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ARE YOUR DUES PAID UP?



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Edwina Burkey, San Diego
Barbara Dawson, Spring Valley
Janice Douglas, San Diego
Walter & Abigail Mitchell,
La Jolla
George & Barbara Poole,
Riverside
Art & Sharon Risley,
Laguna Beach
Gustav & Margaret Tolnay,
San Diego

ELECTED OFFICERS FOR 1985-86

President: Ron Miller
1st Vice President (Programs):
Rick Latimer
2nd Vice President (Membership):
Jeannie Burger
Recording Secretary: Debbie Capp
Corresponding Secretary:
Gene Schmedding
Treasurer: George Plaisted
Directors:
Andy Capp
Vernon Hook
Dr. H. Hafiz
Mike Shepley
Milt Turner

JUNE MEETING, June 12

The June meeting will be a happy one - another mini-show, lots of blooms still left, so bring them in and brag on 'em!

We will have installation of the new officers elected for the 1985-86 term, honor our past presidents, and share our birthday cake.

If you haven't been to a meeting for awhile, come on out and get re-acquainted with your old friends - if you know someone interested in epis, bring them along and get them hooked good!

See you there...



LUCILLE SALTZER

We are sad to report that Lucille Saltzer passed away in May after a long illness. Our deepest sympathy to her husband Charles, her family, and friends.

REFRESHMENTS FOR JUNE

...Penny Bunker

Lo and behold, more than enough signed up this time. However, thanks to the many folks that have brought in goodies at the last minute we always seem to have wonderful things to enjoy. That's what makes our meetings seem like a party. Don't forget to come each month as you miss a grand "party" if you don't.

Those signed up for June:

Maria Barrett	Joan Miller
Mary Alice Buass	Beatrice Nava
Catherine Burger	Irmela Paul
Margaret & Harry Blake	Denise Shepley
Marian Foster	
Jean Gray	
Nita Stroberger	

CORRECTION FOR THE JAN. OR FEB. CUTTING TABLE

If you got a cutting marked "Wedding Bells" with the initials SHM under the name, please change the name to "FUTON" and congratulate yourself for getting a real beauty!

...Sam Markey

MAY GENERAL MEETING & MISC.

...Gene Schmedding

Our regular meeting on May 12 was also election night. We have a new president. I am sure that all the members will be happy to give Mr. Ron Miller our full support. Being president is not the easiest job in the world.

We had almost full capacity in the meeting room for the election. It was a joy to see so many of the Society's old friends that hadn't been able to attend for some time.

We also had a mini-show and there were almost as many beautiful blooms on tables around the room as we had at our beautiful Mother's Day show.

The Mother's Day show was a great success as it has been in the past. Due to the last minute cooperation of many people, there were thousands of cuttings and a large number of gallon size pots for sale. We even had some left over which were taken to the L.A.

show for their cutting table. Last year we had to close the doors of the cutting room at 2 PM due to lack of enough cuttings and plants to see us through the day. This time we didn't have to worry about not having enough for the bus tour from L.A. Last year all the people of the bus tour were disappointed because we had run out of cuttings before they got here.

For those of you that weren't able to attend the flower show, you really missed a treat. The tables were so beautiful, and there were a great many lovely flowers in spite of the annual hue and cry of "I don't think I will have any flowers for my table, mine have bloomed so early and the new buds just won't be ready in time" (I was also guilty of such a negative thought.) I should have known by now that our beloved plants never do us wrong for our show!

I am sorry to report that Lucille Saltzer passed away last month, after a long illness. Lucille and Charlie have been members for a long time, and Charlie has contributed a great deal to our society. Charlie assisted Petey Kelly in our library, then later became librarian, and recently built the beautiful folding bookcase that we are now using in our meeting room to house all our books. The sympathy of all our members for your great loss, Charlie.

Our new president, Ron Miller, said at the May board meeting that he would like to have some volunteers for the committees. If you would be interested in helping our president fill the openings for Christmas Party chairman, Historian, Hospitality, and Flower Show Chairman for next year, and any other that might be needed, contact Ron either at home in the evening or at the meetings. Also, we need a Publicity chairman to see that the announcements of our meetings get in the paper.

