

# Epi News

San Diego Epiphyllum Society, Inc.

SPECIAL SHOW  
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## MEMBERS PLAN OPEN GARDEN 1 9 8 6

Members have a rare opportunity this May to visit three very different private gardens during a special, 2 day, Open Garden event.

The three gardens represent different styles and uses of space. Nate and Dorothy Ogdon show what can be done with a major Epi collection when space is not the first consideration. A close look at Gus and Marge Schiapfers' collection will provide tips on keeping mature plants in large containers. Milt and Eileen Turners' collection show just how many plants can be housed in a relatively small space.

All three collections are widely considered to be among the finest in the area.

Hours for all locations are 9 am to 4 pm, Saturday and Sunday, May 17 and 18.

Milt and Eileen Turner  
2674 Willow St.  
San Diego 224-0955

Gus And Marge Schlapfer  
6862 Rosefield  
La Mesa 460-3920

Nate and Dorothy Ogdon  
5739 San Miguel Rd.  
Bonita 479-0425

## MAY MEETING FEATURES MINI-SHOW

The May 14th, General Meeting will feature a mini-show of epi blossoms. Yours are the most important ones, don't forget to bring them with you.

## WAP/SDES FLOWER SHOW MAY 3 & 4

The San Diego Wild Animal Park is host to a show of Epiphyllum blossoms again this year. The show will be May 3rd & 4th, the park is open at 9:00 a.m. For details about the show call Dick Chadwick (463-4316). For pot-luck details call Dorothy Ogdon (479-0425).

## SAN DIEGO EPIPHYLLUM SOCIETY, INC.

presents its 13th annual

## MOTHER'S DAY SHOW



1 9 8 6  
Melodies  
in Epis

SUNDAY, MAY 11, 1986  
10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Casa del Prado  
Balboa Park - San Diego

- - FREE ADMISSION - -

Cutting available: 10:00 a. m. to 3:00 p.m.

Avoid traffic and parking problems...take bus #7

SPECIAL INSIDE  
News Briefs

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**THANKS TO  
WORKERS**

Thank to those who helped  
out at the cutting party at  
the San Diego Wild Animal  
Park, Saturday, April 19th.

Charles Coons  
Nate and Dorothy Ogdon  
Gus Schlapfer  
Bob and Helen Barkdoll  
Gloria Alexanderson  
Dick Chadwick  
Sean Minogue

Several hundred cuttings  
were made for sale the day  
of the WAP/SDES Epi Show  
May 3rd and 4th.

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**HERE'S  
A TIP !**

Member Henry Feedback  
suggests...Lacquer thinner  
will remove old plant names  
from plastic tags. Try it.

**FEATHERSTONE  
RETIRES**

After many years of  
service to the Epiphyllum  
Society of America, editor  
and corresponding secretary  
Velma Featherstone is step-  
ping down from her res-  
pective posts at the nat-  
ional level. Velma is  
retiring to become, again,  
"just another Epiphyllum  
flower lover".

A new and different slant  
on the National Bulletin  
is expected in the future  
with a new editor at the  
helm. Jeannie Winterburger  
has been named editor.  
Jeannie has our best wishes  
as she begins a difficult  
job.

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**CACTUS PETE  
DEAD AT 89**

Cactus and succulent fans  
were saddened to learn of  
the death of 'Cactus' Pete  
Vinkemulder, Sr. He died  
March 7 of pneumonia.

Cactus Pete began selling  
cactus and succulents at  
his Los Angeles nursery in  
1930.

He is survived by his  
wife, Cecelia; a daughter,  
Lois VanTuinen; a son,  
Burke (Cactus Pete Jr.)  
Vinkemulder and 35 grand-  
children.

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**DEADLINE  
FOR JUNE  
NUMBER  
MAY 28TH**

**SEND NEWS  
ITEMS TO:**

Sean Minogue  
808 Ethel Place  
National City, CA 92050  
(619) 475-4478

**ARTWORK  
WINNER  
ANNOUNCED**

New Epi Society member  
Bob Scott is the winner of  
the Masthead Artwork con-  
test. Epi News editor Sean  
Minogue announced at the  
April 23rd Board of Dir-  
ectors meeting.

As his prize, Bob will  
select 5 four inch potted  
Epis from a collection grown  
for the Society. Readers  
will see Bobs drawing when  
it debuts early this summer.

