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SAN DIEGO EPIPHYLLUM SOCIETY, INC.

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST OCT. 11 & 12

The SD Epiphyllum Society has been invited by the San Diego Wild Animal Park to participate in their annual Beauty and the Beast Show, Saturday Oct. 11th and Sunday the 12th.

Volunteers are needed to work at the show, the plant sale and the education table. Also needed are people to act as hosts at the Epi House and give tours of the plant houses. If you can spare a few hours either day, please sign up at the September 10th General Meeting.

Some of the advantages of participation are: a chance to meet plant lovers from around the world, a chance to meet members of other garden clubs, a chance to see and talk to the "How-To" exhibitors (for example Hanging Baskets, Bonsai, Drip Irrigation, etc.),

Tours will be offered of the Rain Forest, Fuschia house Baja Garden, Conifer Garden and some of the animal shows.

Participants also will get first chance to take advantage of the special buys on unusual and exotic plants at the "Plant Sale".

Dick Chadwick

LAZANEO TO SPEAK IN SEPTEMBER

County Extension Officer Vince Lazaneo will address the SDES General Meeting on September 10th.

Lazaneo, a regular contributor to the San Diego Union and the "Master" of the Master Gardener program will discuss new pests found in the county and will answer questions from the audience.

This program was arranged by SDES Vice President Rick Latimer and SDES Education Chair Gus Schlapfer.

Gus advises that Lazaneo is "The most knowledgeable guy there is about plants. He will have answers for all questions about soils and fertilizers."

Also at the September meeting members will have a chance to discuss the proposed amendment to the SDES by-laws. (See Special Parliamentary Section to this issue of EPI NEWS.)

PARLIAMENTARY SECTION INSIDE

deadline
for October
is 9/22

GOODIES FOR SEPT.

Two faithful members signed up to bring treats to our Sept. 10th General Meeting.

Madeline French
V.L. Hook

Your support of our refreshment table is needed.

If possible make the special effort and bring something to share, or sign up for a future meeting.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Dr. and Mrs. G.S. Bajwa
Lemon Grove

Melba Batchlor
Chula Vista

Evelyn Chatham
San Diego

Vince Gonsowski
San Diego

IMPERFECTION

In the August Epi News we reported in error that nominations for SDES officers and Executive Board members would be taken from the floor at the October General Meeting.

A check of the by-laws as amended last year shows that this procedure will take place at the September General Meeting.

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CHRISTMAS CACTI

We all have Epiphyllums, but did you know there are other epiphytes to be had? Many of us grow the exciting Christmas Cacti along with our epis. In the bleak cold months of winter, the Zygocacti, as they are called by the nurseries, will bring color to our shade houses when few epis are in bloom.

These plants complement each other, the zygos being hung in shadier places of the lath house. Their potting mix contains lots more humus, but it can be balanced so that all plants can have the same watering schedule.

Since the genus Schlumbergera are short day plants, they bloom in the winter time, consequently they need to be fertilized with 0-10-10 several months before they bloom. Which is now! Generous and frequent feeding will result in a myriad of blossoms later, stretching from early November to late March or April.

Their colors include the newly developed light yellow, white, red, orange, salmon, pink, magenta, purple and many are also bi-colored. Hang a few among your epis and join the crowd who are exploring the other interesting Epiphytes to grow in our gardens.

Helen Barkdoll

CUTTINGS PRICED TO MOVE

Cutting table chair Charlie Coons reports that all cuttings (except "Specials") will be priced at 10¢ at the September 10th General Meeting.

Get there early to avoid disappointment.

NOW IS THE TIME

To provide your epis with plenty of protection from the dry heat of summer. Mist often and make sure your plants have all the shade that they need.

To protect branches from the strong winds (Santa Ana) that are typical this time of year.

To watch for pests. Snails can be active in late summer and early fall. Also protect those seed-pods from birds. The ripe fruit is very attractive to pests of every sort.

