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MOTHER'S DAY SHOW ISSUE

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IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN

The San Diego Epiphyllum Society's Mother's Day Flower Show is upon us, this years show is May 8th. The theme is "Oriental Odyssey" and the displays should be great.

Flower Show Chairman Rick Latimer can answer any last minute questions that you may have, call him at 697-4100.

Inside Epi News you'll find an hour-by-hour schedule for the event.

See you Saturday evening (for set-up) and Sunday for the show.

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MAYTIME MEANS MINI-SHOW

The May 11th SDES General Meeting will be a very busy one. We will have our usual Mini-Show and we will welcome Betty Gross of Auckland, New Zealand. Betty is coming here to see our Mother's day Show and attend our meeting.

Meeting time is 7:30 p.m. in room 101 of the Casa del Prado in Balboa Park. Come early to purchase cuttings or supplies, view those beautiful blossoms up close, meet your friends and use the library. There's always something new to see.

Don't miss it.

TWO EPI SHOWS LEFT TO GO

When the dust settles from the SDES Mom's Day event and mini-show there will still be ample opportunity to see Epis displayed by two other Southern California groups.

On Sunday May 15th the Epiphyllum Society of America will present its show at the Arboretum in Arcadia. The show is not quite as large as ours but they do present their blooms in a different format than our show and their many members always provide visitors with a beautiful display.

The next week at South Coast Botanic Gardens (26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes Peninsula, Ca.) the newest epi group, South Bay Epiphyllum Soc'y, will hold its 2nd annual flower show.

Both shows will feature cutting and plant sales.

For those unable to get enough Epis, even at this time of year, be advised that South Bay Epiphyllum Society will hold a mini-show at its May 10th General Meeting. 7:30 p.m. at the above address.

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DEADLINE FOR JUNE IS MAY 23rd.

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EPI CARAVAN TO VISIT
5 GARDENS MAY 21

The 2nd Annual Epi Caravan to the gardens of SDES members will be held on Saturday May 21st.

All spaces have been filled and no more reservations will be taken according to event chair Pat Barrett.

Maps will be distributed at the May General Meeting, to those with reservations. Maps will be mailed to those unable to attend the May 11th meeting.

The hosts are:

Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Roberts

Jim and Michele Davis

Margaret Pethley

Nate and Dorothy Ogdon

Sean Minogue

Car pooling is encouraged as parking may be difficult at some of the stops.

The first stop is at 9:00 a.m. and the tour will try to stick to the schedule and arrive at the last stop about 2:00 p.m. Each stop will feature a snack or refreshments.

Visiting other epi gardeners is the best way to learn about growing epis. It's also a great way to meet others in the Society.

Thanks are due to all the hosts and hostesses for opening their gardens to us. Pat Barrett can answer all your questions, 442-2404.

CORONADO/DEL MAR SHOWS
FEATURE EPIS AGAIN

Mid-April was a busy time for Epis and epi lovers. During the weekend of April 16 & 17 you could find SDES members busily sharing their interests at two very different flower shows.

Lois Tripp was in charge of the SDES display at the third San Diego Home and Garden Magazine Spring Garden Show at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. This time around SDES was given a real display booth and Lois used it to full advantage.

Thanks to those who provided the flowers and volunteer support that made a welcome oasis among the hot tub and patio vendors.

Meanwhile in the Crown City, Mr. and Mrs. George Watson were doing their best to make sure that those attending the Coronado Flower Show knew about epis. The Watsons and other members of the Coronado Floral Association had a beautiful display of blooming Epiphyllum plants adjacent to the Cactus and Succulent area. Thanks for your efforts.

Unlike the SD Home and Garden Show, the Coronado show is an old time, family style flower show. It features display areas for school children's arrangements, dining table decorations, Navy displays, wildflowers, roses and lots more. These are different types of shows, for different audiences, but both are an excellent opportunity to spread the word about epis and our Mother's Day Show.

MOTHER'S DAY SHOW INFORMATION

HOUR BY HOUR AT THE SHOW

SATURDAY MAY 7th
5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Set-up CdP 101

SUNDAY MAY 8th
7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Finish displays

10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Judging begins,
cutting sales open to public

11:00 a.m.
Show opens to public

Mid-day
Pot Luck for Exhibitors and
volunteers

5:00 p.m.
Show closes

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CHEF HOOK'S POT-LUCK POINTERS

As usual we will have a pot-luck for all volunteers and exhibitors during our Mother's Day Show.

This year the pot-luck will be held in the Pratt Loggia, upstairs in the Casa del Prado. There is an elevator in the courtyard.

All food should be brought to the kitchen downstairs. We still need Hot-Dish, Side-Dish and Salad contributions. Your cooked dishes should be cooked when you deliver them as we will have warm up facilities only.

Since it is Mother's Day, it is up to the men of our group to do the cooking.

- Vernon Hook

WE NEED YOUR MARKED CUTTINGS
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(This is the last time you'll hear this for at least a month, honest.)

Your clearly, carefully and correctly marked cuttings are needed for our sale at the Mother's Day Show.

Charles Coons is directing the sale and he has requested that you contact him before the show for cutting pick up or come in real early Sunday so that the cuttings can be sorted and otherwise prepared in time for the 10:00 arrival of the masses.

