

# EPI NEWS

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## HOUSEPLANT 'DOCTOR' PAYS A CALL

Tineke Wilders, freelance garden writer, traveled 9000 miles throughout the United States, visiting more than 25 major botanical gardens. She documented her impressions in over 1000 slides.

At the June 11th General Meeting Tineke will show the best of these slides.

Tineke writes a regular column for the San Diego Union and her work can be seen frequently in the pages of San Diego Home/Garden Magazine. She also teaches classes in plant care and operates a plant care business, 'The Houseplant Doctor'.

Don't miss this excellent program.

This issue of Epi News  
is dedicated to the  
memory of

**Richard G.  
Latimer, Sr.**

**1924-1986**

## NEWS BRIEFS

CHARLES COONS CUTTING TABLE CHAIR announced that free cuttings will be given to members at the June 11 General Meeting.

Members are invited to share their Holiday Cacti with the Society. Many folks have been asking for better exposure for these plants. Share your plants and your interest with others. As usual it has to start with you.

## BUS TOUR OF L A EPIS AND MORE EPIS

Michele Davis led a group of twenty-eight SDES members on the annual trek to the ESA Show at the Los Angeles Arboretum on May 18th. Along the way were stops at Rainbow Gardens, Beahms, Hurst Nursery and the ever popular Pasadena Cafeteria.

Although a smaller group than usual, this enthusiastic bus full and many other SDES members traveling independently, proved our Society is always active.

Thanks to Michele (and Jim) Davis, all our nursery hosts and Noel Burndahl for making the trip one to remember.

Thanks also to our driver. A professional always makes a difference.

Sean

## AWARDS ARE GIVEN

Three major awards are presented at each years SDES Mothers Day Show. The winners this year are....

The Hurst Award (seedling):  
Phyllis Flechsig

The Nelson Award (epiphitic plant):  
Harry and Margaret Blake

The Troxell Award (representation of theme):  
Daniel Broz

EVERYBODY  
IS A WINNER

The Judges also select the best flower in each exhibit. The results, in no particular order, are...

Milt Turner:  
Amber Queen

Kent and Gladys Harper:  
Waikiki Rainbow

Rick Latimer:  
Ed Schultz

Gene Schmedding:  
Heather Rose

Ed Broz:  
Jungle Moon

Dorothy and Bob Breining:  
Clark Malcho

Nate and Dorothy Ogdon:  
Gene Lund

Andy and Thelma Capp:  
Childhood

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GOODIES  
FOR JUNE

Here are the names of the members signed up to bring goodies to the June General Meeting.

- Gloria Alexanderson
- Michelle Jaquay
- Betty Klump
- Jerry Plaisted
- Gene Schmedding
- Nita Stroberger

Thanks for your help.

Penny Bunker



DEADLINE  
FOR JULY  
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Best of Exhibit (cont. from pg.1)

- Phyllis Flechsig:  
Clown
- Gus and Marge Schlapfer:  
Acapulco Sunset
- Fern La Borde:  
Benegal
- Ed Guass:  
Clara Ann
- Sanford Roberts:  
Lemon Punch
- Ron and Joan Miller:  
Betty Jones
- Ferd Bollman:  
Miss Escondido
- Elinor Latimer:  
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- Wressy Cocke:  
115 X 99
- Don Irwin:  
Balboa
- Harry and Margaret Blake:  
Rugosa
- George french:  
Bayou Belle
- John Piland:  
Warhead
- Curt Hammel:  
Acapulco Sunset
- Jean Gray:  
Lessar's Pride
- Michelle Davis:  
Showboat
- Jack and Cecile Bradley:  
Zorina
- Daniel Broz:  
Doregal

SDBGF SALE  
REPORT

Several hundred Epiphyllum cuttings were sold to benefit the San Diego Botanical Garden Foundation on the 23rd and 24th of May.

Congratulations are due the SDES crew for a job well done.

- Charles Coons
- Wilbur Glover
- Nate and Dorothy Ogdon
- Dick Chadwick
- Gus Schlapfer

These folks spent many hours selling cuttings, answering questions and making friends for our Society. In addition many of them brought flowers and additional cuttings and otherwise used their special talents to make our tables look beautiful and bountiful. My thanks to all.

