

# Epi News

San Diego Epiphyllum Society, Inc.

PUBLISHED BY THE SAN DIEGO EPIPHYLLUM SOCIETY, INC,  
Mailing Address: 455 E. Naples St.  
Chula Vista, CA 92011

July 10, 1985  
VOLUME 9, No. 7

MEETING: 2nd Wednesday 7:30 PM, Room 101, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

President: Ron Miller (619) 746-9620

Corresponding Secretary: Gene Schmedding  
455 E. Naples  
Chula Vista, CA 92011

SEND ALL NEWS ITEMS TO EPI NEWS  
EDITOR: Pat Stebbins (619) 279-8026  
10404 Orozco Rd.  
San Diego, CA 92124

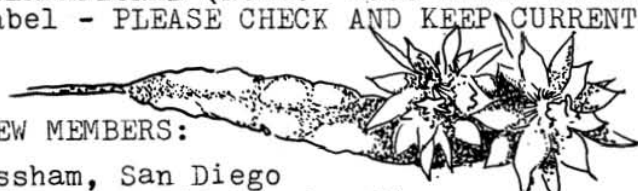
DEADLINE NEXT ISSUE: *Thurs. Aug. 1st.*

MEMBERSHIP: Jeannie Burger (619) 287-9193  
4577 Altadena Ave., San Diego, CA 92115

Send check or money order payable to San Diego Epiphyllum Society, Inc.

MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR ONE YEAR \$6.00 SINGLE, COUPLE, or FAMILY, USA.  
\$12.00 INTERNATIONAL (Note: Dues month is number in parentheses on  
mailing label - PLEASE CHECK AND KEEP CURRENT.)

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:



Mary Bassham, San Diego  
Neil & Sharon Garfield, San Diego  
Gary & Michelle Jaquay, San Diego  
Karl & Nancy Johnson, New Zealand  
Judith Johnston-Klein, Cardiff  
Ann Moffette, La Jolla  
John & Donna Nordstrom, San Diego  
Lawrence & Margaret White,  
Seal Beach  
Hubert & Margaret Vickey, Vista

## JULY REFRESHMENTS

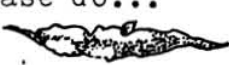
...Penny Bunker

We had such a wonderful birthday party in June, with a gorgeous, delicious cake brought by Gene Schmedding, and a full group signing up to bring snacks.

Here are the gracious persons who signed up for July 10:

Thelma Capp	Jean Gray
Muriel Ingham	Betty Klumpp
Pat Stebbins	Thelma Swensen

We need three or four more volunteers to bring goodies, so if you can, please do...



## JULY GENERAL MEETING, July 10

...Rick Latimer

1) Seymour Linden of Pacific Palisades, California will give a program on "THE SPECIES EPICACTI OF COSTA RICA AND BOLIVIA". Mr. Linden is the Vice President of the Cactus and Succulent Society of America and went on two separate trips with Myron Kinnach of Huntington Gardens.

2) Dr. Michael W. Hawkes of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada will give a program on New Zealand and British Columbia. He is a good friend of the Johnson's from New Zealand who were at our last meeting and is a member of this society.

Message from the President  
SAN DIEGO EPIPHYLLUM SOCIETY, INC.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who voted for me in the May 8th election. I consider it both a privilege and a honor in accepting this position, and shall dedicate myself to work for the benefit of all members.

Several areas where I plan on concentrating the efforts of the various committees are as follows:

1. Increase the emphasis placed in the areas of education and research.

2. Increase interest and public awareness in the epiphyllum through broader publicity coverage.

3. Increase our membership and attendance at Society sponsored events.

I would like to quote from our San Diego Epiphyllum Society, Inc. By-Laws, which define the purpose of our Society:

Article II - Purpose

B. The specific purpose of this corporation is to encourage the study of the epiphyllum, and to develop public support and interchange of ideas on growing, display, and the collecting of epiphyllum and its related species.

C. To compile the correct names and detailed description of the hybrids, together with their synonyms, and to encourage the use of original names as first given by their originators.

D. The Society shall hold each year, when possible, flower shows, garden tours, open gardens, displays, and other special functions as directed by the Executive Board.