As I am Corresponding Secretary for the coming year (again), and at the board meeting it was approved that instead of having a post office box for the mail, it should come directly to my address. Address any correspondence for the Society to: San

Diego Epiphyllum Society, Inc., c/o
Gene Schmedding, 455 E. Naples St.,
Chula Vista, California 92011.

Our good friend Howard Jones has
been put in Palomar Hospital with
pneumonia. He would appreciate cards
from his many friends. Send them to
Palomar Memorial Hospital, Room 917,
Escondido, California 92026.

Don't forget our June meeting
night is also our Birthday meeting.
We will have a luscious birthday cake,
and installation of Officers, and all
kinds of good things. I hope to
see everyone there.



THANKS...

Our thanks to all who contri-
buted to making the 1985 Epi Show so
terrific.

Thanks to Mike Shepley and the
cutting room crew for all their hard
work, and to all the members who
contributed cuttings.

A special thanks to those mem-
bers who created the beautiful dis-
plays, did host and hostess duty,
security, and all the myriad tasks
necessary for a successful flower
show.

The great and good cooperation
of everyone was truly appreciated...

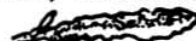
George and Jerry Plaisted
Show Chairmen

The exhibitors "Best Display
Bloom" awards are as follows:

Greg Balvin, RADIANT LIGHT
Florence Arnold, PROF. EBERT
Margaret Pethley, EXOTICA
Elinor Latimer, SWEET ALIBI
Rick Latimer, ERNST SEYDERHELM
Calif. Epi Center, JENNIFER ANN
Jean Seile, BURNING DREAM
Sam Markey, GARLAND O'BARR
Gene Schmedding, SURPRISE
Nate & Dorothy Ogdon, LULU
Betsy & Fred Bollman, NOM DE PLUME
Margaret & Harry Blake, SHOWBOAT
Bob Lefler, MONDORA BELLE
Bob & Helen Barkdoll, BEN HAWKS
George & Madeline French, MAJELLA
Leo Kihm, GAERTNERI GIANT
Ed & Faye Broz, FEATHER QUEEN
Randy Light, GRAND EMPRESS
Ray Conser, ACAPULCO SUNSET
Richard Croft, PUNCH BOWL

Michiko Munda, GARLAND O'BARR
Milt Turner, PADRE
Danlel Broz, STAR OF PERSIA
Jean Gray, BOB EVANS
Gloria Holm, KING MIDAS
John Piland, SUNLAND
Ed Gauss, STARLIGHT
Sandord Roberts, RUBY SNOWFLAKE
Fern La Borde, DAIELLA
Carrie Bledsoe, CHERUBIM
Louise Newman, CHERRY TART
Ron & Joan Miller, ANTON GUNTHER
Gus & Marge Schlapfer, TASSEL
Don & Lucile Irwin, BER-TEE
Randy Light, GRAND EMPRESS
(Display Plant)

Norman & Sylvia Duckworth, BOUNTIFUL
Ed Post, ENGLAND'S GLORY
Del & Pat Mounts, GRAND EMPRESS
Wressy Cocke, FOREVER YOUNG
Jack Graham, NEVADA
Elsie Tremblay, GRAND EMPRESS
Dorothy Breining, CREPE FEATHER
Kathy Van Arum, APPASIONATA



A LETTER FROM KEN AND NANCY ANDREWS:

To: San Diego Epi Society

Nancy and I would like to thank
the members for letting us help out
at the Wild Animal Park on May 4th.
Living in Huntington Beach, it is
difficult for us to participate in
the meetings. So we rely on your
fine newsletter to guide us along.

We walked into the Mother's Day
Show four years ago and got hooked.
We now have about 100 different epis.
As of this last Mother's Day show we
were finally able to contribute
around 30 potted plants and also
spend a few hours helping. We wish
to thank Helen Barkdoll for her fine
tips on hybridizing, and also Ed Broz
for taking much time and making us
feel like old friends and part of our
well-oiled Epi Society.

Sincerely,

Ken and Nancy Andrews
Huntington Beach



Giddy grasshopper
Take care...do not
Leap and crush
These pearls of dewdrop

MOTHER'S DAY SHOW REFLECTIONS

...Pat Stebbins

If you missed our Mother's Day show this year, you really missed a good one. Jerry and I had to cancel our planned display at the last minute, but we brought in our cuttings and what blooms we had early Sunday morning - and what a glowing room! Gets better and better every year!