Sean Minogue

Society Officers

President:

Ron Miller (746-9620)

Vice President (Programs):

Rick Latimer (697-4100)

Vice President (Membership):

Jeannie Burger (287-9193)

Treasurer:

George Plaisted (583-9551)

Recording Secretary:

Debbie Capp (469-4784)

Corresponding Secretary:

Gene Schmedding (421-6510)

Immediate Past-President:

Gene Lund (469-1677)

NEWS BRIEFS

Special thanks are due to Rick Latimer for the fine program he gave at the August General Meeting.

The slide show was a fine tribute to his late father and also a nice look at his family's Epi Hybrids.

Jeannie Burger has those nifty, blue plastic name tags available. Let people know who you are, order yours today. Cost is a mere \$2.65.

See her at the general meeting.

JEAN MARTIN

Members were saddened to learn at the August Meeting of the passing of former SDES member Eugenia V. (Jean) Martin.

Jean was a member of SDES from 1984 until June of this year and will long be remembered for her love of Epis.

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National City, California 92050

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
BY-LAWS OF SAN DIEGO EPIPHYLLUM
SOCIETY, INCORPORATED

VOTING ON THESE PROPOSALS WILL TAKE
PLACE AT THE GENERAL MEETING
OCTOBER 8, 1986

The By-Laws of the San Diego Epiphyllum Society, Inc. provide for their change by amendment (ART XII). Earlier this year a committee was selected by the SDES Executive Board to examine and make recommendations regarding By-Law amendments. The Committee was chaired by Margaret Pethley and presented its recommendations to the General Membership at the August 13th General Meeting.

Other members of that committee were Jeannie Burger, Rick Latimer, Milt Turner and Kathie vanArum.

In this review of those changes please note that words appearing in [brackets] are the existing text which will be replaced by underlined new text upon approval by a two-thirds majority of members present at the Oct. 8, 1986 General Meeting.

Absentee votes are not allowed (ART. XII, Item E.)

At the August General Meeting members were invited to read a document prepared by the By-Laws Committee entitled "San Diego Epiphyllum Society, Inc. PROPOSED BY-LAWS". Members were instructed to read this and be ready to discuss the proposals at the September General Meeting.

To facilitate such a discussion the current By-Laws require:
ARTICLE XII, Item B
"...such proposed change be published in the Society newsletter one month prior to actual voting on such amendment or alteration."

The following, to meet that requirement and allow membership to vote on the amendments at the October General Meeting, is a listing of the proposed amendments along with the existing by-law which they directly change.

Some items in the existing By-Laws are moved from one place to another, many will require renumbering because of the extensive nature of the change. Roberts Rules of Order (the chosen guide for such questions)

do not require that these shifts in location within the body of the By-Laws be voted on.
As such they are not included in this special section.

This guide follows the existing By-Laws numerically except when it is necessary to group Articles and Items for clarity and similarity of purpose.

Sean Minogue

ART.II, ITEM D

[The Society shall hold each year when possible, flower shows, garden tours, open gardens, displays, and other special functions as directed by the Executive Board.]

Effect of amendment...
Item D would be dropped from By-Laws.

ART.III, ITEM B

[Mailing addresses for officers may be different than A above upon approval of the Executive Board.]

Effect of amendment...
Item B would be dropped from By Laws and this issue would be covered in SDES Standing Rules.

ART. IV, ITEM B

[Anyone interested in Epiphyllums may be eligible for membership.]

Effect of amendment...
Item B would be dropped from By Laws.

ART. IV, ITEM C

An active member is any individual or [husband and wife] organization who has paid dues and the period of such dues has not expired.

Effect of amendment...
Memberships would be available to organizations and individual persons. Married couples would require separate memberships.
See also Standing Rules.

ART. IV, ITEM H

The Executive Board shall have the power to revoke any individual membership [firm membership, or husband and wife membership] or organization membership at any time when good cause is shown to justify such action.

Effect of amendment...
Bring By-Laws into line with ART. IV, ITEM C.

Amendments concerning changes to duties of Second Vice President and appointment of the Mothers' Day Flower Show Chairperson...

The Executive Board has indicated that the Second Vice President should be the Chair of the Mothers' Day Flower Show and that the Membership Secretary should become a separate elected office.

The following amendments are grouped here for ease of understanding.

ART. V, ITEM A

The Elected officers of the Society shall be President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Membership Secretary, Treasurer and Nine Directors.