What this leads up to is fun and enjoyment for all our members, their families, and friends, and the thousands of people who attend the San Diego Wild Animal Park Show, Mother's Day Show in Balboa Park, and several mini-shows presented annually.

Finally, this organization will continue to grow, gather strength and remain strong, not because of what I as your president do, but through the involvement and participation of you the membership.

...Ron Miller



JUNE MEETING

...Gene Schmedding

Our June 12 meeting was our "Birthday" meeting, and also the installation of officers for 1985-86.

Our good friend and past president, Don Irwin, did a great job of installing us. I hope that we can live up to his goals for us.

Some adjectives corresponding to the letters in the word "president" were suggested for our new president

and the members as well:

For the President, For the Members,  
should be: should be:

Patient	Positive
Realistic	Receptive
Energetic	Enduring
Sensitive	Sociable
Informed	Illuminated
Devoted	Dedicated
Enlightened	Enthusiastic
Neutral	Natural
Tactful	Thoughtful

P R E S I D E N T

Thank you Don, for a really clever and unusual installation.

Betty Cooper, who has done our installing of officers for us in the past, is quite ill in the hospital. We all hope that you recover very soon, Betty. We miss you at our meetings.

For our "Birthday Party", we had a huge, yummy birthday cake all iced with a whipped cream frosting and topped with beautiful whipped cream flowers. Oh those calories! But, it only happens once a year.

We also had free cuttings. That is the Society's present to our members. There were plenty to give away this time, too. Members had brought quite a few, and we also had lots left over from the flower show, so I am sure that everyone was able to get something that was on his/her list for a long time.

We were pleased to welcome Nancy and Carl Johnson, a lovely couple from New Zealand, who also joined our Society at the meeting. I am sure that says something good about our group. They are here on an Epi buying trip as well as visiting relatives. They used to live in Vista, 14 years ago. Nancy told me that they are getting ready to start a nursery over in Auckland, New Zealand. Also, there is going to be an Epi society there started by other members of our Society who live in Auckland, Rhoda Cullen and her friend Betty Gross. I am glad that at long last our beloved Epi's are becoming "world travelers".

We also had another couple visiting from Phoenix, Arizona - Mr. and Mrs. Paul Newman (sorry, not

7/10/85

that Paul Newman, but a very nice couple nevertheless). It is so nice to have people from far away visit our Society.

All in all it was a great meeting, and I know that our new president is going to do a very good job.



#### A SHOW TO LOOK FORWARD TO THIS FALL


Margaret and Harry Blake are preparing a slide show for presentation at a Wednesday night meeting of the Society this fall. The emphasis is on the physical layout of the garden and any special methods or devices you might be using in the care of your plants. For this show, the flowers themselves are not important. If you would like to have your garden included please call the Blakes at 444-1937.



#### IMPORTANT MISCELLANEOUS...


Pat Stebbins

Summer is here at last, time to adjust your watering techniques and schedule to the hot, dry (I hope) days ahead. This last weekend was an example of the extreme weather conditions we can expect. I misted all my hanging plants several times during the day, and one good one after the sun went down yesterday.

 Some additional comments and info about our outstanding Mother's Day Show - we made about \$3,600... more than at any other show. One of the special people (who got left out of the last newsletter) who contributed her services during the show was Louise Newman. We appreciate the time and energy she expended to keep the potluck going and the kitchen facilities available to the members all day. A special thanks Louise, for a job well done.

The William Nelson Award went to Leo Kihm for his Easter Cactus exhibit; the Troxell Award for "best exhibit to theme" went to Ray Conser and Richard Croft; the Buddy Hurst Award for best new seedling went to Rick Latimer for "Notre Dame"; and a special permanent "Cactus and Succulent Educational Exhibit Award" went


to Helen Barkdoll for her seedling exhibit.

 Very soon, we are starting a new feature in the Epi News - a "Question and Answer" column. We have had several tepid attempts at this in the past that never came off.


Some of you older members have probably had all your questions answered by now - at the meetings or your acquired educational material, Epi News and other related sources - but you newer members must have lots of questions that may take a long succession of meetings and newsletters to get answers to. We would like to provide a shortcut for that dilemma.

