

# Epi News

## San Diego Epiphyllum Society, Inc.

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MEETING: 2nd WEDNESDAY, 7:30 PM, ROOM 101, CASA DEL PRADO, BALBOA PARK

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DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE: Weds. Nov. 27

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Warren & Mary Ann Alexanderson,  
San Diego  
Gary Lickver, San Diego  
W. D. Musser, San Diego  
John & Sandy Trimpi,  
Spring Valley



Two board vacancies have been filled since the last issue.

Our Parliamentarian will be Margaret Pethley.

The Plant Table post has been filled by Michele Davis. As we told you in October, there will be no cutting table or raffle until January so don't bring cuttings in November. There are going to be some good changes made in our plant table procedure that will benefit all the members, old and new alike.

Our thanks to Margaret and Michele.

### SDES NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the November board meeting of the SDES will be held a week earlier; Wednesday November 20, same place (or next door).

### WE NEED A NEW EPI NEWS EDITOR...

Anyone interested in doing the Epi News, please contact president Ron Miller, phone (619) 746-9620.

Please don't delay, we need a new editor starting with the January issue.

If you have any questions about what it involves, you can call me at (619) 279-8026.

...Pat Stebbins

### NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING, Nov. 13

...Rick Latimer

We will wind up 1985 with our traditional end-of-the-year review of the events in the last 12 months of SDES activities. Our society photographer Charlie Coons will take us on this voyage of reminiscence.

If you were silent  
Flight of herons  
On dark sky...  
Oh! Autumn snowflakes!

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NOVEMBER REFRESHMENTS

...Penny Bunker

Here are those that have signed up to bring goodies for the Nov. 13 meeting of our Epi Society - not a full group, but I am sure we can make out. What a surprise about the "Birthday" cake last meeting - it was delicious.

Mary Alice Buaas  
Catherine Burger  
Elizabeth Glover  
Joan Miller  
Dorothy Ogdon  
Irmela Paul  
Toini Wainwright

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

...Gene Schmedding

We were treated to a showing of some slides taken by Dick Hartford of Dr. Troxell's garden many years ago. There were also pictures of Dr. Troxell and Bill Nelson. For the benefit of our newer members, Bill Nelson was our very first president, and Dick Hartford was our first vice president. All three are dead now, but they are lovingly remembered for their many contributions in forming our society. I left the meeting with a mixed feeling of gladness and sadness, as I had visited Dr. Troxell and his wife Miriam many times and had been a dinner guest on several occasions. Miriam would call me sometimes when she knew my husband was off on a fishing trip and I was alone, and would tell me to get Petey Kelly (my good buddy) and "bring our bibs" and come on over for catch-as-catch-can as she called potluck.

Dick Hartford and his dear wife Dorothy had been friends of my husband and me for a good many years. In fact, it was through Dick that I became really active in the society. So, I was really glad to visit Dr. Troxell's garden again, if it was only through Dick Hartford's slides. And I am so sad that the society will not have the good fortune to have them a part of our group again. I am sure that I am not the only one of the "old timers" that was gripped by nostalgia on seeing all those old slides. There were also some lovely slides of Eugene Cooper's yard, and flowers. Also, our president showed

a few of his slides of his plants, just to fill in the time, he said.

All in all, we had a very good program.

It was a rainy and muggy night, so there weren't as many members as usual - only 94 and 7 guests, but there was a beautiful birthday cake brought by Rick Latimer to celebrate the society's actual formation on November 12, 1969. I think the date is right, if not please forgive the error. When we get old we are all prone to memory lapses.

Don't forget to buy your Awards Dinner tickets at the November meeting - we are promised a wonderful dinner and a very excellent program, so DON'T MISS IT!

WILD ANIMAL PARK

...Dick Chadwick



WORK PARTY AT THE WAP - A special work party was called for to make cuttings for the "Beauty and the Beast" sale October 12 and 13. Members pitching in and helping were:

Vernon Hook  
Jean Gray  
Michele Davis  
Robert & Nita Stroberger  
Gus & Marjorie Schlapfer  
John Piland  
Ron Miller  
Sean Minogue  
Dick Chadwick

It was an all-pro crew. In no time they made all the cuttings needed, then marked many of the pots. Speaking of pros, the Stroberger's showed up with their card table, a couple of chairs and their Epi roster. Bob said "you cut, we'll mark". With nine of us making cuttings, we could hardly keep up with Bob and Nina. I think they felt sorry for us so they took a coffee break so we could get a little ahead of them!

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST SHOW & SALE -

A great job done by all the participants from the SDES. They not only represented the Society to the public, they helped raise funds for the WAP and introduced the public to the beautiful world of epiphyllums.

