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ARE YOUR DUES PAID UP?



APRIL GENERAL MEETING, April 10

The program for April will be a presentation by Rick Latimer of the very fine slides of the Florence Arnold epi collection. Another great program for epi-holics. This is one you won't want to miss.

See you there!



APRIL REFRESHMENTS

...Penny Bunker

Don't know what to say about folks not filling up the spaces for goodies...but here are those that signed up for April:

Carrie Bledsoe
Susie Ellis
Sako Hook
Louise Newman
Dorothy Ogdon

However, people have been so great bringing their contributions anyway...

(We need several more people this month to bring yummys, so if you can, please do - Pat)

WILD ANIMAL PARK, GREEN THUMB

SHOW, May 4 and 5. The first weekend in May so this will be your only reminder - sign up for a couple of hours of selling the park's cuttings and bring your blooms out for the display we have on the trail in front of the gift shop/nursery. It's fun meeting the public and talking to other club members about epis, epis, epis... If you haven't participated in any of our events yet, come out to the park and have a good time.

The W.A.P./SDES potluck will be on Saturday (not sure of the time, I think 2 or 3 PM... can find out at the meeting) in the epi shadehouse. All are welcome, just bring food. Wear your epi nametags so you can get in the park.

Dick Chadwick will also have a sign-up sheet for work party to take cuttings prior to the park sale. And one for volunteers to be hosts at the epi shadehouse on weekends for the duration of the blooming season.



NOMINATIONS FOR GENERAL ELECTION

April is also nomination month for SDES officers for the coming year. The nominating committee will announce their nominations and nominations will be taken from the floor provided the nominee is there or has given written agreement.

If you are going to vote by absentee ballot, contact Margaret Pethley, 5753 Jeanette Ave., La Mesa, California 92041. She will send you one as soon as they are printed. They must be returned to her before the May meeting.

The list of nominees will be published in the May Epi News.

RESEARCH & EDUCATION

...Helen Barkdoll (469-9165)

There will be a meeting Monday April 15 at 7 PM at the home of Gene Schmedding, 755 E. Naples, Chula Vista (421-6510 or 421-0693).

If you have any good slides of epi culture, deseases, grafing, etc. plaese bring them.

There will be a slide presentation and discussion of the various slides. Everyone who is interested in furthering their knowledge is welcome to this organizational meeting.

EPI SUPPLY COMMITTEE

Some supplies for members are available at Gene Lund's, 5666 Aztec Drive 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, \$6 for 3 cu. ft.
Hangers, 8¢ ea.
Charcoal, \$14.00, 50 lbs.
Gallon Pots, 6¢ ea.
Marking Pens, \$1.00 ea.
Avacado Mix, \$1.50 bag (approx.
80 lbs)

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SECURITY ON MEETING NIGHT

We have had several incidents of vandalism and some of our members are reluctant to come alone to the meetings.

In an effort to improve this situation, the membership voted to have Rogers Security Patrol on general meeting night, Wednesday from 7 PM to 10 PM. The guard will oversee the parking lot(s) at the rear of the Natural History Museum, and overflow parking in the lot across the street behind Spanish Village. He will also provide an escort, if needed.

REX HAMILTON

We are sorry to report that member Rex Hamilton passed away last month. Our deepest sympathy to his wife Maude, and friends and family.

MOTHER'S DAY SHOW, THEME "MOTHER"

Don't forget the sign-up sheet for the Mother's Day Show - George and Jerry Plaisted are the chairmen for the show and need you to sign up for your display space and/or other tasks like security, host-hostess, new membership table, etc. Something for everybody to do who wants to help. The Plaisted's phone 583-9551.

The Mother's Day Show is our major fund raising event of the year. We really need you to contribute all the cuttings you can, and bring all the blooms in that you have. The blooms are what sell the cuttings and you know what effect a whole roomful of blooms has - if you can't bring them in yourself, call the Plaisted's and they will arrange to have someone pick them up. The important thing is to get them there.