If you have a question, no matter how small or how complicated - put it in writing and give it to Mike Shepley at the meeting or send it to Mike at 2207 Boundary St., San Diego, CA 92104. Mike will consult with our "panel of experts" and do any research needed to answer your question and will publish the results in the Epi News.

Sounds like a good idea? I think so too, but we need your input to make it a success...send your questions to Mike and let's get it rolling!

 At the June board meeting, two director vacancies left by Rick Latimer (our new 1st V.P. in charge of Programs), and Frank Granatowski (who has become an Honorary Director), have been filled by Charlie Coons and Louise Newman.

We still have some committees waiting to be chaired - don't know what exactly they are but if you would like to volunteer for anything please call president Ron Miller (phone (619) 746-9620) or see him at the meeting.

 I have mentioned a couple of times past, the beautiful flower and outstanding plant that I have from a cutting marked "Memoriet" - it's a large, wide petaled, marbled pink bloom - there is no plant of this description in any hybrid list I can find.

When the plant bloomed this year, I took a cutting with a bloom up to Chuck and Jerry at Rainbow Gardens for a possible identification, and THEY got together with Lois and Bob Burks

7/10/85

of California Epi Center and THEY ALL decided a positive identification of both bloom and growth is "Pink Heroics" which is described in the ESA hybrid list as:

PINK HEROICS - CLDG 1949 Pink.  
Cup/Saucer. XL

As you can see by the "legal" description, you could never have matched that bloom to that name in the list.

So, I think it bears repeating - three basic rules of cuttings are:

PLEASE be sure the cutting you give away is marked correctly.

NEVER give a cutting away from a plant that hasn't bloomed yet - wait till it blooms and you can match the hybrid description with the bloom.

NEVER lay a cutting down with the intention of marking it later, mark it right away.

...and all you lucky people who have "Memoriet", please change the name to "Pink Heroics" (I really liked the name "Memoriet" better, didn't you?)



NOW IS THE TIME, JULY AND AUGUST

...Frank Granatowski

Now is the time:

- to fertilize plants that have completed their blooming cycle with fish emulsion, slow release Nitrogen fertilizer or any good balanced fertilizer. DO NOT OVERFEED.

- to remove spent blooms and unwanted apples, in order to conserve the plant's vitality.

- to transplant to larger containers, plants that have outgrown their present containers, i.e., transplant 4" pots to gallon pots, and gallon pots to 2-gallon pots. If you have the necessary garden space it is advisable to utilize hanging baskets rather than to support pendulous growth with a trellis.

- to plant new cuttings during the warm weather, to allow new growth to become established during the growing season.

- to remember to water hybrids during the hot summer months, and remember an occasional spraying or misting of your plants is very beneficial. DO NOT allow soil to completely dry out.

- to maintain plants in their

proper environment, such as a lath house, under shade cloth, or suspended from the branches of a tree, and avoid direct exposure to the hot summer sun.

- to learn and benefit from mistakes in the past year, and to look forward to a more productive blooming season in the next.



SOME UPCOMING GARDINING EVENTS IN CASA DEL PRADO:

July 14 CONVAIR GARDEN CLUB SUMMER SHOW, Sun. 1 PM to 4:30 PM

July 27, 28 SAN MIGUEL BR. AMERICAN BEGONIA SHOW, Sat. 1 PM to 5 PM  
Sun. 10AM to 5 PM

Aug. 3, 4 SAN DIEGO COUNTY DAHLIA SHOW, Sat. 2 PM to 5 PM,  
Sun. 10AM to 5 PM

CLASSIFIEDS

GREAT NEWS!! Rainbow Gardens will be attending the July meeting, so if any of you out there want one of the NEW Japanese Epiphyllum Picture Books (Part 2), you can pick one up that night. If you have any other books you've been wanting to obtain from our Bookshop Catalogue, give Chuck or Jerry a call at Rainbow Gardens Bookshop (213/697-1488), and we'll bring them on down. Remember, Wednesday night July 10th, Epi meeting night!!!

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



Now the swinging bridge  
Is quieted  
With creepers...  
Like our tendrilled life

Basho