

# Epi News

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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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## JANUARY 8TH GENERAL MEETING

Dr. Alfred Lau of Fortin de las Flores near Cordoba, Vera Cruz, Mexico, is our January speaker. Dr. Lau is internationally known for his cactus explorations in Mexico and South America. This specially prepared program will cover the Doctors recent searches for "epicacti" in their native habitats. We will see pictures of them in the wild and come to appreciate what it takes to get to these often remote areas. Those who enjoyed last July's program with Seymour Linden should love this one.

....Rick Latimer

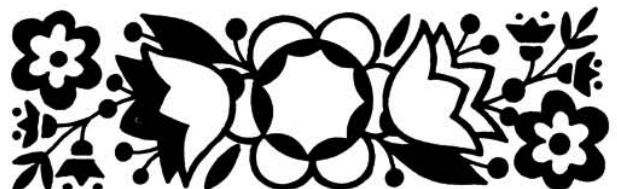
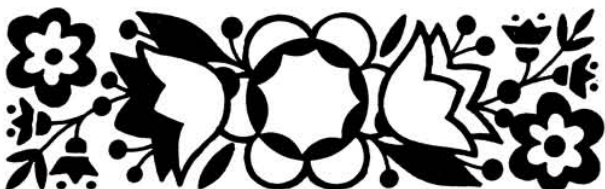
## OUR REPORTER AT THE BAHIA

First my condolences to those members unable to attend the 10th Annual Awards Banquet. The dinner was exceptional and the entertainment by Sam Hinton was a rare treat.

Margaret Pethley (Chair, Dinner Committee) and Elinor Latimer earned a big hip-hip hooray for a difficult job well done.

Members were honored by the presence of E.S.A. President Noel Burndahl and E.S.A. Librarian Ethel Hurst.

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JANUARY REFRESHMENTS

Here is the list of folks that signed up to bring goodies to the Jan. 8th meeting.

- Madeline French
- Norma Gunter
- Betty Klumpp
- Elsie Raphael
- Marge Schlapfer
- Margaret Tolnay
- Kathie van Arum

Margaret Vuirce (apologies for the spelling)  
 I hope the folks will sign up better in 1986 than they have the last few months of 1985. Fortunately many friends generously bring special goodies to fill in. Thanks to everyone that contributes.

... Penny Bunker



BAHIA GALA (cont.)

Members came from far and wide. Long distance members "Connie" and Daisy Bitters came all the way from Homer, Alaska and Preston Hale made another special trip from his home in Salem, Oregon to be at the dinner.

Everyone attending received a small Epi. a nice Christmas present from the Society.

....Gene Schmedding

NOW IS THE TIME

...to feed mature plants with nitrogen-free or low nitrogen fertilizers such as Bloom-Builder, Hi-Bloom, etc., to promote blooming this Spring. Either liquid or time-release granules can be utilized; if liquid is used a subsequent application is advisable in another month.

...to prune out unproductive and unsightly growth, thereby allowing more energy to be utilized by newer and healthier branches.

...to maintain preventive pest control, by keeping plant containers free of debris and extraneous materials. Spray insecticides only when necessary. Orthene, Malathion and Cygon are available locally. READ AND FOLLOW DIRECTIONS CAREFULLY.

...to protect from unexpected frosts and strong wintry winds.

...to pick ripe apples (seed pods). They can be planted immediately without undergoing drying process. Natural or artificial light is needed to encourage germination.

...to take advantage of beneficial rains. If plants are potted in proper porous soil even heavy rain will have no harmful effect on them.

...to bait for slugs and snails. A few granules of Slugetta has proved to be very effective and leaves little or no unsightly residue.



...Frank Granatowski

THE FIRST EPI I EVER SAW

I should have guessed that the first Epi blossom George French ever saw was one that he grew himself. Here, in the first of a series of articles on members first encounters with Epis, is George's own story.

"In 1955 we visited a friend down in Imperial Beach, and we were surprised to see she had a large collection of cactus plants. When Madeline commented that I had a small cactus garden Mary took a box and filled it with cactus starts. In her lath house she broke off a stem from a plant in a hanging basket saying that this type of cactus grows in the jungle.

"I created a mound in our back yard and planted the cactus starts, with the jungle cactus on top, in full sun. The following spring a bud developed on this cutting before any growth had taken place. Imagine my surprise one May morning when I saw a beautiful purple flower."

BOTANICAL EVENTS FOR JANUARY 1986

Jan.11 & 12

San Diego Rose Society pruning demonstration, Parker Rose Garden, Balboa Park. Free.  
Sat:9-1 p.m.; Sun:10-1 p.m.

Jan.18 & 19

San Diego Camellia Society Mini-Show, Majorca Room, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park. Free.  
Sat:11-4:30 p.m.; Sun: 10-4:30 p.m.

Jan.27

Floral arranging demonstration. Eddie Pate, Fresno area designer. Luncheon and program. Call for info. and reservations; 232-5762 .