It isn't too early to take cuttings for the show. They should be at least a year old, blemish free, at least 6", preferably 8" or more - with full name and color

marked on. Store them flat in a cool place out of the sun until the show.

A full set of details for the show, cuttings, etc. will be in the May Epi News.



BUS TOUR, Sunday May 19

The weekend following our show is the Epiphyllum Society of America show at the Los Angeles Arboretum in Anaheim. Every year we have a bus tour leaving Balboa Park that morning, visit some epi nurseries and take in the show. Arrangements have not been finalized yet but will be in the May newsletter. You can sign up anyway at the April meeting.

This is a lot of fun too, if you've never done it before, give it a try this year.



OPEN GARDENS, April

APRIL 27 and 28, Saturday & Sunday

Nate & Dorothy Ogdon
5739 San Miguel Rd.
Bonita, CA 92002 **479-0425**
10 AM to 4 PM

Samuel & Adela Markey
189 Bethune Way **420-7966**
Chula Vista, CA 92011

8 AM to 3 PM (the earlier the better)



MARCH GENERAL MEETING

...Gene Schmedding

Hooray! It looks like our attendance is on it's way up again. We had 104 members and 12 guests at our March meeting. That is more than we have had in quite a long time.

George French was our speaker, and he showed us many beautiful slides of his seedlings, and some of the older ones. George really has produced some spectacular flowers.

There was a sad note to the meeting though. We learned that one of our members, Rex Hamilton passed away unexpectedly. (He was affectionately dubbed "Mr. Lincoln"

because of his uncanny resemblance to that famous person). He was many-talented; an actor and teacher, and always willing to entertain whenever asked. He will be missed. If you would like to send a card to his wife, Maude, the address is 1737 Tabacco Rd. Escondido, California 92026.

Be sure to sign up for your flower show table at the next meeting, as that is your last chance unless you do it by phone and are willing to take whatever our chair people have left. George and Jerry Plaisted are the brave people in charge.

Our meal at the show will be a potluck for workers only. It will be served on the upper level on the balcony. I hear that there is an elevator to take you up there if you don't want to climb the long stairs. I am going to have to search it out, as I didn't know there was one until a couple of weeks ago.

There also will be the third annual potluck at the Wild Animal Park on May 4.

Howard Jones is home again. He has had another bout with illness. I know that he would appreciate hearing from his friends in the Society. Howard Jones, 1524 So. Citrus, Escondido, CA 92025.

Be good kids and bring goodies to the next meeting.

I forgot to mention that due to the increased crime rate in the park, stolen batteries, car breakins, etc. we have made arrangements to have a guard at the large parking lot behind the Natural History Museum. He will also watch the people that are going into the Casa del Prado, to see they are not bothered. Also Gene Lund suggested that the ladies wear, or have handy, a police whistle, just in case.



Describe plum-blossoms?
Better than my
Verses...white
Wordless butterflies

Reikan

GARLIC TREATMENT FOR ZYGO CACTUS

...Dick Chadwick

Basic Blend: 3 oz. garlic blended in one pint of waterTO USE FOR ROOT ROT: 1/4 of the basic blend to one quart of water. Saturate the root zone of the plant.TO USE AS A SPRAY:FOR SICK PLANTS: 1/4 cup of basic garlic blend to one quart of water. Strain through a nylon hose. Add 2 tsp. of mineral oil, one ounce of liquid soap (not detergent). Let stand 24 hours in a glass container.SPRAY FOR INSECTS: Mites, aphids 1/4 cup basic garlic blend, 2 quarts water. Strain through nylon hose. Add one ounce liquid soap, 2 tsp. mineral oil, one table-spoon Cayenne pepper.

I have tried the drench on zygo cactus and it works good. It's a little too odorous to use inside.

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 Orthene 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.



