



# EPI NEWS

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SAN DIEGO EPIPHYLLUM SOCIETY, INC.

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## SDES GOES EAST FOR '88 SHOW THEME

An "Oriental Odyssey" awaits Epi Lovers this Mother's Day at the 18th Annual SDES Flower Show, according to 2nd Vice President Rick Latimer, Show Chair.

Rick announced this years theme at the January 27th SDES Executive Board Meeting.

The event will be held Sunday, May 8, 1988 in room 101 of Balboa Park's Casa del Prado (see events calendar inside).

Members are encouraged to start planning their displays now for a show that grows better each year. The show encourages participation by accommodating entries ranging from one flower to a full table area (or more).

Also at the Jan. 27th meeting the Board requested that the Show Chair prepare a listing of specific policies of eligibility for entrants and criteria for awarding the various show trophies. No changes are anticipated in past policies, however previous published guidelines for show exhibitors have included only information about times, dates and park regulations. The new guidelines are expected in time for publication in the April issue of Epi News.

## THE RETURN OF THE RELATED SPECIES

The topic turns again to the species of plants that are related to our familiar epi hybrids, as Rick Latimer continues the program he began last Spring at the February 10th, SDES General Meeting, according to Program Vice President Kathie vanArum.

Come explore the world of the other jungle cacti. Meeting time is 7:30 p.m. in room 101 of the Casa del Prado. Come early to see what George and Andy have on the supply table and Charlie has on the cutting table.

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## NEW TREASURER ANNOUNCED AS BOYLE RESIGNS

Newly-elected SDES Treasurer Blendina Boyle's surprise resignation has been regretfully accepted. Dr. Richard Plock has been named Treasurer by President Turner and confirmed by the Executive Board.

Plock has served the Society in a number of positions in the past including a stint as Treasurer during 1984 and 1985. Plock's appointment leaves a vacancy on the Executive Board ( he was elected to a two year term on the Board in 1986).

**SDES MEMBERS TEACH WAP  
TOUR GUIDES ABOUT EPIS**

San Diego Wild Animal Park's staff of tour guides received an epi education in hopes of making tours of the Epi House more meaningful to park visitors.

Dick Chadwick, George French and Joe Tran earned praise for what park officials termed "a fascinating presentation" and received the thanks of the SDWAP Education and Tour Operations Departments.

SDES Members comprising the regular weekly work force at the WAP (those named above and others) have traditionally opted for maintaining a low profile. That does not erase the fact that each week these hard workers devote the better part of a day to keeping our Epi House looking its best. They all deserve our thanks.

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**REFRESHMENTS ARE NEEDED**

Please help make the refreshment table bountiful this month.

Your cookies and treats are welcome and needed.

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**ADDRESS CORRECTION INFORMATION**

All corrections to your Epi News mailing label should be reported to SDDES Recording Secretary Margaret Pethley. All address changes should be reported to Membership Secretary Marjorie Marshall. Drop a note to either at the SDDES Post Office Box.

**AT THE JANUARY MEETING**

by Kathie vanArum

Those of you who missed the January meeting missed a very lively round-table discussion. The panel was composed of Rick Latimer, Elizabeth Glover, Sanford Roberts and George French.

Many in the audience asked very interesting questions and we all felt that we had had a very informative evening and had fun learning.

Our refreshments were very tasty too.

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**LINDEN TALK TO S. BAY GROUP  
POSTPONED**

The South Bay Epiphyllum Society has announced a change in their February program from that listed last month in this newsletter.

Dr. Seymore Linden will not appear as scheduled due to unforeseen circumstances, his talk, "Collecting Epiphytes in Costa Rica and Bolivia", will be rescheduled.

The program at the Feb. 9th meeting will be "Epiphytic Cacti" and will be presented by Bill Baker of California Gardens in Reseda.

Meeting time is 7:30 p.m. at the South Coast Botanic Gardens, in Palos Verdes.

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**DEADLINE FOR MARCH ISSUE IS  
FEBRUARY 22nd**

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SAN DIEGO EPIPHYLLUM SOCIETY, INC.  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR

1988

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SPECIAL EPI EVENTS: SHOWS, SALES, TOURS

THREE SHOWS IN APRIL

April 15, 16 & 17  
San Diego Home and Garden Magazine's third annual Spring Show at the Pat O'Brien Pavilion of the Del Mar Fairgrounds. SDES will display in '88.

April 16 & 17  
Coronado Flower and Garden Show. This is S.D. County's little-big flower show. Many displays from area plant & flower groups including ours. The show is held in Spreckles Park, downtown Coronado.

April 30 & May 1  
San Diego Wild Animal Park's Epiphyllum and Fuchsia Show. Again SDES shows what our plants can do. Displays, Epi House Tours, Cutting Sales, Demonstrations and our annual Pot-Luck on Saturday afternoon for our members and their families. At the Wild Animal Park.

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FOUR EVENTS IN MAY

May 7 & 8  
Mira Mesa Mall's 2nd Mother's Day Flower and Art Show. Last year our devoted Ogdons & Frenches displayed at this one. SDES will participate again at the shopping center.

MAY 8

SAN DIEGO EPIPHYLLUM SOCIETY'S 18TH ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SHOW AND SALE. "Oriental Odyssey" is the theme for the 1988 version of the biggest and the best epi show in the world. More than 40 display tables and thousands of blossoms. Rick Latimer, SDES 2nd Vice President is in charge of the Mother's Day Show. Pot-Luck for workers and exhibitors.

May 21

2nd Annual Epi Caravan/Open Garden Tour. Visit the fabulous gardens of SDES members for tours and snacks. The last stop is a wine and cheese tasting.

