



# EPI NEWS

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## MOTHER'S DAY UPDATE

This year our Mother's Day Show will have some changes from previous years.

We will have some new trophies and award categories.

The Cactus and Succulent Society of America has donated a trophy to be given for the best educational display.

A new trophy, the Eva Clover Memorial Trophy, has been purchased. The trophy will be given to the "Best Flower" on the table that SDES has for exhibitors unable to sign-up for a full or half table.

There is also a new class for arrangements, the winner of this category will be awarded a rosette.

These awards are in addition to the three trophies we already have:

The Buddy Hurst Trophy for the best newly registered seedling.

The Troxell Trophy for the display table that most closely follows the theme of the show.

The William Nelson Trophy for

the best epiphytic plant displayed at the show.

Room 101 will be open at 5:30 on Saturday evening for preliminary setup and 7:00 AM Sunday for finishing the displays.

Judging will be at 9:30 AM on Sunday. Please try to have your arrangements finished at that time. All name tags must be placed face down until judging is complete.

There will be doughnuts and coffee for all workers and exhibitors during the early morning.

Dick Chadwick and his crew would like to get your donated cuttings as quickly as possible so that they can get a lot of the preliminary work over. Please see that your cuttings are marked with the name and the colors of the flower.

If you are planning to participate in the pot-luck, open to exhibitors and workers only, be sure to contact Vernon Hook so that he will have an idea of what you intend to bring.

Plan to be there. We need your support and effort to make this show a success.

We'll miss you if you don't make it.

-Dorothy Breining

SD/WAP EPI SHOW DETAILS

The San Diego Wild Animal Park's annual Epiphyllum and Fuchsia show is only hours away as this edition of Epi News reaches your home. Some last minute reminders and announcements are in order.

If you wish to show and have not reserved a table contact show chairman Sean Minogue at 475-4478 at once.

No one indicated an interest in setting up displays on Friday May 1, as a result the park is not expecting us to set up and will not be prepared for us. Set up for Saturday and for Sunday is 7:00 AM, remember that you may enter through the service entrance but your cars must be out of the park area by 9:00 AM sharp.

The pot-luck for SDES members will be at 4:00 in the Epiphyllum House. There will be no facilities for heating food. Contact Marge Schlapfer (460-3920) if you have any questions about the pot-luck. Your contribution should serve twelve people.

Members of the Fuchsia Society attending the show will be our guests at the pot-luck.

ESA BUS TOUR  
INFORMATION REVEALED

We will leave from Balboa Park (behind the Organ Pavillion) at 8:00 AM. Our first stop will be Desert Nursery in Riverside. Then on to the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum for the Epiphyllum Society of America's annual flower show.

This year we will have lunch at the Arboretum, bring a sack lunch or purchase your lunch at the Arboretum Coffee Shop.

After the show we will visit Ethel Hurst at her nursery.

Our return time is 6:30 PM and we should have time for some surprise stops along the way.

Price for the tour is \$14.00 per person. Checks may be sent to:  
Michele Davis, P.O.Box 443,  
Santee, CA 92071

Early signup is essential. Checks must reach me by May 9th. You may also signup at the SDES Pot-Luck at the SDWAP on May 2nd. If space is still available I will accept your reservation at the Mother's Day Show.

Seating is limited and our buses are full every year so sign up early.

If you have any questions please call me during the evening, 619 561-0485.

-Michele Davis

Epi Caravan, Saturday May 23

Contrary to what I stated in last months newsletter, there will be a charge of \$1.00 per person for our Epi Caravan.

At the May General Meeting and the Mother's Day Show I will have maps and directions for those who have made reservations.

If you have any questions please call me 477-5258.

- Kathie vanArum  
(See related notice next page)

CARPOOLING URGED

Epi Caravaners are encouraged to form carpools for the May 23rd event. According to event chair Kathie vanArum many of the locations being visited have only limited parking space. Members attending and planning to drive spacious vehicles should contact Kathie for more carpooling information.

Kathie's number is 477-5258.

Don't be left out.

EXCELLENT "EPI" TUNITY

Louise Newman reports that her 800 plant epi collection is for sale. Plants range in size from one gallon to ten gallon, and all are in excellent condition.

Selections include many newer hybrids as well as the tried and true favorites.

Louise would like to sell the collection as a group, no individual plants or small lots will be sold. This is the perfect chance for the new epi enthusiast or the veteran grower to obtain a sizable collection of plants.

For information call Louise Newman, 619 448-3145.

SPRING'S FIRST SHOWS  
BRING EPIS TO NEW FANS

SDS Members were at work at two garden shows the last weekend in April, spreading the good news about epiphyllums to

thousands of flower lovers.

Thanks and congratulations to the George Watsons for the fine job they and their helpers did at the Coronado Flower Show. A complete list of those helping wasn't available at press time but among those helping out were Harry and Betty Ridge, Charlie Coons and Milt Turner. Across

the way from the SDS display our friends from the U.C. Extension Master Gardener Program, Paul and Peg Minardi and Gus and Marge Schlapfer, also had many beautiful epi blossoms to show.

