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

The San Diego Epiphyllum Society is open to all persons interested in the growing, display and collecting of epiphyllum and its related species.

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DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE: Fri. Dec. 20th


WELCOME NEW MEMBER:


Ed Sousa, San Diego




...some miscellaneous

 In the November newsletter I said that Michele Davis would be in charge of the plant table, that was a misunderstanding on my part. What I should have said is that Michele will be completing Mike Shepley's term as Director.

 Charlie Coons will be the Cutting and Plant Table chairman.

 Remember, there will be no meeting in Room 101 in December. That is our annual Awards Banquet night at the Pahia Hotel - see you there!

 Also, there will be no Board Meeting in December.

REPORT - QUAIL CALL

...Milt Turner

The Annual Membership Meeting at the Quail Botanical Gardens Foundation in Encinitas produced a record number of Officers, Trustees and Member Organizations in attendance. The election of new Trustees was the

major order of business on Saturday, November 9, 1985 along with Treasurer and Membership reports.

Ms. Harriet Baldwin, Docent Society President, gave an extensive and interesting report on the Society's activities over the past few years. The fact that the Docent Society has collected some \$39,000.00 to benefit Quail Botanical Gardens was most impressive. One of the newer activities, which aids in fund raising, is their annual Art and Photo Show that is open to all artists and photographers but not limited to paintings and photography done at the Quail Botanical Gardens during the current year. This year's event was staged in the Ecke Building on Oct. 26 and 27. A showing such as this might be of interest to members of the SDES who have photographs or the like available.

The speaker for the Annual Membership meeting was Mr. Robert Ward, who is Assistant Horticulturist for the San Diego Zoological Society. Mr. Ward spoke about methods used for the cataloging of records for a botanical collection such as may be found at the San Diego Zoo. I talked

with Mr. Ward after the meeting and he was most complimentary of the efforts of some of our members who are helping with an Epiphyllum display at the Zoo. Kathie Van Arum, Ernest Angus, Greg Balvin, Dorothy and Bob Breining, Peggy and Paul Minardi and Richard Latimer, Jr. are a few of the names he mentioned.

Refreshments were served after which the new Board of Trustees met to elect officers for the new year.

The purpose of my attendance at the Quail Botanical Gardens meetings would be to try to establish an Epiphyllum display.

ONE JOY DISPELS A HUNDRED CARES



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, un-

sightly, 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.

Dear Friends,

I've approached my last issue of the Epi News with mixed feelings. On the one hand, I am greatly relieved to turn over the job to someone else after five years. On the other hand, I am sad to give up the creative part and my close and special association with those members of the SDES that I got to work with as editor.

To the small group of people who have steadily contributed to the newsletter over the past five years, I give my warmest thanks and affection. They are:

Helen Barkdoll, Penny Bunker,
Lois Burks, Dick Chadwick,
Frank Granatowski, Chuck Everson,
Rick Latimer, Nate Ogdon,
and Gene Schmedding.

With their help I've been able to bring you timely reports on our shows, committee activities, meeting activities, and epiphyllum care and culture.

I also give my sincerest thanks to all the other members who have contributed from time to time.

I know that you all will continue to give our new editor, Sean Minogue, the same cooperation and support that you've shown to me. I think Sean will bring a fresh outlook and some new ideas to the Epi News and it can only get better!

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

...Pat Stebbins

Ah, I intended
Never never
To grow old...
Listen: New Year's bell!



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RAINBOW GARDENS' brand new 1986 plant/bookshop catalogs are now available. If you didn't order one, you're in luck! We still have a lot of stock and still only \$1.00. Marking our 10th anniversary, we consider it a special issue. Almost 100 color photographs, many new offerings, brand new hybrids, and some old ones brought back. Our beautiful specimen-sized Christmas Cactus Plants are PERFECT for holiday gifts! These plants range from 10" diameter, all the way up to 25" in diameter. Bud count ranges from 40 buds all the way up to 150 buds. All at reasonable prices. \$10.95 for the 6" pots, and \$17.95 for the 3-year-old 8" pots. While the above offer is only available at the nursery site, the special lasts until February 1, 1986. Make arrangements to come pick up one of your favorites: GOLD CHARM, KRIS KRINGLE, CHRISTMAS CHEER, TWILIGHT TANGERINE, WHITE CHRISTMAS, LIPSTICK.

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