## Those participating:

Gus Schlapfer  
 Nate & Dorothy Ogdon (both days)  
 George & Madeline French "  
 Dick Chadwick "  
 Sean Minogue  
 Valerie Bailey  
 Ron Miller  
 John Piland  
 Bob Stroberger  
 Emily Packer  
 Kathie Van Arum  
 Ernie Angus  
 Richard Plock

A special treat was given to us on Sunday when Ron Miller brought Howard Jones to the park. Howard was given a tour of the Epi House by Jim Gibbons and Ron brought him to the sales area to meet his friends.

A special thanks to Sam Markey and Jean Gray. To Sam for bringing the beautiful flowers and to Jean for loaning us her file cards with all the epi pictures.

**WE ARE THE BEST!** We are the best and with a "1st Place" Blue Ribbon to prove it for our display on how to grow epiphyllums from seed. Some "pessimistic" person made a remark that the only way we got the ribbon was that we were the only ones to have that display. That part is true, we were the only ones, but I am sure that if there had been others, we would still be the best.

Who cares about the "buts" and "whys, stick to the facts, we got the **1ST PLACE RIBBON!**

**LOOK WHAT YOU MISSED** - It's a shame that more of our members did not participate in the "Beauty and the Beast" plant sale and show at the WAP. Look what they missed out on:

**First:** Free admission to the WAP and special buys on unusual and exotic plants at very reasonable prices.

**Second:** A chance to meet and talk with 24 other exhibitors and exchange ideas and receive information regarding special tips on growing particular plants.

**Third:** Educational tours thru the Rain Forest, Conifer Gardens, Baja Gardens, Fuchsia House, and our own Epiphyllum House.

**Fourth:** "How To" demonstrations on hanging baskets, bonsai, the WAP's specialists on a variety of irrigation systems that could be utilized at home. A demonstration by the Rare Fruit Growers on how to plant a pineapple top. A display of potting soil and other planting material from the Escondido Fertilizer Co.

**Fifth:** A display of the new exotic Hibiscus flowers, a real kaleidoscope of colors including rare browns and greys.

**Sixth:** Best of all, the "Award" winning display by the San Diego Epiphyllum Society on "How to Grow Epiphyllum from Seed".

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**AWARDS BANQUET, December 11, 1985**

...Margaret Pethley

Before we know it, December will be here and it will be time for our Awards Banquet. Remember it is scheduled for the 11th of December, a Wednesday, which is the date of our regular meeting.

If you were at our last meeting, you will know that Sam Hinton is to be our entertainer for the evening. I wonder how many of you saw Channel 8 last Monday (10/21)? Sam Hinton was one of the personalities interviewed and given an opportunity to exhibit some of his talent.

For those of you who haven't been made aware of the upcoming event, price of the tickets for members is \$10, guests \$20. We will sell tickets at the November meeting and tickets will be available through to December 1st. Last day for cancellation will be December 5th. For ticket purchase (or questions) call Margaret Pethley at 461-8607... or Elinor Latimer at 697-4100.

**WHERE:** Bahia Hotel, Mission Room  
 998 W. Mission Bay Dr.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, December 11  
 Social Hour begins 6 PM,  
 Open Bar

Dinner served at 7 PM,  
 followed by our entertainment  
 and awards program.

**DON'T FORGET YOUR ROOTED CUTTING  
 IN A DECORATED 4" POT, ONE POT  
 PER PERSON, FOR OUR GIFT PLANT  
 EXCHANGE.**

BY-LAWS

...Margaret Pethley

Due to the fact that the original date of founding the Society is not in June as has been thought in the past; and the fact that May is one of our busiest months, it has been thought best to change the time of election from MAY to NOVEMBER. That means that we would have to extend the term of office of the present Board for another six months. The Nominating Committee would be selected in August, candidates announced in September with nominations from the floor at that time ONLY, elections in November and installation in December at the Awards Banquet. Below is the by-law as it reads now and beneath that is the correction proposed.

## ARTICLE IX -- Nominating Committee

Section C. It shall be the duty of the Committee to nominate Candidates for all elective offices to be elected at the regular May meeting.

Change to:

Section C. It shall be the duty of the Committee to nominate Candidates for all elective offices to be elected at the regular November meeting.

Section D. Nominees shall be presented to the general membership at the regular meeting in April.

Change to:

Section D. Nominees shall be presented to the general membership at the regular meeting in September.

Section E. Additional nominations may be nominated from the floor in the May meeting provided such nominee is present and agrees to the nomination or has given his or her consent in writing prior to the election.

Change to:

Section E. Additional nominations may be nominated from the floor in the September meeting provided such nominee is present and agrees to the nomination or has given his or her consent in writing prior to the election.

Section F. Names of nominees and their respective offices shall be published in the Society newsletter prior to the May meeting.

Change to:

Section F. Names of nominees and their respective offices shall be published in the Society newsletter prior to the October meeting.

## ARTICLE XI

Section C. The regular meeting in June shall be Installation of new officers and any other business that may arise.

Change to:

Section C. The regular meeting in December shall be Installation of new officers.