George and Jerry Plaisted put together one of our best shows and are to be commended - a beautiful day for the park!

The cutting room was the best organized it's ever been. The individual bins divided into colors and even some specific varieties and pictures showing the colors of the blooms - you could really tell how much thought and work went into that room.

The day started out gloomy but ended up sunny, and we didn't run out of cuttings this year, the displays were beautifully arranged and a more fitting tribute to "Mother" would be hard to imagine.

Some of our members from far away (that I know of) made the show this year. Our friend Bob McGrath came all the way from Nashua, New Hampshire, and Norwood Meiners from Mandeville, Louisiana. I was lucky enough to be there to meet Norwood but I missed Bob - do it again next year Bob, when you can stay longer... (...and I added another ten epis to my want list).

SDES BUS TOUR, May 19

...Sean Minogue

The May 19th bus tour was a blooming success. Thirty-five intrepid adventurers left early in the morning via motorcoach for the E.S.A. show at the Los Angeles Arboretum. It was really no surprise that all our travelers were aboard and in their seats long before the 7 AM departure time.

Our first stop at Rainbow Gardens proved just how serious our members are about their epis. Coffee and donuts were soon forgotten as the cries of the hunt echoed across the shade house..."Where's the Acapulco

Sunset?"..."Did you see the Winter Olympics in 4" pots down that aisle?"

Each of our nursery stops was a new test of will power. Of course we all learned new things about epis (Gene Lund, for example, taught his annual lesson in reducing the cost of cuttings..).

The show itself was very nice and there were lots of beautiful flowers and the chance to renew acquaintances with our epi loving friends in Los Angeles.

The tour was able to keep ahead of schedule. On the return trip we were able to detour through the flower fields of the north county.

Many kind folks deserve credit for making our trip so much fun. Thanks to George Plaisted for making the arrangements. Thanks also to our many hosts during the day, Jerry and Chuck at Rainbow, Ethel Hurst at Hurst's Nursery and the Beahm family in Pasadena.

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.

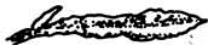
- to continue good grooming of mature plants by pruning older branches that are no longer productive, i.e., branches on which many areoles are calloused and scarred from previous blooms. These cuttings can be used to start new plants.

- 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 (Continued from last month)

...Dick Chadwick

Wilt (FUSARIUM OXYSPORUM)

A soft, black rot beginning at the tips of the plant and spreads downward.

Control: No recommended treatment. I have found better air circulation, lower humidity help. Also, cut the affected branch about one inch below the black rot and treat the cut end with sulfur or root-tone.

Soft Rot, Gray Mold (BOTRYTIS CINEREA)

Upper surface rots gradually and collapses. The tissues undergo a slimy disintegration. The gray mold develops over the surface of the diseased parts under moist conditions and develops the black sclerotia which propagate the disease.

Control: Infected parts should be removed and burned. Ventilation and watering should be regulated to provide drier conditions.

Reference: Diseases and Pests of Ornamental Plants, N.Y. Botanical Garden. Peronc, Dodge, Rickett

The latest treatment for control of Pythium and Phytophthora is using Captan and Benlate (BENOMYL) together.

Many of these diseases can be prevented by proper cultivation practices, good ventilation, proper light, not over-watering and good sanitation. Many diseases are spread by cutting tools. Dip tools in alcohol or bleach before making cuttings and if possible, clean the cutters before moving from plant to plant so as not to spread the diseases from one plant to another. Large cuts or breaks should be treated with sulfur or a fungicide.



SOME UPCOMING EVENTS IN CASA DEL PRADO:

June 15, 16 S.D. FUCHSIA AND SHADE PLANT SOCIETY SHOW
Sat. 12 Noon-5 PM, Sun. 10 AM- 5 PM

July 7 S.D. DAHLIA SPECIMEN SHOW
Sun. 1 PM - 4:30 PM



Classifieds

PLANT SALE

Reducing collection due to space problem. One and 2-gallon established plants.

Saturday, Sunday, and Monday 8, 9, 10 June at the Honey-Do Ranch, Nate & Dorothy Ogdon, 5739 San Miguel Road, Bonita. Phone: 479-0425

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 Apocactus, 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!