Sean Minogue



NAME TAGS  
AVAILABLE

SDES name tags (blue with a picture of an Epi) can be ordered at low cost through Jeannie Burger, Membership Vice President. See Jeannie at the next meeting to order yours.



Best of Exhibit ( cont. )

- Kathie vanArum:  
Sunland
- Roland and Elsie Tremblay:  
Lemon Custard
- Margaret Pethley:  
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- Florence Arnold:  
Florence Reed Arnold
- Helen Barkdoll:  
Seedling #1

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### FUND NEEDS FUNDS

A special bank account has been opened to accept donations for the SDWAP EPI HOUSE FUND.

This fund has been established to purchase the much needed misting system.

Please be as generous as you can. Checks should be made payable to:

SDWAP EPI HOUSE FUND

Send checks directly to:

Ron Miller  
822 Via Rancho Parkway  
Escondido, CA 92025

or

Rick Latimer  
5990 Lake Murray Blvd.  
La Mesa, CA 92041

Checks should not be sent to the SDES post office box.

Please make a contribution as soon as possible. There is still a long way to go.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Donald and Dale Parent,  
El Cajon

Robert Griffin,  
La Mesa

Carolyn Basset,  
San Diego

Paul and Josephine Louthier,  
San Diego

Elias and Eva Medina,  
Chula Vista

William R. Welsh,  
San Diego

Nikki Barker,  
La Mesa

Roy and Pat Barrett,  
El Cajon

Scott and Donna Brooks,  
Oceanside

Jim and Kay Ferguson,  
Lemon Grove

Karen Flammer,  
La Jolla

David Graham,  
San Diego

Duane and Judy Guite,  
El Cajon

Patricia A. Hopper,  
San Diego

Rose Martinez,  
San Diego

Judy Minihan,  
Huntington Beach

Grace Stanley,  
San Francisco

### KATHIE VAN ARUM WRITES

My Dear Members;

Thank you all who helped make our Mothers Day Show such a beautiful success. Over 3,000 people came through the door and almost \$5,000.00 went into our cash boxes

I must thank all of our members who used their talents to create our many beautiful exhibits that made our show so dazzling.

Then there must be a special thank you to Charles Coons and all who worked with him in the cutting room and of course we can not forget all of you who donated cuttings and plants. If you have not received a receipt for your donations please let me know.

Valerie Bailey did such an outstanding job with the publicity for our show. She was wonderful and I'm so grateful she volunteered for the job.

Mary Alice Buass, with an assist from her husband

Marion, out did herself with her beautiful Society's Table and the windsock and beautiful banner she made for the front of the building. My sincere thanks to all of you.

A very special "thank you" to Nate Ogdon and his staff for such a beautiful lunch and we must not forget all of the cooks that brought so much great food. "You made our day."

Helen Barkdoll must be thanked for her most interesting drawings she made for the cutting room area.

I must thank all of you who worked as hosts and hostesses. You did a great job.

I would like the membership to know how wonderful the Park Staff was. No matter what I asked for it was delivered at once with a warm smile. They were all great.

Sincerely

Kathie vanArum  
Show Chairman 1986

### SEND NEWS ITEMS TO:

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### W. A. P. POT-LUCK

I want to thank all the people for helping to make our pot-luck a success. The food was great and plenty for everyone. I especially want to thank Vernon Hook for tending to the hot dishes and Danny Broz for being our courier. Ladies you were great in helping to set up.

Dorothy Ogdon

### MOTHERS DAY POT-LUCK THANK YOU

I just want to make it official in writing. A great big "thank you" to all who made the Mothers Day Pot-luck a success. And a special thank you to Bob Stroberger who was such a help in keeping things rolling along smoothly.

I also want to make a motion that this pot-luck be reinstated as a permanent part of the Mothers Day Show

Nate Ogdon

### OPEN GARDENS RATE HIGH

Thanks are also due to the Turners, the Ogdons and the Schlapfers for the open gardens that were held May 17th & 18th.

The weather was perfect and it was obvious that the hosts and hostesses went all out for the occasion.

