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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Steve & Audrey Black, San Diego  
Arnold & Barbara Chaney,  
Escondido

## MAY MEETING, May 8

The May meeting is right in the middle of our blooming season, so bring your blooms in for our "mini" show - a good time to preview the blooms that will be in (or NOT be in) our show the following Sunday.

We won't have a formal program, just lots of epi talk and the election of next year's officers - please come and vote.

## MAY REFRESHMENTS

Those signed up for May:

Betsy Bollman	Helen Barkdoll
Curt Hammel	Elsie Trembley
Madeline French	Sylvia Duckworth
Vernon Hook	Norma Gunter
Bernadine Southard	



## ELECTION, SDES OFFICERS FOR 1985-85

Those running for office:

President: Gene Lund  
Ron Miller  
1st Vice President (Programs):  
Rick Latimer  
2nd Vice President (Membership):  
Jeannie Burger  
Marion Foster  
Treasurer: George Plaisted  
Recording  
Secretary: Debbie Capp  
Corresponding  
Secretary: Gene Schmedding  
Directors: (VOTE FOR 5)  
Andy Capp  
Charles Coons  
Vernon Hook  
Dr. H. Hafiz  
Eleanor Latimer  
Louise Newman  
Mike Shepley  
Milt Turner

MOTHER'S DAY SHOW, SUNDAY MAY 12

If you have any questions about the Mother's Day Show please see the chairpeople George and Jerry Plaisted at the May 8 meeting or contact them at 583-9551, and they will help you out.

SEE YOU THERE!

SDES BUS TOUR, MAY 19

Please see Gene Lund at the May 8 meeting or contact him at 469-1677, I think there are a few seats left on the bus.

MOTHER'S DAY SHOW CUTTING ROOM

...Mike Shepley

Hello to all of you! I hope you and all your beloved Epiphyllums are doing well.

So many of the plants in my collection (now numbering about 290 different varieties), began as one or two 6" cuttings started in 4-6" pots. It has felt like an eternity (actually it's only been three years), but nearly all my plants are now large enough that cuttings can be taken without detracting from their ability to produce flowers. Those gorgeous FLOWERS, of course, are what we all cherish and so diligently work to achieve.

Imagine what it would be like to have seen the epiphyllum flowers in all their splendid glory, and then have to console your new found epimania with the knowledge that they are not available for purchase. What a disappointment! I know there are many epi-nuts who might have gone-over-the-edge had this happened to them. I know I would have. Last year at our Mother's Day Show, the cutting room closed early because we had no more cuttings or plants to offer. PLEASE, help me to see that this does not happen this year. I know, observing past trends, that we will be entertaining an even larger number of guests at our show this year than every before. (Epi-mania is very contagious). So we will be needing even more cuttings and plants than every before.

It is not easy to part with even a piece of something which we have so long and lovingly nurtured to maturity. And I would not dream of asking any of you to sacrifice a single flower to make cuttings for our cutting room. However, knowing the joy it will bring to another, as well as the sanity of some poor, deprived epi-nut which might be saved, I am hoping to encourage you (each and every member) to be just a little more generous in your hearts when you go to your plants to determine where a cutting might be taken.

We are doing something a little different this year with the way the cuttings will be presented. Gene Lund has graciously offered more plastic tubs identical to those we now use for the cutting table at our regular meetings to be borrowed for use during the show in the cutting room. These will certainly aid in better organizing our cuttings display. Each tub can be sectioned off into 8 individual bins in which cuttings of only one variety will be placed. Gene has also loaned to us the materials necessary to construct shelving upon which the plastic tubs can be mounted so as to allow better presentation of the cuttings. The shelving has been designed with areas for mounting pictures to accurately show what the flower of a particular variety of epiphyllum looks like. The pictures will be mounted directly behind each section of the plastic tub. There will be color categorized tubs to hold those cuttings of which we do not have many to offer. I hope to have at least 100 or so cuttings of those varieties which will be given their own bins. If you have a large number of cuttings (say around 20 or so) of one variety that you know you can contribute please give me a call. I would like to know as soon as possible so I can acquire a good picture to display alongside them. Do you have a good picture or slide I can reproduce to use in our displays? Let me know.

As a final statement, I would like to say thank you to all of you who have been so generous throughout the year in bringing cuttings for our regular meetings. A very special

thank you to those who have donated rooted cuttings in the four inch pots. I did not have much success in my own efforts to establish healthy plants to offer our guests this year. Without that help I would have been embarrassingly short of plants. THANK YOU all, very much.

(Call Michael at 280-7878)

THE CUTTING ROOM WILL BE OPEN TO MEMBERS ONLY, AN HOUR BEFORE IT'S OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

SUNDAY, MAY 12, ROOM 102

9:00 AM



OPEN GARDENS, MAY 1985

Thursday, May 16

Gladys and Kent Harper's 20th and FINAL Annual Garden Party, 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 left-overs).