The San Diego Home/Garden Magazine Spring Flower Show began its 2nd annual run on Friday the 24th. Milt Turner was the organizer for this event and a partial listing of SDS members helping includes John Piland, Charlie Coons, Sean Minogue and Kathie vanArum.

Lois and Bob Burks of California Epi Center had a booth of their own. At least on Friday morning, when this reporter was present, the foot traffic between the two booths kept up a frantic pace.

The Master Gardener booth also featured some epis on Saturday morning, thanks again to Gus Schlapfer.

With so many people working to popularize epiphyllums is it any wonder that they are finding their way into more and more homes and gardens. Their efforts should result in increased attendance at our Mother's Day Show.

DEADLINE FOR JUNE ISSUE  
is MAY 20, 1987

OGDON/FRENCH FINESSE  
SHOWS AT MIRA MESA

SDES will be represented at the Mira Mesa Mall's Mother's Day Show, on May 9th, by four of its better known members. George and Madeline French and Nate and Dorothy Ogdon will display epis and distribute literature about our favorite plants and plant society.

The Ogdon/French combination is certain to produce an excellent display well worth the short drive. Epi displays always inspire many questions and our four representatives are well able to answer them all.

The Mira Mesa Mall is located at 8150 F Mira Mesa Blvd. There is no admission charge.

MINI SHOW IN MAY

SDES Vice President in charge of programs, Rick Latimer, announced that the May General Meeting will feature the traditional Mini Show. This popular event gives members another chance to see and share epi blossoms.

All members are encouraged to bring a few or many blossoms to the meeting. Due to the popularity of the Mini Show it is wise for members to arrive at CdP/101 a few minutes earlier than usual.

The meeting will also feature the formal presentation of awards from our Mother's Day Show.

Be there.

YUM YUM !!!!!!!



Penny Bunker reports another poor month for refreshment signups. "Do you want us to drop the coffee break?", she asks. "To have a hundred or more at meetings one would think ten people would sign up...to bring goodies."

Three all-stars are signed up for May, they are:  
Mary Ann Alexanderson  
Betsy Bollman  
Dorothy Ogdon

Our May meeting always has a large crowd. If you are able, please bring something to share with your friends, it would be greatly appreciated.

BOTANICAL EVENTS FOR MAY

May 16th & 17th  
San Diego Geranium Society  
15th Annual Show  
Sat. noon to 5, Sun. 10AM to 5

May 23rd & 24th  
Balboa Park Bromeliad  
Study Group Annual Show  
Sat. & Sun. 11AM to 4:30

May 30th & 31st  
Heartland Af. Violet Soc'y.  
6th Annual Show  
Sat. 1 to 5, Sun. 11 to 5

May 30th & 31st  
S. D. Botanical Gdn. Fdn. Sale  
Sat. & Sun. 10 to 5

June 6th & 7th  
S. D. Cactus & Succulent Show  
Sat. 1 to 5, Sun. 10 to 5

All listed shows and sales are held in the Casa del Prado, Balboa Park. Admission - free.

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RAINBOW GARDENS wishes all of you a HAPPY FLOWERING SEASON. With circumstances preventing us again from displaying at your lovely flower show, we hope that this doesn't discourage your making 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: 9:00AM-4:30 PM. Bring your camera! Rainbow Gardens, 1574 Dorothea Rd., La Habra Heights, CA 90631

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CALIFORNIA EPI CENTER will be open Saturdays ONLY during May and June. If you'd like to come at another time, please call for an appointment. If we're here, you're welcome to come by. All of the plants and cutting offered in our catalog are available at the nursery AND we have a large selection of epi baskets, many in bud, at reasonable prices (\$6.00 and up). Our all new FULL COLOR 1987 "Flowering Jungle Cactus" catalog is \$2.00 (refundable). We've also increased the catalog size substantially to 48 pages, 174 photos and 542 plants... and it includes epiphyllums, Christmas/Easter/Rattail Cacti, rhipsalis, night blooming jungle cacti, hoyas, haworthias and more. Wholesale is available to dealers. Please send wholesale inquiries on nursery letterhead and include nursery number and resale number. California Epi Center, Box 1431-SDES, 1444 E. Taylor St., Vista, CA 92083. (619) 758-4290.

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CUTTINGS AVAILABLE  
Sunday, May 10, 1987  
10:30am to 4:00pm  
Majorca Room,  
Casa del Prado,  
Balboa Park

San Diego  
Epiphylum Society's  
Mother's Day Show  
"South Pacific"

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RANDOM NOTES

A special request has been made for more precise abbreviations on your donated cuttings. Please mark PUR for purple and PK or PINK for pink. Many thanks for your help.

A special request from a Casa del Prado dancer, who lost a blue flaired skirt, outside CdP/101, the night of our last general meeting for information about its whereabouts or even its return. Contact Milt Turner if you can help.

MORE NOTES

Vernon Hook reports a shortage of signups in the Hot Dish category, for the Mother's Day pot-luck.

Perhaps you can help.

See Vernon for more information about this.

Send your contributions for the newsletter to:

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