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SAN DIEGO EPIPHYLLUM SOCIETY, INC.

ELECTIONS DRAW NEAR

Elections will be held on November 12th at the General Meeting for Officers and Executive Board Members. The nominating committee made its report at the September 10th General Meeting. After submitting the list to membership nominations were opened from the floor. None were made at that time and nominations were declared closed.

The Nominees Are:

President:

Milt Turner

First Vice President:

Rick Latimer

Second Vice President:

Dorothy Breining

Recording Secretary:

Debbie Capp

Corresponding Secretary:

Gene Schmedding

Membership Secretary:

Jeannie Burger

Treasurer:

George Plaisted

Upon election each officer

would serve one year.

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MEMBERS, CHECK YOUR ATTICS

Members holding Society property are asked to help their Executive Board reach a decision.

Many helpful SDES members have equipment and other items of Society property stored in their homes, attics and garages. These may be props used at the Annual Flower Show or records of the SDES from previous years. The SDES Executive Board would like to know exactly what is out there so that a good decision can be made regarding its future storage or disposal.

Contact any member of the Executive Board and tell them what items you are holding.

It is also important to know the size, function and condition of these items

(Elections, cont.)

Executive Board Members:

Richard Plock, Charles Coons, Kathie vanArum, Sean Minogue
Upon election each new board member would serve two years.

There are four positions available.

SLIDES AND MORE AT THE OCT. MEETING

At the October 8th General Meeting members will see the special SDES Year in Review program by Society Photographer, Charles Coons.

Charlie will show slides of last years Christmas Awards Banquet, the Mothers Day Show and many other events.

Come see yourself and your friends and all those epis!

October 8th is also the date that members will vote on the By-Law amendments proposed at the August meeting and discussed at length in the September issue of Epi News.

Help your Society decide how it should conduct its business by attending this meeting and casting your vote in this important election.

Members will vote at the November General Meeting for officers and Executive board members for the new year. See related article on this page.

SDWAP BEAUTY AND THE BEAST SHOW AND SALE OCTOBER 11&12

The Annual Beauty and the Beast show and sale will be held at the San Diego Wild Animal Park Saturday, Oct. 11 and Sunday Oct. 12.

This year the theme is "Education" and participants include various nurseries and other businesses and many plant societies including local Rose, Geranium, Bromeliad, and Cactus and Succulent groups. Of course our Epis will be represented by SDES with cutting sales and an exhibit.

The plant sale is simply the best. You'll find ferns, pines, palms, proteas and more.

Special tours and demonstrations will be held. The San Diego Wild Animal Park is a wonderful place to spend the day. The Beauty and the Beast Show/Sale gives you the perfect excuse to visit the park again.

Cutting Table Chair Charlie Coons needs your help.

Cuttings are needed for the table and fast. The supply was well depleted during the special Sale in September

SEPTEMBERS PROGRAM

Our September program was one of the most outstanding we have ever had.

Our speaker was Mr. Vince Lazaneo of the County Agriculture Department and garden writer for the Sunday San Diego Union.

Mr. Lazaneo told members about new pests in the area and answered questions from members about other insects and insecticides. He also presented a slide program on the way water travels through various soil types, answering such questions as where your pots are driest and why.

The program was also memorable because Mr. Lazaneo is sightless and has to remember everything that a "reader" reads to him. His store of knowledge seems limitless.

Gene Schmedding

BEAUTIFUL AND BEASTLY HELPERS NEEDED

We need more members to sign up for working the cutting table and acting as host at the Epi House. The need for Sunday October 12th is especially great. Please sign up at the October 8th General Meeting.

Dick Chadwick

DEADLINE FOR NOV. ISSUE IS OCT.27th

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MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Our member of the month for October is one of our true core members. Every Society has core members, the small percentage of the total group that seem to be everywhere, all the time, doing everything they can to help the society and its members. Few SDES members fit that better than Charlie Coons.

Charlie is the Society Photographer, Chair of the Cutting Sales, a member of the Executive Board and a frequent volunteer for the various jobs that pop up in a Society as large as ours is. Members fall ill and Charlie is on the scene taking care of their plants and doing chores large and small. A work party at the Wild Animal Park and there's Charlie, taking photos and pitching in to get the work done. Charlie regularly spends time and more driving around Southern California gathering cuttings and plants for the voracious appetite of our membership. Thanks Charlie for a great job, well done.

EPI CARE FOR FALL drainage, rest & snails

CULTURE TIPS
by Sean Minogue

Some epis want to rest now.

If you have epis that go dormant withhold fertilizer and cut down on water.

Many of my plants continue to grow year round. I cut down, but do not eliminate food for these plants. When I resume feeding in late February I will use a hi-bloom type fertilizer. If you continue to feed during the winter you may wish to switch now to the hi-bloom formula or wait a month or two. Feeding of plants is very personal. Experiment and decide what works best for you.

This is a good time of year to examine the plants you added to your collection this year. Make sure the soil is going to drain fast enough to keep the roots moist but not wet. Rain water is good for your epis only if it doesn't overstay its welcome.

Many times the plants we buy or receive from our friends are potted in a soil that we would never use for our own plants. Change it now if you are in doubt.

Snails make their dreaded re-appearance with the first rains

each Fall and in my neighborhood, that was two weeks ago. Every epi grower should be on the alert for them.

There are many ways of combatting snails. The most effective method is always the one that works best for you.

Some methods are:

Baiting or spraying.

Paying children to collect them for you.

Place beer in a saucer near known Snail paths.

Night patrols with flashlight are the best way to check your progress. Snails move slow but work fast. Do not let them get started.

ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS WHAT TO DO

Members unable to attend the November 12th General Meeting may request a ballot from SDES Recording Secretary Debbie Capp.

Since all nominees are running unopposed, and the as yet unadopted By-Law amendments cannot be applied, ballots for absent voters will be prepared only on request.

Send your requests to:

Debbie Capp, SDES Recording Secretary

4132 Charles Street

La Mesa, Calif. 92041

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OCTOBER GOODIES

The year is flying by--only a couple of months left in 1986. The ones signed up for October goodies are---

Norma Gunter

Lousie Newman

Dorothy Ogdon

Lois Tripp

Penny Bunker

SNACKS NEEDED

Penny Bunker advises me of a continuing problem with sign-ups for the refreshment table. There just aren't enough.

It is hard work to keep the tables as nicely presented and bountiful as ours are month after month and the work is much harder if you have to labor under the big IF.

Help Penny and the Society, sign up now for refreshments. We need them for October and November and then again after New Years. Thanks to Penny, for all her hard work, and those members who come through time after time.

Sean

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INFORMATION**

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

Meetings are held on the
second Wednesday of each
month, 7:30pm, Room #101,
Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

Guests are welcome at
all regular meetings.