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San Diego Epiphyllum Society, Inc.

Milt Turner to Speak at February 12th Meeting

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES BYLAWS

Election of Society Officers and Directors will be held each November beginning in 1986. Changes to the Bylaws, approved by the membership at the January meeting, alter the dates of several election functions. In order to conform to the calendar year and ease the scheduling of other events during our busy blooming and showing season, newly elected Officers will be installed at the Annual Christmas Party. (The complete text of these changes may be found in the November 1985 Epi News, Vol. 9, No. 11.) To accommodate these changes, all current terms of office have been extended to December 1986.

Long time Epi Society member, Milt Turner, will present the program at our February 12th meeting. Milt will show slides of his trip to Georgia's Okefenokee Swamp last fall.

The program will follow Milt and his companions on their forty-mile canoe trip through alligator infested waters.

This program was previewed last month by the SDES Research Committee and comes to us highly recommended. The OKEFENOKEE should be quite a change from the rain forests we often visit in our programs.

Don't miss it!

At the January Meeting

Dr. Alfred Lau, guest speaker at the January general meeting, treated members to more than just another fine slide show on plant collecting in the jungles of Mexico and South America.

Dr. Lau surprised members by introducing two students from the school he and his wife have operated in Mexico for the last thirty years. Marciano and Angel (aged 15 and 13) are among twenty boys of Mexican-Indian heritage currently attending the school. The students are encouraged to return to their tribal units after graduation to use their new skills to help their people.

The plants and blossoms may have been featured in the slides but for most members the inspiring work the Doctor has done for these children was the highlight of the program.

Librarian Ernest Angus has copies of the essential E. Scott Hazelton epi handbook for sale at each meeting. This book is the guide for the beginner and the veteran grower. Also available are the epi directories (very limited supply). The prices are very reasonable.

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WALTER E. BUNKER
1908 - 1985



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**MEMBERSHIP
INFORMATION**

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

Meetings are held on the
second Wednesday of each
month:

7:30 p.m.
Room 101
Casa del Prado
Balboa Park

**From the Horticultural
Library**

Epi Society members are
welcome to use the books of
the San Diego Horticultural
Library in Room 104, Casa
del Prado. Hours are Sunday
from noon until 4:00 p.m.
We are not a lending library
but we do have many hard-
to-find books not available at
most libraries. Please feel
free to use our books.
Remember us if you know of
anyone who has horticultural
books which they no longer
use. Book donations are tax-
deductible.

Leila Calamari

**ORCHID MINI SHOW
PLANNED**

The San Diego Orchid
Society will hold their Annual
Spring Mini Show on February
22 & 23. The event will be
held in the Majorca Room
(#101) of the Casa del Prado,
Balboa Park.

Saturday: Noon - 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 10:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Admission is free.

Membership Dues:

\$6.00 one yr., single/spouse
USA
\$12.00 international

Check or money order payable
to San Diego Epiphyllum
Society, Inc. should be sent
to:

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**WELCOME TO NEW
MEMBERS!**

Bob and Sandra Smith,
Escondido
Evelyn Shirake, Los Angeles
Ellen Zunio, Monrovia

NOW IS THE TIME

by

Frank Granatowski

Protect plants from
unexpected frost and strong
wintry winds.

Bait for snails and slugs.

Maintain preventative pest
control by keeping plants free
of debris and extraneous
materials.

Spray with insecticides only
if necessary. Avoid sprays
with oil base.

Prune out dead and unsightly
growth, allowing more energy
to be used by newer and
healthier branches.

Feed mature plants with a 0-
10-10 fertilizer to promote
blooming in spring. Either
liquid or slow release granules
can be used. If liquid is
used, another application may
be necessary in about 30
days.

**REFRESHMENTS FOR
FEBRUARY MEETING**

The following persons
have signed up for goodies
for February 12:

Mary Ann Alexanderson
Mary Bassham
Elinor Berry
Michele Davis
Elizabeth Glover
Jean Gray
Blanche Hafiz
Milt Turner

We could use a couple more.
We have been having good
attendance and all seem to
enjoy the refreshments.

A Quail is Calling
Milton D. Turner

The January meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Quail Botanical Garden Foundation was called to order by President Richard Haubrich on Saturday afternoon, January 11. The meeting was well attended by members, trustees and representatives of various plant societies.

The President reported that the new Visitor Center, which has been plagued with construction problems, is expected to be open about March 8, 1986. Phase II of the Waterfall Project has been started with completion expected about mid-March.