May 28 & 29

SD Botanical Garden Fnd. Plant Sale. SDES will pitch in.

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TWO FALL EVENTS FOR SDES

Oct. 8 & 9

SD/WAP Beauty and Beast Show and Sale. Joint ESA, S. Bay Epi and SDES Meeting at Park on the 8th is planned.

Dec. 14

SDES Awards & Inst. Banquet

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MEETING AND OTHER SHOW DATES ARE ON THE BACK OF THIS PAGE

## SDES GENERAL MEETINGS DATES

SDES holds its General Meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in Room 101 of the Casa del Prado in Balboa Park.

Meeting dates for 1988 are:

January 13th  
February 10th  
March 9th  
April 13th  
May 11th (Mini-Show)  
June 8th  
July 13th  
August 10th  
September 14th  
October 12th  
November 9th  
December 14th (Awards Banq.)

The SDES Executive Board meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month with two exceptions, November (usually held one week early) and December (no meeting). The Board meets in room 105 of the Casa del Prado at 7:30 p.m. Members are welcome to attend these meetings.

Executive Board Meeting Dates for 1988:

January 27th  
February 24th  
March 23rd  
April 27th  
May 25th  
June 27th  
July 21st  
August 24th  
September 28th  
October 26th  
November 16th

Committee meetings and workshops are held throughout the year. Many are listed in Epi News, others are announced at the General Meetings.

## OTHER BOTANICAL EVENTS

### FEBRUARY SHOWS

6 & 7 SD Camellia Soc'y  
20 & 21 SD Orchid Mini  
27 & 28 Ohara Chapt. IKEBANA

### MARCH SHOWS

5 & 6 SD Daytime Af. Violet  
18, 19 & 20 SD Co. Orchid  
(Show held at Scottish Rites Bldg. Mission Valley, Admission \$3.00)

19 & 20 Ikebana International  
26 & 27 Balboa Pk. Af. Violet

### APRIL SHOWS

2 & 3 Exotic Plant Society  
16 & 17 SD Bonsai Club  
23 & 24 SD Rose Society  
(SHOW HELD IN BALBOA PK. CLUB)  
23 & 24 Ikenobo Chapt. of SD  
30 & May 1 SD Iris Soc'y.

### MAY SHOWS

8 SDES MOTHERS DAY SHOW  
14 & 15 SD Geranium Soc'y  
21 & 22 Heartland Af. Violet  
28 & 29 Balboa Pk. Bromeliad  
28 & 29 SDBGF Sale

### JUNE SHOWS

4 & 5 SD Cactus and Succulent  
12 Southwest Hermerocallis  
18 & 19 SD Fuchsia/Shade Plant

### JULY SHOWS

10 SD Dahlia Soc'y  
17 Convair Garden Club  
23 & 24 SD Orchid Summer Show  
30 & 31 SD Gesneriad Soc'y

### AUGUST SHOWS

6 & 7 SD County Dahlia  
20 & 21 SD Fern Soc'y  
27 & 28 SD Turtle & Tortoise

### SEPTEMBER SHOWS

3 & 4 SD Prof. Horticulturists  
17 & 18 SD Bromeliad Soc'y.  
24 & 25 SD Bonsai Fall Show

### OCTOBER SHOWS

1 & 2 Balboa Pk. Af. Violet  
22 & 23 SD Co. Orchid

### NOVEMBER SHOWS

5 & 6 SD Tropical Fish Soc'y  
27 Sumi-e Painting & Ikebana

### DECEMBER SHOW

2, 3 & 4 SD Floral Assn. Show  
(Christmas on the Prado)  
All shows at the Casa del Prado, unless noted.

## WINTER STORMS OFFER LESSONS FOR EPI GROWERS

The record cold temperatures in late December and the wind storms of January brought plant damage to many area growers but left behind important lessons in caring for our collections.

Plants grown under a covering on some sort benefit from the heat that is reflected down from tree canopies, shade cloth and roof type structures.

Even without side walls, the reflected heat can mean several extra degrees of protection for plants. We see this theory proven by the few odd branches that grow outside of the boundary of protection, these unfortunate branches have discolored and turned to an unpleasant mush.

Damage from freezing is not readily apparent in epis. Often a month or more will pass after the last freeze before the damage has completely shown itself. It is wise to wait to see the extent of the trouble BEFORE you trim foliage. This can save your plants from extra shock. The damaged foliage can insulate untouched branches from damage by later freezes.

Often damaged branches serve as a vector for fungus diseases. If there is any sign of fungus infection remove the effected foliage at once and treat the plant with an approved systemic fungicide reading and following label instructions.

The January winds came first from one direction and then just as fiercely from the

other. Plants were battered and broken, but the real lessons came not in the area of post trauma plant care but from rethinking the concept of a large hanging basket collection.

The first line of defense should be a good wind break. But the wind reached 80 mph on my hill and the reed screen that is wired to a chain-link fence came down after a few minutes. Reports of lost shade house roofs were as common as reports of downed trees. Not only was protection lost, in many cases more damage was done by falling screens and panels than the wild swinging of blowing epis.

The need for sound construction practices was dramatically brought home. Your shade house needn't be built like a fortress but it should be securely anchored to the ground and the structure should be solid.

The earliest buds and off-season bloomers suffered most. Many damaged buds will not make it to bloom. Damage to plants was more sad than serious. Obviously a lot of plants were bruised and battered. I trust that everybody picked up all broken branches and marched them straight to the trash. You do no favors passing unnamed, or uncertainly named cuttings to epi collectors.

This time of year most growers are ready to feed their plants for optimum bloom. Give damaged plants a feeding of GROW formula, start them on BLOOM food next feeding.

- Sean Minogue

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