

# Epi News

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### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Phil & Rosa Lichty, La Mesa  
John & Erna Skupen, San Diego



AUGUST GENERAL MEETING, August 14  
...Rick Latimer

The title of our program for August is "Lotusland" and it will be given by member Jim Gibbons.

Lotusland was the private estate of the late Mme. Ganna Walska of Montecito, California. Of nearly 40 acres, it encompasses many different gardens; the Japanese Garden, The Fern Garden, the Blue Garden, The Cycad Garden, and several succulent gardens. Other attractions include the Geranium Terrace, Elizabethan Theater, and Orchid Cactus Arbor. In the Japanese Garden there is an enormous granite boulder which forms the footbridge at the base of the waterfall. This boulder came from the mountains east of San Diego. Mme. Ganna Walska was an opera diva and has an epiphyllum (TMM: orchid) and a Christmas Cactus (red) named in her honor. Our speaker needs no introduction to this society. He is a prize winning horticulturalist, and

was instrumental in getting our three Epiphyllum Houses built at the San Diego Wild Animal Park.



### 1985 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

The new rosters will be available at the August meeting if you didn't pick yours up at the July meeting.

Those members living out of state and beyond the 921..., 920... zip in California will receive theirs by mail.

If you can't make it to a meeting and would like one please let the Membership Secretary know and she will mail you one:

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### EPI NEWS ITEMS

...Pat Stebbins

Do you have a garden related article, report, helpful hint, anything...that would be suitable for printing in the Epi News? Please give it some thought and if you have any questions, call me at 279-8026.

AUGUST REFRESHMENTS

...Penny Bunker

Here is a list of folks signed up for the August meeting:

Michelle Davis  
Randy Light  
Sean Minogue  
Michiko Munda  
Jan Rice  
Kathie Van Arum  
Eleanor K. Wood



...SOME CORRECTIONS TO THE JUNE AND JULY EPI NEWS -

In June, in the exhibitors "Best Display Bloom" awards: Fern LaBorde's DAILLA should be spelled DiVELLA.

In July in my IMPORTANT MISC. column, Mother's Day Show, I stated "we made about \$3,600... more than at any other show." The \$3,600 was correct but I understand that it wasn't the most, so 'scuse me.

...Pat Stebbins

SAN DIEGO WILD ANIMAL PARK

...Dick Chadwick

Recently, the S.D.W.A.P. presented several members of the San Diego Epiphyllum Society with plaques honoring them as a "Friend of the Green", recognizing them for outstanding support of the botanical side of the park.

The plaques were presented by Jim Gibbons to George French, Nate and Dorothy Ogdon, Howard Jones, Ron and Joan Miller, and Dick Chadwick.

HELPFUL HINT

...Dick Chadwick

Are you tired of your plant tying tape unraveling? Try putting about three strips of Scotch tape on each side of the roll of plastic tape, it will keep the tape from unrolling and doesn't interfere with pulling off a piece of tying tape.



Wee bitter cricket  
Crying all this  
Sunny day...  
Or is he laughing?

Oemaru

JULY GENERAL MEETING

...Gene Schmedding

Our meeting in July was one of the most interesting that we have had in quite some time. We had two out-of-town speakers, Mr. Seymour Linden from Pacific Palisades, and member Michael Hawks from Vancouver, British Columbia.

Mr. Linden gave us a very interesting slide show on the abundant epiphytic growth in the Bolivian jungles, and some of the unusual customs of Bolivia and surrounding areas. The terrain of Bolivia is very hilly and has very few roads that can be easily traveled by automobile. It takes a very dedicated person to want to travel in such a remote and dangerous area. Mr. Linden and his group are certainly dedicated people - although they discovered many interesting epiphytes, they never did find the unusual and rare one that they wanted. But they enjoyed the trip anyway.

Just a little style note. The Bolivian people wear the old fashioned derby hat almost all the time, and they have a large shawl that is worn almost constantly. It is used to carry everything from wood to cook with, food, or even used as a baby carrier. How inventive can one get?

Mr. Hawks program was mostly about New Zealand where everything is just backward from our climate. In our wintertime, the epis are blooming. Sound good? Even their climate areas are opposite from ours. The north side is the warmest, and the south is colder. We put our epis on the north and east side of our houses for moderate shade and New Zealanders put theirs on the south and west.

Mr. Hawks said that in Vancouver, his home, they sometimes have a 60-inch rainfall. Just about need to know how to swim in a climate like that.

It also gets so cold that to raise epis, one needs a heated greenhouse. I hope we all realize how lucky we are to live in such an even climate where everything grows.

There were 101 members and 14 guests. We also had two couples from New Zealand, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Johnson who are new members, and also Mr. and

Mrs. Maxwell. The two couples are here to attend the Cactus and Succulent seminar, and will be returning home soon. I had the good fortune to talk with them and they all were very impressed with our society.

Chuck and Jerry from Rainbow Gardens in La Habra, also paid us a visit. It was certainly nice to see them again, it has been some time since they've been able to attend one of our meetings.

Ethel Hurst has been quite ill lately. I don't know if she is still in the hospital at this printing, but I know that she would love to get cards from the many people that she has welcomed at her nursery. Just send them to the nursery address, and her daughter will get them to her if she is still in the hospital. The address is Hurst's Nursery, 12059 Lambert, El Monte, CA 91732.



#### 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 GARDEN EVENTS IN CASA DEL PRADO Room 101

Aug. 17, 18 S.D. FERN SHOW

Sat. 1:00-5 PM, Sun. 10 AM-5 PM

Aug. 24, 25 S.D. TURTLE & TORTOISE SHOW, Sat. & Sun. 10 AM-5 PM

Aug. 31, Sept. 1 S.D. GESNERIAD SHOW

Sat. 12PM-5 PM, Sun. 10 AM-5 PM

Sept. 7, 8 S.D. BROMELIAD SHOW

Sat. 1 PM-4:30 PM, Sun. 11AM - 4:30PM

Aug. 18, SUNDAY - the S.D. IRIS & DAYLILY SOC. will have a plant sale in the Casa del Prado patio courtyard. 10 AM to 5 PM



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