While each garden was beautiful each reflected the individualities its grower(s).

The best way to learn all about growing Epi's is to visit a place where beautiful Epi's are grown. Thanks to all for a wonderful day.

Sean

### SEEDLING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Seed Committee had another successful display at the Mother's Day Show. Thanks to salespeople Elsie Tremblay and Leo Kihm \$106 was raised and many visitors were educated.

Some visitors especially liked the miniatures, which Leo had to explain were Easter Cacti. It is going to be exciting to watch what develops from the seeds produced by crossing Epiphyllum and Easter Cacti. Then Leo really will have some explaining to do.

Dick Chadwick put in many hours of hybridizing, marking, record keeping, processing and packaging the various crosses. Each was made with a specific result in mind. Hybridizing also has included the Christmas and Easter Cacti. Expect some startling new discoveries and breakthroughs from the adventurous souls that grow our seeds.

Contact Dick Chadwick for further information.

Helen Barkdoll

### WAP SHOW SUCCESS REPORTED

Another successful Epi Show and plant sale was held May 3 & 4. A great team effort by the members exhibiting flowers and those helping in the sale of cuttings and plants led to success.

Many of us did not know until the last minute if we would have enough flowers to put on a good show but thanks to the cooperation of the Epi plants, we had a wonderful array of flowers the morning of the show.

Those participating were:

- Robert Stroberger
- Don Irwin
- Michele Davis
- Jean Gray
- John Piland
- Gus Schlapfer
- George and Madeline French
- Nate and Dorothy Ogdon
- Ed and Faye Broz
- Daniel Broz
- Kathie vanArum
- Charlie Coons
- Andy and Thelma Capp
- Debbie Capp
- Vernon and Sako Hook
- Wressy Cocke
- Susie Ellis
- Leo Kihm (cont. next column)

- Joan Miller
- Richard Plock
- Gloria Alexanderson
- Dick Chadwick

Some of the highlights were:

Wressy Cocke brought a new hybrid which he hung along the walkway.

Bob and Lois Burks brought a tray of flowers. Bob said he had just come to see what was going on because the phone woke him up with callers wanting to buy the plant he had on exhibit. The plant turned out to be from Leo Kihm's collection of "Easter Cacti". Leo got really nervous when he saw me coming with my pruners in hand.

Thanks to George French and to Nate and Dorothy Ogdon for bringing special cuttings to the sale. Thanks also to Daniel Broz for helping everyone at the show.

Dick Chadwick

### EPI CULTURE

We all wait with great anticipation for our plants to bloom the first time.

Usually we are rewarded with a fine bloom just like the parent plant but sometimes the first flower is of poor quality. Don't be discouraged by the first bloom. Many plants have to bloom two and sometimes three years to develop the true size, shape and color of the flower.

This is also true with seedlings. Sometimes the first flower will be a giant and the following flowers will be of small or medium size. Even the color and shape of the flower may change. This is why the Epiphyllum Society of America requires two years but desires three years of blooming before registering a new hybrid.

If flowers keep getting smaller and smaller and the plant doesn't seem to respond to additional fertilizer, repot it. Many epiphyllums have to be repotted every two years into fresh soil to maintain the size, vigor and color of their flowers.

R J Chadwick

### EPI NEWS AD POLICY

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Send your ads, including your name and phone number to:

Sean Minogue  
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808 Ethel Place  
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Ads are printed on a space available basis.

### PLANT PROBLEMS

Sometimes we have a nice, healthy plant, in good shape, in the proper light and well fertilized but the darn thing won't bloom.

Two solutions that have helped in the past are:

1) Remove all the old roots and repot the plant as if it were a cutting.

2) Wait until Feb. or March then prune away half of the plant. All the strength from the roots will go into the remaining branches. Normally you wouldn't prune a plant as heavily as this, but at times it takes drastic steps to make them bloom. The branches that were cut off will make good cuttings.

R J Chadwick

### NOW IS THE TIME

Help your plants get ready for the hot, dry summer ahead.

Remove spent blossoms and unwanted apples.

Transplant to larger containers, if this is called for.