ART. VI, SECTION 1, ITEM B .
Appoint the following chairmen, with the approval of the Executive Board: Historian, Editor of the Newsletter, Parliamentarian, Librarian, Hospitality, Publicity, Flower Shows (except the Mothers' Day Show), Garden tours, Refreshments.....

ART. VI, SECTION 3, ITEM A

The Second Vice President shall [be the membership secretary.] be chairman of the Mothers' Day Flower Show.

ART. VII, ITEM A

The Executive Board shall consist of the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Membership Secretary, nine directors and the [junior] immediate Past President [(ex Officio)].

Effect of amendment...
Adds Membership Secretary to Executive Board and removes "ex-officio" status from Past President.

ART. V, ITEM F

Any officer missing three consecutive board meetings [either general meetings or Executive Board Meetings, without notifying the Executive Board for cause, shall] without approval of the Executive Board, may have the office declared vacant and a successor shall be named as approved below.

Effect of amendment...
Current By-law requires ouster of officers after 3 unannounced absences from either Board or General meetings, proposal gives Board option to approve absences as well as take no action if that is its pleasure, when officers are absent from 3 consecutive board meetings.

ART. V, ITEM J

Every officer shall be accountable to the Executive Board for his or her actions on behalf of the Society, [and shall submit an outline of his or her proposed actions for Board consideration and approval by a simple majority vote.]

Effect of amendment...
While still accountable to the Executive Board, officers would no longer be required to get board approval for their proposed actions.

ART VI, SECTION 1, ITEM D
(The President shall...)

Submit an annual report [in the June newsletter.] in the first newsletter following the end of his/her term of office.

ART. VI, SECTION 6, ITEM H

(The Treasurers' Duties) Prepare annual statement and present books for audit [before June General Meeting] at completion of term of office.

Effect of amendments...
Matches annual report with end of term of office.

ART VI, SECTION 3, ITEM F

Make an annual report available to the general membership [in the June Newsletter] each October.

Effect of amendment...
Membership reports will now be available in October.

ART. VII, ITEM G

As soon as possible after the first meeting in [July] January an operating budget shall be submitted to the General Membership for approval.

Effect of amendment... Unless a special meeting were called members would vote on the proposed budget at the February General Meeting.

ART. VII, ITEM H

It shall authorize the expenditure of Society funds allowed by the budget. Unbudgeted items shall be presented to the general membership for approval in amounts in excess of [\$50.00] \$100.00.

Effect of amendment... The Executive Board would be able to approve unbudgeted expenditures up to \$100.00.

ART. IX, ITEM E

Additional nominations may be nominated from the floor in the September meeting only provided such nominee is present and agrees to the nomination or has given his or her consent prior to the election.

Effect of amendment... By-Laws would be very specific about the time when nominations from the floor would be appropriate.

ART X, ITEM B

[A husband and wife are each entitled to one vote.]

Effect of amendment... Brings item into line regarding elimination of Husband/Wife membership.

ART X, ITEM C

[Business firms] Organizations may have one vote. However, [a company] an organization representative may not also vote as a general member.

Effect of amendment... Rewords item to comply with new Organization membership format.

ART X, ITEM E

Absentee vote will be permitted. All members residing outside of San Diego County will automatically receive an absentee ballot with their October Newsletter. All others requiring an absentee ballot must request, in writing, the Ballot [An absentee voter must request a ballot] from the recording secretary after the report of the nominating committee...

Effect of amendment... Requires sending absentee ballots to members residing outside S.D. County automatically.

ART XI, ITEM A

The Society shall hold [General meetings on the second Wednesday of each month, except the month of December, in room 101 of Casa del Prado, Balboa Park, San Diego, at 7:30 PM.] a monthly general meeting. A quorum shall be 50 members.

Effect of amendment... Would removed location, time and date for general meetings from by-laws. SEE STANDING RULES

ART XI, ITEM B

The Society's Executive Board shall hold a meeting monthly [but not in December, generally on the fourth Wednesday in room 104 Casa del Prado at 7:30 PM. The president may, on occasion, call the meeting of the Executive Board to meet at any other location as desirable.] A quorum shall be nine members.

