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CHRISTMAS BANQUET RECAP

by Gene Schmedding

"Hurrahs" to Margaret Pethley and Elinor Latimer for the wonderful Awards/Installation dinner and program that they arranged for us. The SDES Christmas Installation and Awards Banquet held Wednesday, December 16th at the Bahia Hotel on scenic Mission Bay in San Diego.

The dinner was wonderful, as usual. The steaks were so large that many people took theirs home in a 'doggy bag'. (Just too good to throw away.) Of course I took mine home to my pet piranha.

I know that I have said this before, but "this was the best program that we have ever had."

The entertainment was outstanding. Three people from Starlight Opera entertained us with selections from the musical comedies Oklahoma and Brigadoon and the operetta The Merry Widow, among many others.

Robert Austin sang and played the piano. He was joined in song by Joe and Debbie Carson. I must say that they have the most beautiful voices that I've heard in some time, and I'm a musical comedy 'freak'.

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JANUARY GOODIES

Penny Bunker reports that there were no sign-ups for the January refreshment table.

Please bring something to share if you are able.

You can volunteer for future dates at the January General Meeting.

Welcome to new member

Alice Glazebrook
El Cajon, California

FRENCH TO SPEAK

George French will give the program at the SDES General Meeting on January 14th. In addition to slides of his most recent hybrids, George's photos will include some of the beautiful New England fall foliage, taken last October when George and his wife Madeline visited "Down East".

You won't want to miss this very special program of nature's colors or the sneak peak at what is cooking in George's garden.

SDES General Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm in Room 101 of the Casa del Prado in San Diego's Balboa Park. There's always something unusual to see, so come early. Guests are welcome at the regular monthly meetings.

To My Fellow Members:

I am looking forward to an exciting and fun year, for all of us, at the San Diego Epiphyllum Society. 1987 will be a year of change, a year in which you will see new programs and events that will provide a higher level of education and interest within our group. I am sure that this will be a year that will be rewarding to all of our members.

I want you to know that I was very pleased with the high caliber of individual that you have seen fit to elect to the Board of Directors this year and I am looking forward to working with them.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you "the very best this holiday season" and suggest that you brighten your new year with continued attendance and participation at our meetings and events.

Sincerely,
San Diego Epiphyllum Society, Inc.

Milton D. Turner,
President

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CHRISTMAS BANQUET
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The Carsons had a baby a few months ago, and I'm willing to bet the child doesn't cry but sings instead.

Last years officers wer relieved of their duties and the new were sworn in by SDES past president Elinor Latimer. Each officer being installed received a candy bar with a name depicting their job. (I don't remember them all but new president Milt Turner got one named Rocky Road, mine was Good News. Very Clever.)

Thanks again to Margaret and Elinor.

Epi News notes with regret
the deaths of two members

Adela Markey

Paul Gray

AHEAD IN '87
FOR EPI NEWS

In the next few months you can look forward to articles about...

epis, soils, epi culture, fertilizers, epi history, water, epi hybrids, general gardening tips, epi people, SDES news and information, botanical events and lots more.

But not without your help. Your articles, letters, questions, drawings, photos, news items and opinions are needed to make this newsletter complete.

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Thank you for your continued support.



Sean Minogue

DEADLINE
FOR FEB. ISSUE
IS JAN. 26th

SDES Membership Secretary Jeannie Burger will gladly accept orders for the blue plastic SDES name tags. See Jeannie at the January general Meeting for details.

Feed blooms?

NOW IS
THE TIME

Epiphyllum in January are a wonderful sight. Plump, vivid green with the delightful young tips of burgundy. Some buds are starting their earliest formative stages in preparation for their colorful burst come spring. Some early blooms are open now.

This vigorous, tender growth must be carefully protected from the cold weather ahead. Freezing temperatures must be avoided.

