



# EPI NEWS

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## 106 ATTEND EPI BANQUET

### NEW AWARDS HONOR SDES PIONEERS

Among the awards presented at the December 9th San Diego Epiphyllum Society's annual Christmas Awards and Installation banquet were two new awards, established to honor dedicated SDES members.

The first new award presented was the Walter and Penny Bunker Trophy, dedicated to our recently retired Refreshment Chair Penny Bunker and her late husband. The award was established this year by the SDES Executive Board to be given to the winner in our new "arrangement category" at our annual Mother's Day Show. Outgoing SDES 2nd Vice President Dorothy Breining presented the plaque to Margaret Blake, the 1987 winner for her beautiful arrangement "Trade Winds".

Rick Latimer, SDES 1st Vice President (and incoming 2nd VP), announced the winners of the Richard G. Latimer, Sr. Memorial Trophy. This new award was established by contributors to a special memorial fund established to honor the late epi-hybridizer after his death in 1986. Winners this year were Nathan and Dorothy Ogdon. The Ogdons (See "Awards" on page 2.)

### GALA EVENT SERVES HOLIDAY CHEER by John F. Noble

Song, food, fashions and even epis greeted SDES members at this year's Christmas Awards and Installation Banquet.

Event chair Pat Barrett and her helper Margaret Pethley orchestrated a fine event and earned unanimous praise.

George and Madeline French were on duty at the door greeting everyone upon arrival. The room was alive with the spirit of the season. Smiling SDES members, many dressed to the teeth, laughed, chatted in anticipation of the evening.

Suddenly the room settled and the dinner began. After greetings by SDES President Milton D. Turner and introduction of guest Richard M. Pentico, President of the Epiphyllum Society of America, business-like food servers were seen straining under the weight of our huge, tender steaks, smothered with a mushroom sauce (many of our canine friends ate well that night). The giant picture windows provided a festive view of downtown San Diego, (See Gala on page 2)

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accepted the award at their home owing to Nate's recent heart trauma. Included was a beautiful plant donated by Chuck Everson and Jerry Williams of Rainbow Gardens.

President Milton D. Turner presented Honorary Life Memberships in SDES to three women with long records of service to SDES, Helen Barkdoll, Margaret Pethley and Kathie vanArum. SDES Honorary Life Memberships recognize remarkable service to the society and its goals.

Also honored were the officers for 1987. Each was presented with a potted epi by President Turner and Pat Barrett.

Dorothy Breining conducted the installation of the new officers. Likening their work to that of a symphony orchestra, Dorothy gave each of the 1988 officers (except the three directors continuing their two year terms) a toy instrument, symbolic of the job each must perform in harmony with the others; a director is like a drum, a secretary like a woodwind, the treasurer is like a trumpet, VPs are like the string instruments and the president is like the sheet music.

Epi's became the focus as the evening ended. Members attending received a potted plant presented by President Turner and distributed by Messrs. Chadwick, Coons and Minoque.

Vernon Hook ended the evening by leading the ever popular plant exchange.  
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her tall buildings aglow with holiday lights.

After dinner, Pianist-Singer Robert Austin led soprano Carolyn Whyte and tenor Jose Medina through a varied program that included the rousing party song from La Traviata, arias from La Boheme and Rigoletto and novelty numbers including "Don't Go Near the Lion's Cage" and "April in Fairbanks". The trio concluded with a generous sampling of holiday songs including "O Holy Night", "Noche de Paz" (Silent Night), and the Bing Crosby favorites "White Christmas" and "Christmas in Kilarney".

Pat and Margaret came up with a very nice extra, a souvenir program to commemorate the evening (it featured Margaret's computer generated art work).

George and Madeline French operated the reception table.

A wonderful time was had by all.

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REFRESHMENTS FOR JANUARY

The list went around at the November meeting, you haven't forgotten have you? Those signed up are:

Leonore Arbayo  
Rose Martinez  
Marjorie Marshall  
Bonnie Van Wagner  
Oralee Steele  
Louise Newman  
Bob Scott

Would you like to volunteer to serve as the Refreshment Chair?

-Gerry Plaisted

SDES NEWS BRIEFS

At the Christmas party members heard reports of Nate Ogdon's recent heart attack...As we go to press Nate himself reports that he is feeling much better (as long as he sits down). Nate has this message.....