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

Saturday, May 18

Ron and Joan Miller  
822 Via Rancho Parkway, Escondido  
(take 163 North to Via Rancho Pkwy, go West, about 1 mile)

9:00 AM to 5 PM  
Phone 746-9620



RESEARCH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Research and Education committee will continue with quarterly meetings instead of monthly. The next meeting will be in July, time and location will be in the Epi News.



Amorous cat, alas  
You too must yowl  
With your love...  
Or even worse, without!

Yaha

BITS & PIECES

...from Gene Schmedding

As I didn't get to the April general meeting, I can't write any thing about it, but I did get to the Board meeting, so that is what this little article is all about.

I am sorry to report that we have had some of our most valuable people ill this past month.

Frank Granatowski has been in the hospital but he is on the road to recovery now. He was at the last general meeting and also at the board meeting. Glad that you are beginning to be your old self again, and stay out of the hospital, Frank... you are liable to catch something, hospitals are full of sick people.

Our long time member and good friend Howard Jones is in the Hillside Convalescent Home recovering from hip surgery. The address is: 1260 E. Ohio St., Escondido, CA 92025 - I know he would like to hear from any of us.

I think that is all the "good" news for this time - on to more pleasant things.

Elinor Latimer has been voted to receive Honorary Life member and also Honory Director; Frank Granatowski will receive Honory Director (he is already a Life member).

Room 102, across the hall from our meeting room, will be the cutting room for the show. I hope that we will have a lot more cuttings for sale this year than we had last year. There were a lot of disappointed people turned away empty handed - that really doesn't speak well for our society, and I hope those of you who couldn't contribute last year will be able to help this time.



NOW IS THE TIME, MAY-JUNE

...Frank Granatowski

Now is the time:

- to enjoy the fruits of your labor. Properly cared for plants should produce an abundance of beautiful, spectacular blooms.

- to cross-pollinate as soon as blooms open. However, pollinate with definite goals in mind, i.e., specific color or shape, size, off-season blooms, double flowers, etc. Bees

and insects may do the job satisfactorily but they are not very selective.

- to remove spent and wilted blooms by cutting about 1/2" from the base of the flower. Use a sharp knife or pruning shears. This method is also advised when cutting flowers for display.

- to continue good grooming of mature plants by pruning older branches that are no longer productive, i.e., branches on which many areoles are calloused and scarred from previous blooms. These cuttings can be used to start new plants.

- to protect foliage from the hot summer sun. Maintain plants in filtered sunlight.

- to water regularly. Keep moist but not wet. Do not allow soil to completely dry out.

- to repot cuttings and plants that have outgrown their containers.

- to attend the local "Epi Shows" and meet and talk with established Epi growers. This is also a good opportunity to obtain new cultivars for your collection.



#### SOME EPIPHYLLUM DISEASES

...Dick Chadwick

##### Corky Scub

Irregular rusty or corky spots. Severe attacks may destroy entire shoot. Milder attacks decrease the production of flowers.

Control: The disease may be prevented by increasing the light and decreasing the humidity. Some epiphyllums are injured by over exposure to sunlight.

##### Slimy Collar Rot (PHYTOPHTHORA CACTORUM)

The fungus causes a black, slimy, soft collar rot at the base of the plant. The fungus invades the soil in the vicinity of the plant for a depth of an inch or two.

Control: Cut out diseased portion of the plant and disinfect by immersing in a solution of Semesan (organic mercury compound). I found that dusting the surface of the soil with sulfur, then work it into the top inch of soil works good. Repeat

the treatment a month later. Also, I have had good results by using "Cooke Fungicide" (TERRACIOR, CAPTAN & ZINEB). This is a wettable powder made into a spray and easier to use. Follow directions and cautions.

##### Wilt (PYTHIUM DEBARYANUM)

This disease has been known to spread rapidly from plant to plant, causing a brown spotting and wilting which begins at the base and extends upwards.

Control: Avoid overwatering and excessive humidity. Use clean soil for propagation. I have had fair results with "Cooke's Fungicide" and Agrimycin (Streptomycin).

...more next month.



*Something of interest from E.S.A.*

The following was in the March-April 1985 issue of "The Bulletin" of the Epiphyllum Society of America, and I thought there might be someone in our Society not receiving The Bulletin who would want to participate.

"We have received a letter from the Botanical Garden in Gothenburg, Sweden expressing their concern about collecting and preserving the species of the Hylocereanae. Ulf Eliasson has initiated a program to obtain a complete collection of these epiphytic cacti, so that this material can be scientifically studied at the

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Gothenburg Botanical Garden, since so much of this kind of material has disappeared from nurseries. Much of it may be found only in private collections, and soon may disappear completely and be lost forever. This is an opportunity for our members to help our Society in fulfilling some of the aims for which we were organized. Our commercial growers may have some of the wanted species as well as some of our other members with private collections. Do you have any of these species you would be willing to share?