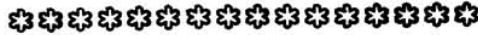
Gilbert Voss, Curator at the Quail Garden, reported on various items of interest, including the "Mexican Garden" Section. Gilbert now advises that this Section will be re-named the "Middle American Garden."

The Board of Trustees made several recommendations for membership approval at this meeting. A request for \$1,200.00 to purchase "Index Kewensis," a multiple volume reference source, was unanimously approved. This Index is published by Oxford University in England and lists all known plant species. The reference material will be used by the Herberia Library at Quail Garden to assist them with their work.

Another interesting item, quickly approved by the membership, was the purchase in the amount of \$500 for a quantity of variegated Bamboo from Japan. This Bamboo will be subject to a two-year quarantine at the Quail Garden before it can be displayed or sold. Quarantine facilities are available at the Garden for this purpose.

KUDOS FOR BROZ

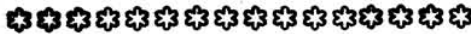
Dan Broz may be the youngest member of the San Diego Epiphyllum Society but that doesn't stop him from spreading the word about epis. The 12-year old Fletcher Hills lad and his plants were featured in a Daily Californian article in early January. Dan told readers a little about our shows and also about plant culture. A copy of the article by Daily Californian staff writer, Lori Arnold, will be on display at the education table at the general meeting February 12.



**EPI NEWS BEGINS
NEW ZEALAND EXCHANGE**

With this issue, Epi News begins an exchange program with the Auckland Epi and Hoya Society of Auckland, New Zealand. The New Zealanders will receive our newsletter and we will receive theirs.

We hope that this exchange of information will benefit epi lovers in both hemispheres. Copies of the Auckland publication will in in our Library as soon as possible.



Newly appointed director **Michele Davis** will be leading the **1986 L.A. Bus Tour**. Information will be available soon.



**CALIFORNIA GARDEN -
WHAT AN ISSUE!**

You didn't need to open the Jan.-Feb issue of California Garden magazine to enjoy the work of Epi Society members.

The covers (front and back) featured the art of Helen Barkdoll. Inside was Helen's article, "Those Fabulous Holiday Cactus."

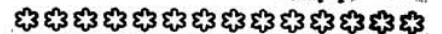
Also inside Rick Latimer penned the article, "Some Succulent Trees." Gus Schlapfer's article, "Master Gardener Program," explained one of his favorite interests (Gus is vice-president of the Master Gardeners in San Diego.)

In addition was Penny Bunker's regular department, "Now is the Time."

Frequent Epi Society guest, Tineke Wilder, was on hand at the January meeting to distribute copies of California Garden (her article, "Gloxina," was in the same issue.)

California Garden is edited by Elizabeth Glover for the San Diego Floral Association. While Elizabeth is a member of more than a dozen plant/garden societies in the area, she dedicates many hours of work to our club each month.

Active Epi Lovers get things done!



**DEADLINE FOR NEXT
ISSUE:**

February 26, 1986



ASK DICK CHADWICK

Q. Can you recommend a good potting soil for epis?

A. I have tried many mixes in the past with varying results and finally arrived at two basic mixes for my own epis and other moisture loving plants. For a starter mix, I use mixture #2 but eliminate the fertilizer.

Mixture #1

- 1 part commercial potting soil
- 1 part ground redwood bark
- 20% perlite (sponge rock)
- 5% charcoal
- 1 tbs "Super Phosphate" per gal. of mix
- *1 tbs. "Sulphate of Potash" per gal. of mix

Mixture #2

- 1 part commercial potting soil
- 1 part ground redwood bark
- 1 part planter mix (Lomex, Kellogs Azalea Mix, etc.)
- 10% perlite
- 5% charcoal
- 1 tbs "Super Phosphate" per gal. of mix
- 1 tbs "Sulphate of Potash" per gal. of mix

*20% Sulphate of Potash; if using 50% Sulphate of Potash, reduce the amount to 1/2 tbs.

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Send items to:

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CLASSIFIEDS

Oldtimers and newcomers alike who haven't received our brand new 1986 Plant/Bookshop Catalogs can still do so by sending \$1.00 to address below. We've got many exciting new Epis, some never before offered, including many new Christmas/Easter Cactus. And don't forget books on Epis and other Cactus. We have 225 of those books, plus more on Bromeliads, Iris, Ferns, etc. Our \$3.00 winter coupon still applies until 4/1/86, so get your catalog today!