Effect of amendment... Location, time and date of Executive Board Meetings removed from by-laws. SEE STANDING RULES

ART XI, ITEM C

The [regular] meeting in December shall be Installation of New Officers [and any other business that may arise] and Directors.

Effect of amendment... Removes provision for transacting business other than installation of officers and directors at December meeting.

STANDING RULES

Several of the suggested amendments remove items from the By-Laws and as you can see on page 6 of the August 13th handout it is suggested that these be covered under the structure of Standing Rules.

The concept of Standing Rules may be new to some members. To be clear let's start with the definition of Standing Rules from Robert's Rules of Order... "...resolutions of a permanent nature...which are binding... until they are rescinded or modified...(Standing Rules) can be adopted by a majority vote at any meeting...they can be suspended, modified

Standing Rules (con't)

or rescinded by a majority vote...without the previous notice, etc., required for by-laws...future sessions of the society are at liberty to terminate them whenever they please."

Article XIII of the current by-laws states "The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised 1970, shall govern in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-Laws.

As such, unless the By-Laws are further amended, the Standing Rules as published on page 6 of the handout from the August 13th meeting titled "PROPOSED BY-LAWS" must be changed before being adopted.

Rule 4 says that the address can not be changed without majority vote of membership and the unanimous vote of the Executive Board.

As we have seen, General Robert allows change to a Standing Rule with a simple majority vote.

This would also apply to the footnote which states "These standing rules may be changed by a majority vote of the Executive Board with the exception of Standing Rule #4."

Again Roberts' exact words are " a majority vote at any meeting."

Possibly the membership of SDES wants their Executive Board to have this power over standing rules, perhaps not. The only way we will know is if the SDES membership approves an amendment to the By-Laws specifically giving them this power.

Until that time, if the membership chooses to adopt these standing rules they must be aware that all of the rules may be changed by a majority of either the Board or General Membership.

SDES BY-LAW AMENDMENTS PAGE FOUR

WHEW !

As you can see the proposed changes are sweeping and diverse.

I have tried my best to present a detailed and complete accounting of the changes as I see them.

Fair as I may try to be, there are many places where an opinion may have slipped in. Particularly the conclusions in the last section, about the Standing Rules are based on my reading of Robert's Rules and not the opinion of a trained Parliamentarian. Read this section with as many grains of salt as you deem necessary. In any event we should be able to answer this and many other questions at the September 10th General Meeting.

We do have alot to talk about.

Sean Minogue

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. 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...starting at \$6.00. The flowering season may be over, but the "plant season" is at its peak! Everything is growing like mad, and those epi baskets are getting better looking by the day. They're bound to be blooming size by next spring. California Epi Center, Box 1431-SDES, 1444 E. Taylor St., Vista, CA 92083. (619) 758-4290.



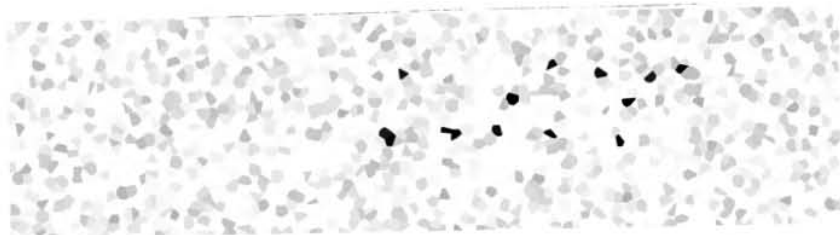
BOTANICAL EVENTS

Sept. 20 & 21
San Diego Bromeliad Show
CdP/101
Sat. 1-4:30, Sun. 10-4:30
FREE

Sept. 26 & 28
Palomar Orchid Soc'y-Fall Show
Plaza Camino Real, Carlsbad
11-4 both days
FREE

Sept. 27 & 28
San Diego Bonsai Fall Show
CdP/101
Sat. and Sun. 10-5
FREE

Oct. 4 & 5
Balboa Park African Violet
Fall Show
CdP/101
10 - 4
FREE



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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month:

7:30 P.M.
Room #101, The Majorca Room
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

Guests are welcome to attend all regular meetings.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

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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