night was unusually cold. But we all had a good time and enjoyed Phyllis Flechsig's slide show of the many kinds of cactus blooms and Epi flowers including the beautiful "Clown". Maybe it will seem disloyal of me to say so, but some of the cactus flowers rival the Epi in beauty. So many colors and forms.

Our loyal and most lovable member Mr. Harry Markey, was given a life membership for his dedication to the society. He has certainly earned it. He has participated even when ill, and you can't be more dedicated than that. Congratulations Harry, and

it's appropriate you were given a little thanks for all you have done for the society.

Mr. Howard Jones, another long time member, brought some large mounted pictures of Epi that he took at the Wild Animal Park. Howard is an expert photographer, and his pictures are worthy of an art gallery display. We hope that they will find their way into our library to be hung alongside of some of the other beautiful Epi pictures that other members have taken.

Surprisingly, there were quite a few Epi blooms on the flower table. George French told us what they were. I guess that with the strange weather we have been having, the poor flowers don't know what season it is. I even had a bowl of blooms in the house on Christmas Eve. Crazy!

There were only 88 members and 3 guests at the meeting this time. Aw, come on gang, you can do better than that! Put on your long handles, and brave the cold - the more bodies in the meeting room, the warmer you will be. If you don't believe me, remember this summer?

Don't forget to bring goodies for the February meeting - also don't forget cuttings for the raffle table.



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)



All heaven and earth
Flowered white
Obliterate...
Snow...unceasing snow
Hashin

SOMETHING NEW!!!

...Gene Lund

A "Swap Table" is being initiated starting this month. John Piland will be in charge. Our suppliers will bring in and keep the Swap Table supplied with, we hope, new and wanted cuttings, 8" or better. Anyone who brings in one or two (two maximum) 8" or better cutting (John Piland will approve) can swap for any cuttings one for one on the Swap Table. (maximum two).

First come, first served - table will be closed during meeting.

We invite everyone to participate. Bring in new hybrids, new named seedlings, anything common (if they are good cuttings)...

For further information, call Gene Lund (619) 469-1677



WORK PARTY AT THE WILD ANIMAL PARK, JANUARY 19th

...Dick Chadwick

Workers were:

Ron Miller	Elizabeth Glover
John Piland	George & Jerry
Bob & Nita	Plaisted
Stroberger	John Nobel
Howard Jones	Sean Minogue
Gus Schlapfer	George Jennings
Gene Lund	Rick Latimer
Andy, Thelma & Debbie Capp	
Edward Anderson	

A great work party - it wasn't long before they ran out of weeds to pull. They also made new nametags for about half the pots. Also thanks to George French and Nate and Dorothy Ogdon, who earlier in the week hoed weeds on the floor and the outside of the Epi house.




RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

...Helen Barkdoll

Want to take an active part in your Epiphyllum society? The Research and Education Committee is starting a new service - a question and answer column will appear in the Epi News, but we need active people to make it a success, either asking questions or supplying the answers. We need both.

Those interested in the challenge of researching the questions, people

with a talent for photography to document problems, artists to draw and diagram, computer operators to data base information, individualists willing to conduct experiments, and just plain, everyday folks who know the answers by experience, all are needed and wanted at the first organizational meeting of the Research and Education Committee:

 February 18 (the Monday following the general meeting)

Balboa Park, Room 104, 7:30 PM

Even tiny bits of information, put together like a jig-saw puzzle, finally make a complete picture. Perhaps you have that missing piece. For instance, did you know that small seedlings can remain under water for months and still survive? Where does that data fit in? Feed it into a computer's data base and eventually it will fall into place. So please, if you have some information to share, or questions, write it down, add your name and phone number, and put it in the envelope by the library or hand it to me at the general meeting. Or, better yet, bring it with you to the Research and Education meeting!

Helen Barkdoll 469-9165



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. 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.




As most of you know, spring comes to San Diego somewhat earlier than the northern climes - and following my request for garden related items for the newsletter, I received this from a member who obviously had a sudden and silly attack of spring fever. And though he has asked me not to reveal his identity, there is a clue in here that will tell many of you who it is.

(Funny, spring fever just makes me want to clean house!)

I hope you enjoy this as much as I did...Pat



LABELS FROM THE LATHHOUSE, or  TRULY, TRIVIA IS TERRIBLE, or DARLING, THEY ARE NAMED AFTER YOU!
By: A Nona Mouse

I saw someone dancing with AGATHA on the roof of the lathhouse. They saw GENE LUND turn off the lights and it was BLACKOUT. Did you know they turned BERTHA TALBOT LOOSE? Have you heard PROF. EBERT sing RHAPSODY IN BLUE?

RHONDA has moved to RIO, the PROMISED LAND, to marry REX. RUFUS is a ROMEO. We caught him giving SWEET KISSES to GENE SCHMEDDING(s) RUBY LIPS. You should see SHERFY swing his ROPE in the RODEO.

Let's all go to ACAPULCO or SINGAPORE. What an AFTER GLOW! ALICE, THORINE, and MADONNA aren't ALBINO. ELVIS PRESLEY was the EMPEROR

and ELINOR L. shook with EMOTION when he DANCER!

CHUCK WILLIAMS was seen with CHIQUITA at the CINCO de MAYO. Boy, did HIAWATHA have the KISS OF FIRE! ADRIANA is ADORABLE. What an ADVENTURE! Did you know the EMPRESS from the ENCHANTED FOREST had CHICKEN POX? CLARA ANN, COLLEEN, and CINDY sure made music in CONCERTO!

TRUDI JANE said "I'm your TRUE LOVE" so she took yours truly into the TROPICAL NIGHT for a bit of YAK YAK. SISTER JULIA was SITTING PRETTY until she fell over her SOMBRERO and spilled her SODA.

MADELINE is still GEORGE'S FAVORITE. Mine is LUCILLE! Did you know DAVID went on DAWN PATROL after DAY BREAK to look for his DARLING GIRL? She was a DAZZLER! EVA recently spent an EVENING IN PARIS reading an EPISTLE from EVANGELINE.

"ETERNAL LOVE" exclaimed the FAIR LASSIE as she sat in FAIRYLAND under the FALLING STARS but the FAIRY PRINCESS of FANTASTIC BEAUTY had to say FAREWELL. There was a FULL MOON near the GALAXY on a FROSTY MORN when FRITZIE went into a FRENZY of FROLIC over FRAU POLDI SVETNIC.

The GEISHA GIRL was a GAY LADY named GIGI, living in GERMANY with a GENTLE HEART named GEORGE FRENCH. All of that GLITTER is not GOLD COIN, GOLD DUST, or GOLD METAL but it is the GOLDEN CROWN of the GOLDEN EAGLE at the GOLDEN JUBILEE.

GORDON gave a GOODNIGHT KISS to GORGEOUS GUSSIE, the GRADUATE from GRANADA. She thought he was GOOFY! And NADA was a NATIVE DANCER, working for NELLIE O'GRADY in NEVADA, dancing in the NUDE, both NIGHT AND DAY.

Time for this ODE TO SPRING from Oklahoma with this PAGAN and ORIENTAL PASSION to purposely plan for PARTY TIME in SAN DIEGO.

Don't forget to bring your cookies for PENNY. For SPRING TIME is BLOSSOM TIME for the epi LOVER. SAN DIEGO epi growers are SMILIN' THROUGH with a SO BIG plan for another GRAND OLD PARTY on Mother's Day. See you there.



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Louise Newman has, for FREE, canna lilies, all colors - will dig when you want or come by - Also, CHEAP very large potted epies for sale. Call after 7 PM, 448-3145

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, 287-9193