"I would like to thank everyone for their cards and thoughts during my recent bout. Also thanks to the Society for the dish garden."  
Nate Ogdon

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SDES 2nd Vice President, Rick Latimer has been honored with membership in IOS (which roughly translates to International Order of Succulents). This elite group (membership is by invitation only) is made up of the leading cactus and succulents experts both amateur and professional.

Rick has been raising and studying succulent plants for many years, his international reputation stands him in good stead with his new peers.

Congratulations Rick.

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Pioneer cactus and succulent hybridizer, explorer and retailer Harry Johnson died in early December at the age of 94. Mr. Johnson traveled widely and introduced many plants to cultivation. Perhaps most famous for the nursery he established in 1921 in Paramount, California, Mr. Johnson was indeed the largest commercial specialist in cactus and succulents in the United States. His colorful catalogs are still of value to the collector despite the

fact that they ceased publication over 20 years ago.

Of special interest to SDES members is Johnson's giant contribution to the world of Easter Cactus. Most of the hybrids available today are traceable directly to Mr. Johnson.

( Thanks to Leo Kihm for the information he has provided me about Mr. Johnson and his career. A more complete article about the Johnson hybrids will be in Epi News this Spring.)

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SDES will have its own table cloths for the Mother's Day Show thanks to action taken by membership on a recommendation from the Executive Board. SDES has approved an expenditure of \$800.00 to purchase plastic-coated fabric covers for SDES use during the annual show. Recent years have found available covers looking ragged and worn. These new covers will look good and meet City of San Diego requirements for protection of tables.

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SDES President Milton D. Turner needs your help to fill vacancies on various SDES committees.

If you are interested in serving your society contact Milt at the January 13th General Meeting.

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George Plaisted and Andy Capp will be working together on the supply committee. George reports that many new items will be available in 1988. Watch for details.

**SDES JANUARY MEETING  
OFFERS PANEL DISCUSSION**

As mentioned in last months Epi News, the program at the January 13th General Meeting will feature a panel discussion on growing epis in various micro-climates found in the San Diego area.

Panelists have not been announced.

Meeting time is 7:30 p.m. in Room 101 of Balboa Park's Casa del Prado.

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**SOUTH BAY EPI GROUP  
PRESENTS LINDEN IN FEBRUARY**

Dr. Seymour Linden, President of the Cactus and Succulent Society of America, will speak at the February meeting of the South Bay Epiphyllum Society, held at the South Coast Botanical Gardens in Palos Verdes, California according to the groups Epi Gram newsletter. The group meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00p.m.

Dr. Linden will give a slide presentation "Collecting Epiphytes in Costa Rica and Bolivia".

Those familiar with Dr. Linden presentations will agree that the 100 mile trip will be well worth the trouble.

More information about the presentation will be available at the SDES January 13th meeting. Or contact:

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C/O Dick Kohlschreiber  
1801 W. 27th St  
San Pedro, California 90732

**10 WAYS TO GET ALONG  
BETTER WITH PEOPLE**

(The author of this wisdom, submitted by Andy Capp, is uncredited.)

1. Before you say anything to anyone, ask yourself three things: (1) is it true, (2) is it kind, (3) is it necessary?

2. Only make promises you will keep, and keep them.

3. Give compliments freely and catch people doing something right. Be encouraging!

4. Don't gossip, and don't listen to gossip.

5. Practice forgiveness. Realize that most people are doing the best that they can.

6. Keep an open mind; discuss, but don't argue. ( It is possible to disagree with out being disagreeable.)

7. If someone criticizes you, see if there is any truth to what is said. Remember, this is simply feedback. Be true to yourself, and make changes if you want to.

8. Cultivate your sense of humor; laughter is the shortest distance between two people.

9. Do not seek to be consoled as much as to console; do not seek so much to be understood as to understand.

10. Be honest and direct. Manipulation undermines relationships.

## QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS

At the November meeting questionnaires were handed out. there were 52 responses. The final tabulations and remarks were very enlightening. Thanks to everyone who answered the questionnaire. All the suggestions are appreciated.

The following is the result of the survey.