Monitor humidity in your growing area. Misting is a summertime necessity.

Don't allow the soil to dry out.

Fertilize your plants. After the hard work that they have done this year they are probably hungry.

Sean Minogue

### BOTANICAL EVENTS FOR JUNE

June 14 & 15

San Diego Fushia & Shade Plant Show  
CdP/101  
Sat. 12-5, Sun. 10-5  
FREE

June 19 to July 6  
Del Mar Fair  
Booths and Exhibits from many nurseries and organizations  
Admission chg.

June 28 & 29  
Ohara Chapter of S D Ikebana Show  
CdP/101  
11 to 4:30 both days  
FREE

### HERE'S A TIP

Did you know that you should clean your shears with alcohol when you are finished pruning one plant, before moving on to another.

This should help prevent the spread of disease among your plants.

Keep a spray bottle with diluted isopropyl alcohol handy in your growing area. I keep a canister of cotton balls to dry the shears, completing the cleaning process. (The canister helps keep the cotton dry in a sometimes wet environment.)

Sean Minogue

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ADS AND NOTICES

TINEKE WILDERS teaches a 3 hour seminar on healthy house and patio plants for "Pathways to Learning".

The seminar will stress all aspects of plant care as well as "preventitive" plant care attitudes.

The next class is July 19. Cost is \$26 (includes registration and an easy to care for house plant). For more information call 282-4228.

HONEY DO RANCH REDUCTION SALE

Here is an opportunity for new members to get blooming sized plants at a reasonable price. We have gallons, 8" & 10" pots. Call NATE OGDON 479-0425

COLLECTION FOR SALE

After nine years up here in the hills above Ramona we reluctantly acknowledge that we are really never going to "do" anything with our considerable collection of Epiphyllums and we need the lath house space for other uses.

The distance is not great. It is only 31 miles from the Casa del Prado to our front door! Our address is 16157 Hedy Drive Ramona and our phone is (619) 789-2489. We are usually home, but it is a good idea to call ahead and be sure. We are about 200 yards off Hwy. 67. Hedy Drive turns to the right off 67 headed North and is 3miles beyond the intersection of Poway Road (East) and 67.

Most of our collection are "oldies but goodies" of ten years or more ago, but we do have a few newer epis. Last year we repotted many to get them ready for sale this spring.

Bob and Shala McNeil

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 June 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

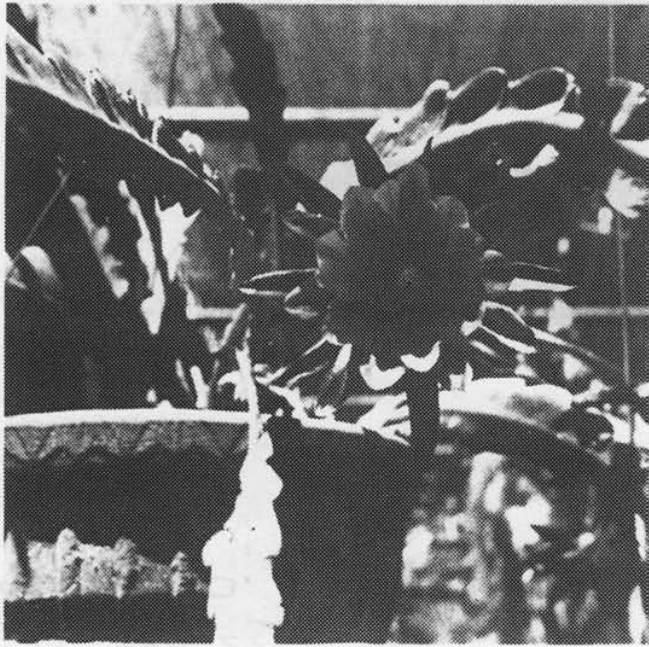
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Membership dues for the Epiphyllum Society of America are \$6.00 a year in the United States and Canada. Other countries, \$8.00 a year surface mail, \$12.00 a year for air mail. (Please send international money orders payable in U.S. dollars.) Make all checks or money orders payable to the Epiphyllum Society of America and send to P.O.Box 1395, Monrovia, CA 91016. Please do not send cash and do not pay more than two years in advance.

