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MARCH GENERAL MEETING, March 13

Our speaker this month will be member George French, with one of our favorite programs. If you like to look at epis, then you'll love "George French's Hybrids". See you there...



MARCH REFRESHMENTS

Penny Bunker had only four names signed for March refreshments - so we need at least six more members to bring refreshments (at least 3 doz. cookies or small sheet cake). So far, enough people have spontaneously contributed refreshments to the past five or six meetings, but it doesn't make it easy for the person who is trying to keep it organized.

Please seek out the sign-up sheet at the March meeting and fill'er up!

Those who have signed for March:

Margaret Fickas
Jan & Cliff Rice
Nita Stroberger
Toini Wainwright

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

...Gene Schmedding

Our February meeting was devoted in part to the selection of the nomination committee. It is hard to believe that it is that time again, so soon.

Ron Miller gave the program. It was mostly about the trip that several members made into Mexico last year searching for a rare cactus.

The slides he showed were outstanding, the scenery spectacular. And some were downright funny. The crew really had their problems, between a lot of flat tires, and a flood, and a broken axle which they had to wait awhile to get fixed - so they just cooked and had their dinner in the middle of the road where they broke down. That wouldn't be so bad, but it was raining. They were having such a good time that a little rain didn't seem to matter.

Part of the party finally reached the spot where the "Creeping Devil Cactus" (the one they were looking for) was growing. The party split up while they were waiting for the axle to be fixed. Some stayed behind with the truck, and the rest went ahead

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in a couple of the other vehicles and located their prize. Their breakdown wasn't too far from the spot where the cactus grew. Slides were taken of all the little disasters. It was a very "fun" show. Ron also showed some epi pictures that were taken in George French's garden, and some of his own flowers.

It was surprising to learn that there are a great many weather stations in the interior of Mexico, and the attendants have learned how to read and record the weather with great accuracy. There are also some very good roads - and some very bad ones. At any rate, even with all their problems, they are already talking about going again next year.

George French will give our March program. BE THERE! No excuses. The flu season should be over by then. Our attendance has been lagging of late. Only 80 members this meeting. For shame!

Don't forget to bring goodies for the refreshment table.



NOMINATIONS FOR SDES 1985-86 OFFICES
APRIL GENERAL MEETING

Nominating Committee:

Dick Chadwick	463-4316
Debbie Capp	469-4784
Louise Newman	448-3145
George Plaisted	583-9551
Sean Minogue	

The Nominating Committee has been chosen and needs your help - if you would like to serve in any capacity, please call one of the committee and let them know. (Requirement of eligibility is one year's membership in SDES).

It isn't possible for one person to know all the members so let's help them out if you know someone appropriate, or if you would like to serve yourself, please let the committee know.

Offices are:

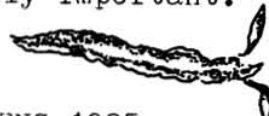
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(5) Directors

Absentee ballots will be available from Recording Secretary Margaret Pethley, if you want one let her know ASAP and she will mail you a ballot when they are available.

Margaret Pethley
5753 Jeanette Ave.
La Mesa, California 92041

Nominations will be at the April meeting, and voting will be at the May meeting. Plan to come to both, it's really important.



OPEN GARDENS 1985

Anyone wanting to hold open garden this year please let us know soon.

This is such fun - to see how others make use of their space, solve their display problems, etc. If you'd like to throw open your garden to the members on a weekend day during the next several months, please call 279-8026 and I'll see the info gets to the right place and put in the Epi News.

Keep in mind our show is Mother's Day, May 12 and the following weekend, May 19, is the E.S.A. show at Los Angeles AND our Bus Tour, so those days are not good times for showing.



MOTHER'S DAY SHOW, 1985

THEME "MOTHER"

Please contact show chairpersons George and Jerry Plaisted to reserve your table to display in this year's show (phone 583-9551).

The show is open to all members and if you don't have enough blooms for a whole table, try a half table or collaborate with another member. Those who only have a single bloom or 5 or 6, there will be a special display - the important thing is to come and show your flower(s).