1. Along with Epis the following number of respondents grow:

32 Cacti, 28 Hoyas, 28 Ferns, 25 Schlumbergeras, 24 Orchids, 23 Bromeliads, 22 Rhipsalis, 15 Rhipsalidopsis, 14 Aporophyllums, 9 Epidendrums, 8 Geraniums, 7 Roses, 5 Succulents, 3 Iris, 3 Bulbs, 2 Amaryllis, 2 Begonias, 2 Impatiens, 1 each of 17 others.

A profile can be drawn of the regular SDES member attending the meeting. They are versatile, being able to grow many exotic plants along with their tried and true garden flowers. They have varied interests and are willing to try new plants as shown by the diversity of species grown. Books and programs should be geared to these interests.

2 Tied for first place as most popular Epis are Ruby Snowflake and Empress. Second place is Pegasus. Tied for first place are Acapulco Sunset, Clown, Jennifer Ann, Padre, and Tassel. Tied for fourth place are Black light, George French, Kohinoor, Peacockii, Space Rocket and Spun Gold. There were 47 other epis with one vote each.

It is interesting to note that both old standby Epis and the newest sensations are represented on the list. Were your choices among the winners?

3. Members report 60 or more Epis that bloom off season in the San Diego area, they will be covered in a separate article.

4. Most people would like to take an active part in the society by being on a committee. we are fortunate that every committee had at least one volunteer.

16 volunteered to work at the Wild Animal Park, 13 for flower shows, 3 refreshments, 3 library, 3 Epi News reporters, 2 education, 2 Photographer, 1 nominations, 1 Awards Banquet, 1 Publicity, 1 research, 1 Hospitality, and 1 anonymous volunteer to serve as a director.

New people are needed and encouraged to join in the fun and excitement of directing this organization. Committees need more than one volunteer, so please support your favorite activity. Being on the board is also a wonderful way to make new friends and learn a lot of inside information.

- Helen Barkdoll

### BUILDING A SNAIL TRAP THAT REALLY WORKS

Are you looking for an effective, non-chemical method for eradicating snails from your garden?

The University of California has come up with an easy to build snail trap that really works. The simple structure provides snails with the moist darkness they seek during daylight hours.

Attach 2 one inch by one inch runners to the long sides of a 12 by 15 by 1 inch piece of wood. Place this on the runners on level ground in your garden. This will leave room for the snails to crawl under the board.

Check the trap daily and you should find the crustaceans just waiting for you to take them away. When you gather the grouped snails (they aren't really trapped, you must remove them regularly) they should be wrapped and disposed in the trash or crushed.

You can increase the effectiveness of the trap by baiting. The procedure may however be offensive to some. A few snails crushed, then rubbed on the underside of your board will serve as the most effective bait.

The adventurous might prefer them sauteed lightly in butter and wine. Call the Cooperative Extension at 694-2845 for information about The University of California's leaflet #2222 "Snails as Food- Escargots".

- Sean

### THE DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY IS JANUARY 20, 1988

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### EXTENSION HAS NEW NUMBERS FOR GARDENING INFORMATION

The new phone system is operating at the County of San Diego's Operations Center in Clairemont Mesa, bringing new telephone numbers for both the Master Gardener's Hot-Line and the Urban Horticulturist.

The new Master Gardener's number is 694-2860. This number puts you in touch with a volunteer who will assist you with your home gardening questions. Operating hours are Mon.- Fri. 9am to 3 pm.

Vincent Lazaneo, the Cooperative Extension's expert on Urban Horticulture is available by phone Wednesday 1pm to 5 pm at 694-2859.

Both numbers are great answers when you need to know about various aspects of home gardening.

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### ABOUT THAT BULK MAIL

A slight change in procedure has delayed the implementation of the new bulk mailing system for Epi News.

This delay will be temporary. Thank you for your understanding and continued cooperation.

Thanks also to Margaret Pethley for assuming the task of keeping the mailing list for SDES.

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**MEMBERSHIP IN SDES is open to**  
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**Epiphyllum and their related**  
**species.**

**Membership cost is \$3.00 per**  
**person for individuals and**  
**organizations.**

**Foreign memberships also are**  
**available.**

**SDES MEETS ON the 2nd**  
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