PLANT NAMES

...Pat Stebbins

I remembered this article from when I copied the back issues of The Bulletin of the ESA for our Library. They are fun to look through and I read quite a few - fortunately this one stuck in my mind for recollection after an amusing exchange of several members at the October board meeting about plant names (specifically SIEGFRIED).

This article was taken from ESA Bulletin VOLUME II in the early part of 1946. Theresa Monmonier was one of the first women nurserymen to grow epiphyllums. She was elected the first Vice President of the ESA at the first meeting in May of 1940. (Refer to THE GOLDEN AGE OF EPIPHYLLUMS, Part VIII: Theresa M. Monmonier, by Rick Latimer, published in the Epi News Vol. 5, No. 2, 2/11/81)

"HOW DO PLANT NAMES ORIGINATE?"

by Theresa M. Monmonier

Plants may be named in honor of someone we love and esteem, or for someone who has achieved a place of eminence whether deceased or living; names of cities and states are also used. Many are taken from the latter; and in regards to Epiphyllums and their hybrids many bear European names for which no American is responsible since most of the early hybridizing was done in Belgium, France and Germany, and to try to make changes in these would only result in a greater confusion of names.

Names of plants are made up of a combination of names, parts of words or a combination of letters; at times plants are named in honor of the hybridizer. You will find many of the species are named for their discoverer. An example of a combination name is Chiapas Nelsoni, Chiapas for a state in Mexico where it was discovered by Nelson. You note the Spanish "ia" added to Chiapas and the "i" to Nelson. The "i" after a name indicates the originator.

Many names are a combination of the color and size or for some other outstanding characteristic in formation so that a name means much or little.

One example of a name combination is MAUVETTE. Mauve signifies color, the latter part the size; thus you have a combination name. The flowers are about 5 to 6 inches in diameter and of a mauve color. These are both descriptive adjectives forming a name.

Another example of a combination name is MON CHERIE. This beautiful flower was named by a friend well versed in the French language. The first part of the name represents the first syllable of our name MONMONIER, the second part CHERIE ("i" masculine or "ie" feminine), meaning darling. In other words the name MONCHERIE is correct as it simply means Monmonier's darling. However, in making up a name as this was done, the two syllables should be combined by a hyphen or by running the two syllables together as one and written MONCHERIE.

This article was written at the request of your editor because of the controversy over the spelling of the name MONCHERIE.

NAME DUPLICATIONS

Confusion often exists where plants have been given the same name though they are entirely different. A notable example at present is the use of the name SIEGFRIED. This name was given in one case by Curt Knebel to one of his fine hybrids. However, it was also given by Walter Haage to one of his creations. These plants were subsequently imported to the United States and for the protection of their ultimate owners should carry the originator's name in parenthesis thus:

SIEGFRIED (Knebel) - "Very delicate pale carmine rose. Light yellow outer leaves. Very beautiful."  
SIEGFRIED (Haage) - "Fiery carmine red with bright blue-violet petal edge. Best new."

The above are translations from the German.

Then there is PFAU of which there are three distinct forms. The import from Belgium could be termed Belg. Pfau - deep red and purple with violet edge fading to white. The one introduced by Callender, very late flowering, many petaled - chamois

with bluish magenta, might be termed Call. Pfau. While the last distributed by Dreer could take Dr. Pfau as its designation. This latter has broad petals of tannish rose with a violet eye."

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Advertising for garden-related items limited to members only, no charge. Size of ad limited to space available at discretion of editor.

NOW IS THE TIME, November-December

...Frank Granatowski

Now is the time:

- to withhold fertilizers, especially those containing nitrogen, (the first number in the formula i.e., 4-10-8), thus allowing the plant to become semi-dormant.

- to protect plants from exposure to the elements. Frost, hail and strong wintry winds can cause irreparable damage. Overexposure to harsh winter sunlight can be as detrimental as exposure to the hot summer sun.

- to transplant into larger containers those plants that are not expected to bloom next spring.

- to check the apple (seed pod). Ripened apples may be picked and the seeds planted. However, do not rush this procedure. Germination of the seeds will be vastly improved when the apple has become fully matured.

- to take advantage of the winter rains, even prolonged rains will have no harmful effect on epi hybrids that are planted in good porous soil and they will tend to leach the soil of accumulated salts. Collection of rain water for future use is strongly advised. Store in covered opaque containers to prevent mosquito larvae and buildup of algae.

- to maintain good grooming of your plants. Prune out dead, unsightly, and non-productive branches to conserve the plant's energy. Keep containers free of debris, and last but not least, bait for slugs and snails. A few granules of SLUGETTA placed in the container at the base of the plant has proved to be a very effective control and leaves little or no unsightly residue.

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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



First white snow of fall  
Just enough to bend  
The leaves  
Of faded daffodils

Basho

"the Epi Lover"

11/13/85



P. Stebbins  
11 '85

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