January is the month to begin feeding your epis with a fertilizer low in nitrogen. There are several different liquid "Bloom" fertilizers available. The current favorite is Liquinox Bloom brand liquid fertilizer. Liquinox uses a base solution of 10% yucca extract and the theory is that our epis can utilize the nutrients faster and more completely. don't know if there is any research to back this up, but many folks are raving about this product.)

Low nitrogen fertilizers will have label ratings around 0-10-10 or something similar.

Since the "Bloom" application is made during the wettest time of the year many epi growers prefer to use a dry time-release fertilizer and leave the work to Mother Nature.

Protect your plants from the wind. All plants love good air circulation but your epis can be easily damaged by strong winds.

Check you soil. Porous soils will enable your plants to survive the heaviest of rains.

Watch for snails and slugs. Bait for them or hand pick them, just keep them off your epis.

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San Diego County gardeners have two telephone numbers they can call with their questions about gardening, plant care, local pests and their control, fertilizers and a wide variety of home gardening topics.

Volunteers from the University of California Cooperative Extension's Master Gardener program will answer your questions by phone at (619) 565-5571 any weekday, 9am to 3pm. In addition to being highly knowledgeable, these folks will be glad to research your questions in their extensive library.

The UCCE also operates 'Teletips', a bank of computerized, prerecorded messages about hundreds of gardening subjects. Callers using 'Tone' telephones may call anytime day or night. Callers with rotary 'Dial' phone require the assistance of office staff and may call only Monday through Friday, 8am to 5pm. The number is (619) 565-5630. Teletip tapes include information about Child Care, Food Preservation and Money Management in addition to home gardening.

Try one of these unique services next time you have a question. Both services are offered without charge to the caller.

CAMILIAS MAKE PRADO SHOW

The Casa del Prado will be alive with color on January 31st and February 1st, as the San Diego Camilia Society hosts its 40th annual spring show.

The free event will be held from 1p.m. to 5p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4p.m. on Sunday.

FERN SOC'Y MEETS

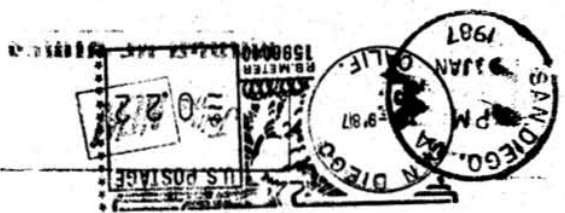
The San Diego Fern Society holds its monthly meetings on the 3rd Thursday of each month in Room 101 of the Casa del Prado. Meeting time is 7:30.

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Our all new FULL COLOR "Flowering Jungle Cactus" catalog has been mailed to all of our California customers who purchased plants from us in 1986. If you purchased plants from us last year and haven't received the new catalog yet, please let us know, and we'll get your copy into the mail. The catalog price for those of you who haven't purchased plants from us recently is \$2.00 (refundable). We'll include our \$3.00 Early Bird Coupon which is good through March 15th, and which may be used with any purchase totalling \$15.00 or more, either from the catalog or at the nursery. We've increased the catalog size substantially to 48 pages, 174 photos and 542 plants...and it includes epiphyllums, Christmas/Easter/Rat-tail Cacti, rhipsalis, night blooming jungle cacti, hoyas, haworthias and more. All of the plants mentioned above are also offered at the nursery as well as a large selection of reasonably priced (starting at \$6.00) basket size epiphyllums. We are open by "appointment" ... please call, and if we are here you'll be welcome to come by. California Epi Center, Box 1431-SDS, 1444 E. Taylor St., Vista CA 92083. (619) 758-4290.



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MEMBERSHIP
INFORMATION

The San Diego Epiphyllum Society, Inc. is dedicated to promoting
the growing, displaying and collecting of Epiphyllum,
and its related species.

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

Individual memberships are \$3.00 per year domestic, \$12.00 per year international
Organization memberships are \$3.00 per year (domestic).

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