Membership dues may also be paid to Jeannie Burger, SDES Membership Vice President.

ESA meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month (except January) at the Los Angeles Arboretum, 301 North Baldwin Ave. Arcadia, CA. 7:30-10:00 pm.

Ferguson's CACTI & SUCCULENTS AND EPIS TOO! HOURS 9 to 5 CLOSED TUESDAYS 113 North Acacia Solana Beach



### EPI CULTURE

Many elements can influence your plants including the weather, too much heat may distort the flowers or make them sport. Heat can also shorten the life of the bloom.

Too much sun can turn your red flowers to an orange or pink, orange flowers may take on a pinkish tone while yellows will turn white.

Too little light can make yellow flowers a very pale yellow or green or even white.

Most of the Epiphyllum plants are very sun sensitive. Too much direct sunlight can turn the whole plant yellow and actually "cook" the leaves. Excess sun can poison the plant and cause flowers to mutate. Usually the plant will return to normal after two or three years.

R. J. Chadwick



### DID YOU SEE?

Society Publicist Valerie Bailey has done another fine job. The April 29th Escondido Times-Advocate featured a color photo of a beautiful Epi.

The photo announced the Epi Show at the Wild Animal Park on May 3rd & 4th. Valerie also took the photo.

Good work Valerie!

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or married couple. Please  
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Photos by Jean Minkus

# EPI CULTURE

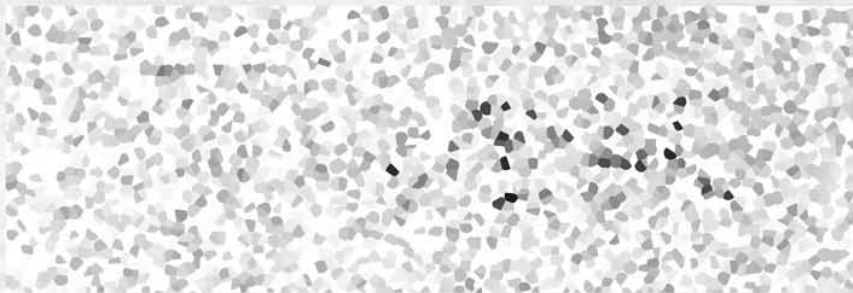
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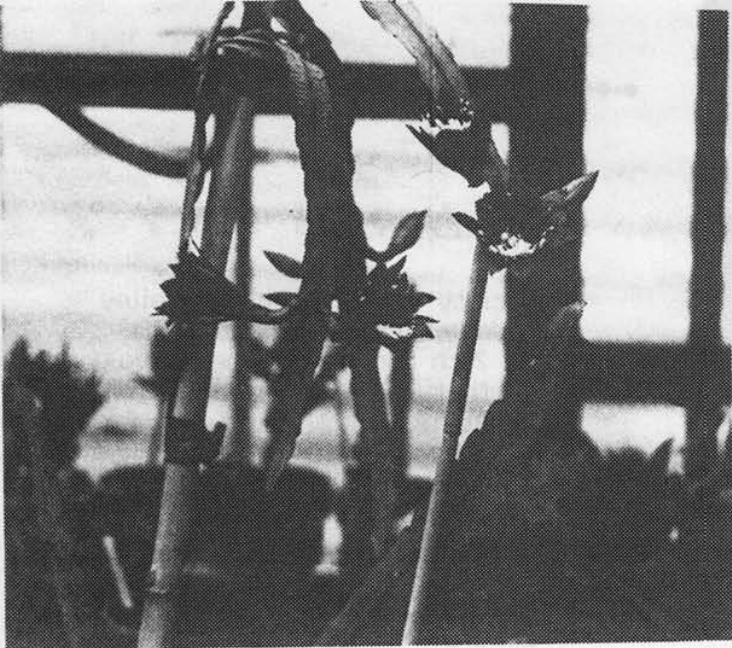
The San Diego Epiphyllum Society, Inc. is open to all persons interested in growing, displaying and collecting Epiphyllum and its related species.

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 send checks, payable to San Diego Epiphyllum Society Inc. to:

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