There will be a potluck for exhibitors and/or workers.

Complete and final details will be in the April Epi News.

ONLY TWO MORE MONTHS!

A HELPFUL HINT

...from Dick Chadwick

HOW TO CALCULATE SMALL AMOUNTS OF PESTICIDES

Since commercial insecticide preparations vary in bulk per unit weight, no exact figures can be given for use in small sprayers. A rule of thumb is that:

One pound of wettable powder per 100 gallons is approximately equal to one level tablespoon per gallon.

One pint of liquid insecticide per 100 gallons is equal to one level teaspoon per gallon.

Three pints (1-1/2 qts.) of liquid insecticide per 100 gallons is equivalent to one level tablespoon per gallon.

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)	

NOW IS THE TIME MARCH-APRIL

...Frank Granatowski

Now is the time:

- to maintain good grooming by removal of dead, spindly and unsightly branches from your plants.

- to remove dead leaves and debris from containers, thereby eliminating a haven for harmful pests and allowing a free flow of oxygen to the soil and root system.

- to remove scale residue clinging to outside of containers.

- to give mature plants a final feeding of Nitrogen-free liquid fertilizer such as Bloom-Builder or Hi-Bloom, to promote healthy buds and blooms.

- to utilize control methods to inhibit aphids and ants (who are attracted by the nectar) from attacking new buds and blooms. Insecticides such as Orhtene and Malathion can be used. **READ AND FOLLOW DIRECTIONS ON LABEL CAREFULLY!**

- to remember not to attempt to relocate plants once buds have begun to form.

- to bait for snails which become more active with the wet weather. A few granules of Sluggetta placed at the base of the plants has proved to be very effective, and it leaves little or no residue.

- to repot last year's cuttings that have outgrown their present container.

- to gather and store rain water for future use. If possible store in covered opaque containers to avoid infestations of larvae and buildup of algae.



Member Chuck Everson sent this for the newsletter. It's from an early 1960's bulletin of the National Cactus and Succulent Journal and is printed with their permission.

"JUNGLE JUICE

Besides being a very keen cactus fan, I also like making wine occasionally. At our committee meeting (Leeds Branch) in January, at the home of our Secretary, I took along a bottle of "home made", with which we drank to a successful year. Then I asked them to tell me what sort of wine it was. Guesses ranged from Elderflower or Opuntia to "Spachianus" wine. Imagine the looks I got when I showed them the label "Genuine Jungle Juice". This started when, last year, I noticed quite a lot of Epi-phyllums had set fruit, and wondering what to do with them, I suddenly thought - wine! Well why not? And this was the result - Epiphyllum fruit to "Jungle Juice". I still think some of them think I was pulling the legs so here is the recipe I used to suit the quantity of fruit available - about 16 fruits - weight approximately 1-1/4 - 1-1/2 lbs.

1-1/4 to 1-1/2 lbs. Epiphyllum
Fruit

1/2 lb. sugar

2-1/2 pts. boiling water

1/2 tsp. Yeast (Allisons
Granulated)

1 orange-yeast nutrient 1/2 tsp.

MAKE STARTER:

To juice of one orange - add
1 tsp. sugar, 1/4 tsp. yeast - stand
two days to get working.

Wash and cut up fruit - pour on
boiling water - add sugar - stand
overnight. Add "starter", remainder
of yeast and yeast nutrient - stand
5 days - strain into jar - squeeze
surplus juice out of fruit and leave
to ferment (fit trap to jar or cover
with polythene and rubber band).

After two months - strain again
to get rid of sediment - add a little
more sugar to taste, if wine is too
dry - ferment to a finish - then
bottle

J. METCALF,
Victoria Road, Horsforth"



Jeannie Burger has a generous supply
of the new "Introductory Bulletin to
the SDES". This is available to all
members and will be given to new
members on joining the SDES. It's a
nice little pamphlet full of good
stuff. Contact:

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Roland and Gwendolyn Johnston find it
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They have lots of mature epis at
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