RAINBOW GARDENS

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 La Habra, CA 90633-0721
 (213) 697-1488

Newcomers note: Walk-in trade welcomed. We always keep a few thousand Epis available for sale, including nice 7" hanging baskets that start under \$8.00. Credit cards accepted. It's worth the trip! Blooming season's just around the corner.

EPIS ARE FUN

FULL COLOR "Flowering Jungle Cacti" catalog \$1.00 (deductible). Hundreds of epiphyllums, Christmas, Easter, Rattail cacti, night blooming cacti, hoyas, haworthias, SDES members will also receive our 1986 "Unrooted Cuttings" list of 70 additional epis and our \$3.00 Early Bird Coupon (expires 3/15/86). The following 1986 lists are available free...send long stamped envelope...

- A) 1986 Catalog Supplement with 21 color photos, 64 plants
- B) **Rhipsalis** List of 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 "appointment." Please call. If we're here, you're 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.

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RENEWAL NOTICES TO BE SENT

Starting this month, membership renewal notices will be mailed when appropriate. The month your renewal is due is also on your mailing label. Please keep current.



THE FIRST EPI I EVER SAW

Gus Schlapfer has his sister-in-law to thank for his first epi. In 1975 Gus was in Los Angeles helping her prepare for her move to Oregon. "She gave me this plant in a wood basket and told me it had 'nice blossoms,'" he recalls. He took his new plant and put it in his back yard.

Now Gus has grown things all his life and a new type plant has to earn his respect. His new Padre just waited until May to make its point.

One hundred and thirty four flowers later Gus was hooked. "It never had as many flowers again," says Gus.

Gus contacted Gene Lund after reading about him (and his epis) in the newspaper. (Too bad there wasn't a camera on hand to record Gus' expression as he saw Gene's amazing collection for the first time.) Soon his own collection began to grow and continues to grow. As we said, "He's hooked."

TAKING THE "CHANCE" OUT OF THE CUTTING TABLE

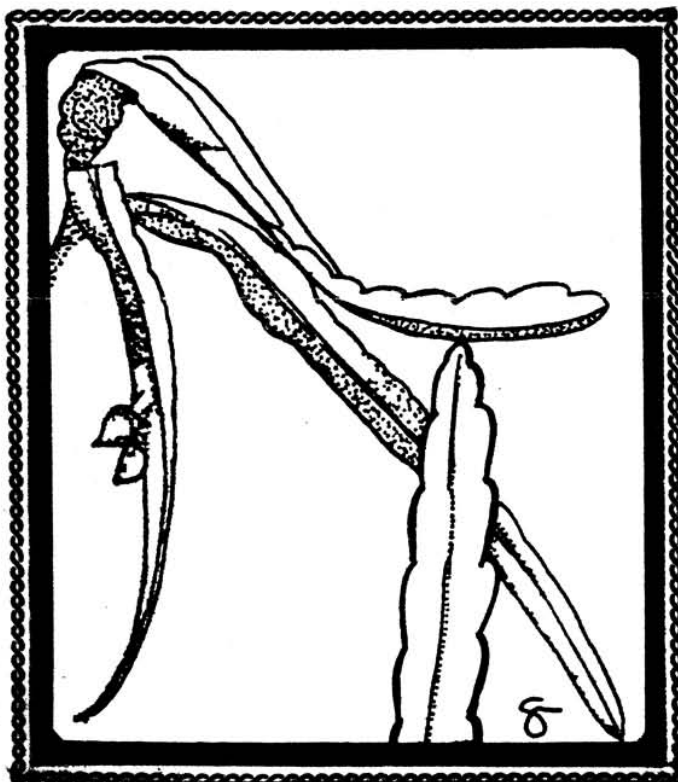
Cutting Table Chair, Charlie Coons, told Epi News that the return of the cutting table at the January meeting was a success. Charlie has been working hard to present the kind of cuttings that will interest even the seasoned grower. Early reports from cutting table users indicate that several improvements have already been made.

The cutting table is no longer a double game of chance. In the past, members took the chance their number would be called in time to get the cuttings they wanted. This was followed by the second chance: Was the cutting they just got really marked correctly?



Cuttings are now sold directly, on a first come basis. Prior to sale cuttings are now carefully screened. Each is clearly labeled with color, name and price. Charlie assures us that these cuttings are what they say they are.

Prices will be kept low (\$.75 to \$1.50 at the January table). If you are interested in contributing cuttings, contact Charlie early in the month. Donated cuttings will be picked up on the Saturday or Sunday before the general meeting. Charlie also is looking for help in operating the table at the general meetings.



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