First runner-up is Gene  
Schmedding. Her entry is  
on page 5. Thanks to all  
who entered.

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**HOME  
GARDEN  
SHOW IS A  
SUCCESS**

**PRESIDENT  
OFFERS  
THANKS**

I want to personally thank  
all of our members who volun-  
teered their time and flowers  
for the first annual San  
Diego Home/Garden Magazine  
Spring Garden Show held at  
the Del Mar Fairgrounds on  
April 18,19,20. Everyone had  
a great time! It was a won-  
derful opportunity for our  
society to gain wide exposure,  
promote our beloved flowers  
and make many new friends.

Members participating in  
the show were:

Bob and Lois Burks  
Charles Coons  
Arnold Chaney  
Nate and Dorothy Ogdon  
Kathie vanArum  
Michiko Munda  
Lois Tripp  
Gloria Alexanderson  
Leo Khim  
Ron and Joan Miller

Ron Miller, President

NEWS BRIEFS

MORE NEWS

CUTTINGS ARE NEEDED

POT-LUCK INFORMATION

Last minute questions about the pot-lucks to be held at the Wild Animal Park and Moms Day Shows can be answered by our hosts Nate (Moms Day) and Dorothy (WAP Show) Ogdon (479-0425).

Don't be left out.

LA BUS TOUR

Tour Director Michele Davis reports that there are still openings for the May 18th trip to the ESA Show at the LA Arboretum and area Epi nurseries. This trip sells out each year. Reserve your seat by calling Michele (561-0485) eves.

FROM OUR BOOK DEPARTMENT

Librarian and Book Sales Chair Ernest Angus invites you to inspect the new additions to our library or purchase the newly arrived Epi Directories or Hazelton Handbooks. Prices are always lower than you might pay elsewhere. See Ernest at the May 14th General Meeting.

ACTRESS MEETS EPIS

Actress, photographer and internationally known beauty Gina Lollobrigida toured the Epi House at the Wild Animal Park moments after the work party on April 19th. Dick Chadwick reports that Ms. Lollobrigida became an Epi fan and spent some time photographing the flowers. In recent years the 57 year old native of Subiaco, Italy has earned world-wide critical praise for photography.

ADVERTISMENT

SDHGM SHOW NOTES

A quick tour of the SDHGM Spring Garden Show on Friday morning, proved just how active Epi Society members are. In addition to those mentioned in Ron Millers note (pg. 1) were George Plaisted (at the SD Geranium Socy. booth) and Gus Schlapfer (at the Master Gardeners booth).

One of the highlights of the show was the Garden lecture series. The first two were given by SDES members.

Member Tineke Wilders, "The Houseplant Doctor", gave tips and answered questions about "Container Gardening".

Jim Gibbons, Horticultural Curator of the SD Wild Animal Park, gave a slide presentation, "Using drought resistant plants in your garden".

In addition, this reporter was seen scribbling notes, taking pictures and acting as "Gopher".

The show was great fun. Sorry if your participation was not acknowledged.

- Sean Minogue

Ferguson's

**CACTI & SUCCULENTS**

AND EPIS TOO!  
HOURS 9 to 5  
CLOSED TUESDAYS

113 North Acacia  
Solana Beach

You are aware that we are a non-profit organization. For funding we rely on membership dues and proceeds from the sale of cuttings and plants at the annual Mothers Day Show. Without this income the Society will not be able to function in the manner to which we have become accustomed.

I am appealing to each and every member to contribute cuttings and/or plants for the sale on Mothers Day. We have lost several members that in previous years contributed large quantities of cuttings and plants for which our society has been grateful. We need to make up this loss. Everyone is requested to donate cuttings and/or plants regardless of the quantity. No quantity is too small.

If you have cuttings or plants, but no way to get them to the show, please call any of your board members or committee representatives and they will arrange for their pickup.

Your Epiphyllum Society  
Needs you!

-Your President

EPI TIP

Member Bob Stroberger offers this tip which may arouse comment from our readers.

"Charcoal is hard to find, except in expensive one lb. bags. Try 'Mesquite Charcoal' for barbecues. Supermarkets have 10 lb. bags for about \$3.50. Break it into very small pieces and add to your Epi planting mix."