A NOTE FROM HONEY-DO RANCH

Anyone having a "Johnson 6170" or "Johnson 4869" please note. We named them both this summer. 6170 is Sara Kate reg.#10254 and 4869 is Kristen reg. #10252. They are named after our two granddaughters.

Also named was Rick's white that he gave us in 1980. A beautiful white. We combined Rick/80 and came up with... "Ricky".

...Nate and Dorothy Ogdon



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NAMETAGS

Jeannie Burger will take your order for a SDES nametag. Cost is \$2.65 and that includes tax. Call Jeannie or order at meeting. (287-9193)

CUTTING, TABLE

There will be a cutting table at the January meeting. Details have yet to be announced. Contact Cutting Table chair Charlie Coons (477-4069) for last minute information.

CLASSIFIED:

Society members are invited to submit their ads for publication. Ads must be limited to garden related items and plants and will be printed on a space available basis.

FULL COLOR "Flowering Jungle Cacti" Catalog \$1.00 (deductible). Hundreds of epiphyllums, Christmas/Easter/Rat-tail cacti, night-blooming cacti, hoyas, haworthias. SDES members will also receive our 1986 "Unrooted Cuttings" list of 70 additional Epies and our \$3.00 Early Bird Coupon (good til 3-15-86). The following 1986 lists are available FREE...send long stamped envelope...A)1986 Catalog Supplement 21 color photos,64 plants. B)Rhipsalis list-over 70 species,33 illustrations. C)Serious Collector List-28 true epiphytic cactus species for the advanced collector. D)Haworthia List-over 100 species. The nursery is open by "a appointment". Please call. If we are here you are welcome to come by. All of the plants mentioned above are available, and we have a large selection of Epi baskets...2 young plants to the pot...at very reasonable prices... most under \$10.00. California Epi Center, Box 1431-SDES, 1444 E. Taylor St., Vista, Ca. 92083 (619)758-4290



I thought it would be appropriate to thank the many people that helped make this issue possible. Most of you already know the core of our reporting corps, Gene, Rick, Frank, and Penny. In this issue we also had help from Elizabeth Glover and George French. Special thanks are due to Ron Miller and Milt Turner for their help with the many details that need attention. Special thanks also to Pat Stebbins for her time and kind wishes. ( Readers of the Epi News will be pleased to know that Pat's cartoon The Epi Lover will be a regular feature of the Epi News.)

I will be testing many new Ideas here in the next few issues. You'll be seeing more artwork and many new features.

Let me hear from you. Your news items items, questions, comments, artwork and ideas are needed every issue.

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# EPI NEWS SUPPLEMENT

## MOTHER'S DAY EPI SHOW INFORMATION

The Mother's Day Epi Show will be held May 11, 1986, in Room 101 of the Casa del Prado. Show opens at 10:30 a.m.

The theme for this year's show is:

**"MELODIES IN EPIS."**

### SCHEDULE FOR EXHIBITORS

May 1, 1986

Tables must be reserved with committee chair by this date. Use attached form and mail as soon as possible.

May 10, 1986

Saturday - Exhibitors set up. Hall will open at 5:30 p.m. HALL WILL CLOSE PROMPTLY AT 8:00 P.M. YOUR EXHIBIT MUST BE COMPLETE AT THIS TIME (EXCEPT PLACEMENT OF FLOWERS.) PLEASE COOPERATE. BUILDING MUST BE CLEARED BY 8:00 P.M.

May 11, 1986

Sunday a.m. - SET UP. HALL OPENS AT 7:30 A.M. BY 9:45 A.M. ALL EXHIBITS MUST BE COMPLETED. ALL BOXES MUST BE REMOVED AND THE FLOOR MUST BE SWEEPED.

Judging begins promptly at 9:45 a.m.

Show opens at 10:30.

### DOS AND DON'TS

SPRAYING - No spraying is allowed.

MOSS - Unwanted moss must be removed from the area. No moss is allowed in park trash cans.

SAND - No sand or similar substance is allowed unless you bring your own heavy table cloth.

FLOORS - Be sure there is no water on the floor. If exhibit is on the floor, the floor must be covered.

CARTS - PLEASE DO NOT TIE UP THE CARTS when setting up or taking down exhibit. We must share carts.

CLEAN UP - Bring a sponge or cloth for wiping off table cloths at the end of the show.

WATERING CANS - Bring a watering can.

FOOD - There will be coffee, punch and donuts for exhibitors Sunday morning. Bring your own lunch or plan to eat in the Park. **THERE WILL BE NO POTLUCK.**

Applications must be returned before May 1, 1986.

PLEASE RETURN TO:

MOTHER'S DAY SHOW  
c/o Kathie vanArum  
1825 "J" Avenue  
National City, CA 92050

SDS MOTHER'S DAY SHOW

MAY 11, 1986  
10.30 a.m.

MELODIES IN EPIS

I would like to reserve 1/4  1/2  1  2  or more  tables for the Mother's Day Show.

Name  Phone

Signature