SOME OTHER GARDEN EVENTS YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN: (Casa del Prado)

April 13, 14 SAN DIEGO ROSE SHOW
*(Balboa Park Club, Balboa Park)
Sat. 2-7 PM, Sun. 10 AM - 6 PM \$1.00

April 20, 21 SAN DIEGO BONSAI SHOW
Sat & Sun. 10 AM - 5 PM FREE

April 27, 28 SAN DIEGO IMPERIAL COUNTY IRIS SHOW
Sat. 12:30 PM - 5 PM
Sun. 11 AM - 5 PM

May 4, 5 BALBOA PARK AFRICAN VIOLET SHOW

*(La Jolla Village Square, La Jolla)
Sat. 10 AM - 6 PM, Sun. 10 AM - 4 PM

May 4, 5 EXOTIC PLANT SOCIETY SHOW
Sat. & Sun. 11 AM - 5 PM



CLASSIFIEDS

Epi Plant Sale, George French
3624 Voltaire St. (Point Loma)
April 13-14 (Sat. Sun.)
9 AM to 3 PM
Mature plants and seedlings, very
reasonably priced.



I HAVE TOO MANY EPIS!

Adult and 4" pot duplicates
available at low cost to Epi Society
members (and their friends). April
13, Sat., 8 AM to 5 PM.

9227 Carthay Circle
Spring Valley (469-2469)

Don Irwin

EPIS FOR SALE



I need a loving home for my
epis - no longer able to care for
them. Large and small plants.
Epi strictum, Jennifer Ann, Xmas Gold
Charm...too many to name. Please
call Joyce at 698-0200 anytime, let
the phone ring at least 6-8 times -
my get along got up and went.

Joyce Carstensen
7070 Broadway, Sp. 83
Lemon Grove, CA 92045



CALIFORNIA EPI CENTER WILL BE OPEN
Saturdays only 10:00 - 5:00 during
the April, May, June Blooming season.
If Saturdays are not convenient, call
for an appointment, and if we're
here, you'll be welcome to come by.
Cameras welcome. We have several
hundred one-year-old baskets...two
young plants to the pot...at very
reasonable prices...most under \$10.
Plus thousands of rooted epis,
rattail cacti, hoyas, rhipsalis, Xmas
& Easter Cactus in 3-inch pots. If
your interest is haworthias, we have
one of the finest selections anywhere.
If you can't visit, our FULL COLOR
"Flowering Jungle Cactus" catalog is
available for \$1.00 (deductible). It
features 114 photos of the plants
listed above. Society members will
also receive our "Unrooted Cutting"
list of 90 additional epis.

California Epi Center, Box 1431-SDES
Vista, California 92083 (619) 758-4290



The late Paul I. Fort once said
"EPIPHYLLIUMS ARE WHAT OTHER FLOWERS
TRY TO BE". And that statement
couldn't be more true this spring!
It looks like a banner year for Epi
blooms for Rainbow Gardens. We wel-
come our friends from down south to
see them, and view our more than
6,000 3" pots for sale, not to mention
our 8" double pots of Epis (well over
100 choices in the approx. \$7-\$10
range). Our other plant offerings
you ask? Christmas Cactus, Easter
Cactus, Hoyas, Rhipsalis, Rattails,
etc. What about Epiphyllum Station-
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Succulent books? More choices than
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walk-in customers? You bet!! Just
call first to make sure we're here
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Saturdays in the months of April and
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91 color photos of some of the best
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Everson/Jerry Williams, RAINBOW
GARDENS, Box 721-E, La Habra, CA
90633-0721. Address: 1574 E.
Dorothea Rd., La Habra Heights.
P.S.: For your 1-stop shopping (or
shipping), bear in mind that we have
3"/6"/8" pots and hanging baskets;
marking pens; potting mix; blossom
booster; slow release fertilizer;
plastic labels and more! Cash, check
or credit cards accepted. We're not
fussy! All the best.