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. 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. During April, May and June (starting April 5th) the nursery will be open Saturdays only 10:00-5:00. If Saturday is not convenient, the nursery is open at other times 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. California Epi Center, Box 1431-SDES, 1444 E. Taylor St., Vista, CA 92083. (619) 758-4290

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### NOW IS THE TIME

TO adjust your watering schedule. The air is now warmer and dryer.

TO continue to keep your plants pest free.

TO visit other Epi lovers. There is always something to see and learn.

TO come to the shows and other events.

TO enjoy the rewards of your labors.

TO visit member epi nurseries.

### MEMBERSHIPS AWARDED

Honorary Life Memberships in the San Diego Epiphyllum Society were awarded to three people at the April 9th General Meeting.

President Ron Miller made the presentations to our guest speaker Eckhard Meier and to Bob and Lois Burks of California Epi Center.

President Miller praised the contributions all had made to the world of Epis.

### Our reporter at... THE APRIL MEETING

We had a treat at our meeting on April 9, 1986.

Visiting member Eckhard Meier was our guest speaker.

He showed us slides of his home in the town of Simmern, West Germany a delightful area of about 7000 people. We also saw some beautiful slides of his green houses. He has cacti, holiday cacti and aprocacti as well as his collection of lush Epis. Herr Meier shared pictures of his own hybrids and gave a running commentary telling why he kept some and discarded others and why one flower is better for hybridizing than another. His talk was very educational and as he is a teacher of English, easily understood.

A very interesting and gifted man.

There were quite a few members (102) and guests (20) attending.

Our flower table was filled and Milt Turner assisted George French in one of this seasons best "mini" minishows.

-Gene Schmedding

DEADLINE FOR JUNE NUMBER IS MAY 28

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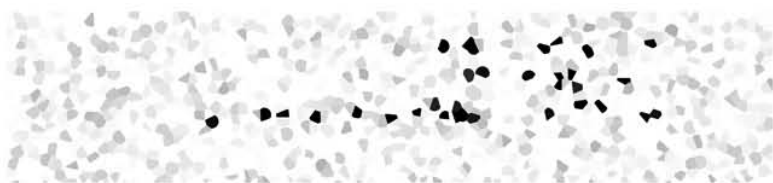
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RAINBOW GARDENS wishes all of you a HAPPY FLOWERING SEASON. With circumstances preventing us again from displaying at our lovely flower show, we hope this doesn't discourage your making your plans to visit our Nursery this season. With thousands of potted plants, mix, fertilizer, Epi books for sale, + lots and lots of buds, we're ready for a smashing season! Open every Sunday in April, and every weekend in May - WITHOUT AN APPOINTMENT (all other times, we suggest you telephone first - 213 697-1488), hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Bring your camera! Rainbow Gardens, 1574 Dorothea Rd., La Habra Hts., CA 90631



MUÑECA by Gene Schmedding  
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## BOTANICAL EVENTS FOR MAY

May 3 & 4

Wild Animal Park - SDES  
Epiphyllum Show at the WAP  
Park open at 9 a.m.

Balboa Pk. African Violet  
Soc'y. 11th Annual Show  
CDP/101  
Sat. 1-5, Sun. 10-4

May 4 only

Quail Gdns. Fun and Funds  
Festival/Plant Sale  
10-4

May 10 & 11

Balboa Pk. Bromeliad Study  
Group Plant Sale  
CDP/Patio  
10-4:30

CDP - Casa del Prado,  
Balboa Park

May 11 only

San Diego Epiphyllum Socy.  
13th Annual Show  
CDP/101 & Patio  
10:30-4

May 17 & 18

San Diego Geranium Socy.  
14th Annual Show  
CDP/101  
Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4

May 24 & 25

San Diego Botanical Garden  
Foundation Plant Sale  
CDP/Patio  
Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4

San Dieguito Garden Club  
10th Annual Show and Sale  
Quail Gdns.  
Sat. 1-5, Sun. 10-4

May 31 & June 1

San Diego Cactus & Suc-  
culent Socy. Show and Sale  
Sat. 1-5, Sun. 10-5  
CDP/101 & Patio

## MEMBERSHIP information

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

Meetings are held the  
second Wednesday of each  
month.

7:30 P.M.  
Room 101, The Majorca Room  
Casa Del Prado  
Balboa Park  
Guests are welcome to all  
regular meetings.

Dues in the SDES are  
\$6.00 (\$12.00 foreign) per  
year for each individual  
or married couple. Please  
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