Aporocactus	Nopalxochia
Disocactus	Rhipsalis
Epiphyllum	Schlembergera
Heliocereus	Selenicereus
Hylocereus	Weberocereus
Morangaya	

These plants are all in the Hylocereinae, which is Subtribe 3 in the cactus family. (Cactaceae)

When the weather is warm enough for them to go safely through the mail, you can send them to:

Ulf Eliasson  
c/o Magnus Neundorf  
Gothenburg Botanical Garden  
s-413 19 Gothenburg  
Sweden

When you have sent your cuttings would you please drop us a post card (E.S.A., P. O. Box 1395, Monrovia California 91016) so that we will know what kind of response has been generated by this appeal? And tell us what species you have sent, we will be able to determine what is missing from the above list of species."

This is a good time to remind you that if you wish to also belong to the Epiphyllum Society of America, you can do so by the following information - or you can give the ESA dues to our membership secretary with your SDES dues and it will be sent for you. Isn't that nice of us?

Here is the dues info as published by The Bulletin of the ESA:  
MEMBERSHIP DUES: \$6.00 a year in the United States and Canada. Other countries \$8.00 a year surface mail, \$12.00 a year for Airmail. (Please send international money orders payable to the Epiphyllum Society in U. S. dollars.) Send all dues to our

post office box and please do not send cash. Do not pay more than two years in advance. We do not send receipts for renewals and we do not send renewal notices. The Membership Directory and your mailing label will show the month in which dues should be paid to allow time for processing. Early-in-the-month payment will assure no disruption in receiving The Bulletin.

P.O. Box 1395  
Monrovia, California 91016



CASA DEL PRADO GARDENING EVENTS IN MAY, JUNE

May 12 S.D. EPIPHYLLUM SOC. SHOW  
Sunday 10:30 AM to 4:30 PM Free

May 18, 19 S. D. GERANIUM SHOW  
Sat. 12-5 PM, Sun. 10AM-5PM

June 1, 2 S. D. CACTUS & SUCCULENT SHOW  
Sat. 1-5PM, Sun. 10AM-5PM

June 9 SOUTHWEST HERMOCALLIS SHOW  
Sun. 12-5PM

----other

Horticultural classes are held each Saturday morning from 10:30 till noon in Room 104, Casa del Prado, sponsored by the San Diego Botanical Gardens Foundation. These classes are free and everyone is invited to attend. Contact Betty Cooper 295-7938 for further information.

San Diego Botanical Foundation presents their Annual Plant Sale on May 25 and 26 in the Casa del Prado Patio. Contributions of plants, cuttings, seeds or whatever are needed to raise funds. Items will be accepted Friday, May 24 from 10AM to 8 PM in the Library, Room 104. Sale hours will be Sat. May 25 10AM to 5 PM, and Sun. May 26 10AM to 4PM. Persons are also needed to help sell the plants.



Dim the grey cow comes  
Mooing mooing  
And mooing  
Out of the morning mist

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## Classifieds

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 \$10.00. Plus thousands of rooted epis, rattail cacti, hoyas, rhipsalis, Xmas and Easter Cactus in 3" 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 Our street address is:  
1444 E. Taylor St.  
Vista, CA 92083



### NAMETAGS

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

HOW ABOUT ANOTHER COLOR EPIPHYLLUM BOOK? The first Japanese Epiphyllum book proved so popular, that the author decided to put another one together! This time it's bigger, has more color photographs, and the Epiphyllums pictured are of the much newer varieties like: Jennifer Ann, Acapulco Sunset, Tickled Pink, Clarence Wright, Free Spirit, George French, Bisco, Madeline---just to name a few. The format and size of the book is the same as the original book, but with more color photos---341 in all! It breaks down as follows: 260 color pictures of different Epi hybrids, 15 Epi species, 28 Christmas/Easter Cactus, 21 Rhipsalis, 12 Aporocactus, 5 miscellaneous night bloom cereus, 107 black/white illustrations. We are taking advance orders for the book, which arrives the first week in June. The cost is \$21.95 (+\$1.32 tax and \$1.50 postage), or a total of \$24.77. Please place your order as soon as possible so that you can be assured of getting one from the first shipment! Make check out to RAINBOW GARDENS BOOKSHOP (address below). Thanks. And finally, a reminder that we're open for business every weekend in April, May and June without an appointment (all other times, please call first), 9:00 AM to 4 PM at our nursery: 1574 Dorothea Rd., La Habra Hts. Make it a point to stop in during this time and view our lovely blooms. Our selection of thousands of potted plants from 3" to 8" pots will make it easy for you to select the ones you want! Bring your camera! Hope to see you soon. Chuck & Jerry, RAINBOW GARDENS NURSERY/BOOKSHOP--- P. O. Box 721, La Habra, CA 90633-0721 P.S.: Color Catalog/separate Bookshop Catalog still \$1.00. If you haven't got one, mail your dollar today!