Of course you know that our SDES operating budget is, for the most part, earned during this one day event. If we don't make money we can't do the many things that we do during the year such as publish a newsletter, pay for speakers, operate a library etc.

Go now to your garden and cut. Take those nice plump branches from those favorite epis and mark them carefully. Remember to mark R for red, Y for Yellow, PK for Pink, PUR for purple, W for white etc. as well as the size of the bloom (X-S, S, M, Lg, X-Lg).

Sales persons and cashiers are needed for the sale. One of the best ways to learn more about epis is to answer questions about them while you sell cuttings.

Volunteers will also be needed to raise the shade cloth above the CdP courtyard.

MEETING REFRESHMENTS,
WHO WILL SERVE ?

Since the unfortunate resignation of Penny Bunker from her post, we have tried to get along without a permanent replacement in the kitchen at our General Meetings. Jerry Plaisted and the team of J.Gray,M.Davis and L. Hammer have all taken turns but the regular month-in/month-out duties require a permanent appointment.

The job isn't a difficult one and has its own rewards as every job well done does. Perhaps you are the right person for the job? Contact President Turner for more information.

Until we do have someone to fill Penny's shoes your help is needed. Please remember that our biggest crowds come during our May and June meetings, when blossoms are usually at their peak. Hungry mouths need to be fed after a long meeting. Bring some cookies or other snack this Wednesday.

SDES FACTS AND FIGURES

SDES Membership Secretary Marjorie Marshall reports 315 members as of April 27th. SDES Treasurer Richard Plock reports \$5231.29 in the SDES General Fund as of the same date. Last month 246 copies of this newsletter were mailed to membership (at a cost to the Society of less than \$25.00). The supply table brought in a healthy \$75.82. There were 6 SDES events during the month of April.

MORE SDES NEWS ITEMS

Epi News has inadvertently neglected to advise members that Quang Trong Tran, better known to members as "Joe", was appointed to the SDES Executive Board to fill the vacancy created when Richard Plock became SDES Treasurer.

Sorry to hear that member Bob Stroberger's recovery from heart surgery is a slow one.

Best wishes to Bob and Nita, we'll miss you in the kitchen on Sunday.

You can't keep a good man down. Nate Ogdon is getting better and restless after his set-back in mid-April. He and Dorothy missed the Wild Animal Park Show (they sent their flowers by messenger) but if he misses the Mom's Day event it won't be for lack of trying. Nate had more tests scheduled for Thursday (5/5) and his Doctor will have to give him the green light.

How about that red "Acapulco Sunset" sport at the April SDES Meeting? Dick Kolschreiber talks about another "A.s." variation, in the South Bay Epi-Gram this month. He says Ethel Hurst also has had some very different results.

Is anyone getting photos of these? A gallery of these sports on a sport would make a fascinating program for all our groups to share.

THE SCHMEDDING REPORT

With our President away, our 1st Vice President presided at our April meeting and did an outstanding job.

As usual this time of year we had a mini-show. There were four tables full of beautiful blooms. Mine are coming so fast that I'm afraid I won't have any left for Mother's Day. Also a lot of buds were lost in the winter freeze. I'm sure that George French will have plenty of blooms on Mother's Day, he has the magic touch when it comes to Epis. His seedlings at the April meeting were something to see.

Our program for the month featured slides of past flower shows and was presented by Rick Latimer. We also saw slides of the Christmas Awards and Installation Banquet taken by Kathie vanArum.

We need cashiers for the sales area at the flower show, also people to serve as hosts and hostesses. Please see Rick Latimer and he will tell you what needs to be done. It is really a lot of fun to work at our show and meet a lot of out of town people. I for one have made several good friends through the show.

Don't forget to bring in and set up your table props on Saturday. That leaves only flower placement, labeling and clean up for Sunday morning.

Also don't forget your pot-luck contribution. We all get pretty hungry before the day is over.

-Gene Schmedding

WHAT'S IN A NAME ?

by R.J. Chadwick

A plants correct name can tell us lots of information about the plant and help us avoid confusion.

Did you know that when a species plant is named for its discoverer, such as Ackermanii and Darrahii, it tells us the gender of that person. For a man the ending is "i" or "ii", for a woman the ending would be "ae" or "iae". When named for someone other than the discoverer the ending is "ianus" or "iana" (as in the case of "Gertrudianus").

For epi hybrids the rules of Epiphyllum Society, the registering body, apply. They allow hybrids to be named for family members, friends, places or events (such as Christmas, Spring or Cinco de Mayo). Color names should be avoided but colorfully descriptive names can help identify the flower (such as "Desert Rose" or "Lemon Custard"). Names shouldn't be more than three words nor should they be offensive.

One of the main reasons for naming and registering our flowers with E.S.A. is to have the same flower known by the same name whether you are in California, New York, England or Japan.

(Ed. Obviously this not intended to be a complete guide to E.S.A.'S registration procedure or botanical nomenclature in general. Information about the E.S.A. registration process is available in the SDES library or through E.S.A.).

WAP EPI SHOW - POT LUCK

The San Diego Wild Animal Park's Annual Epiphyllum and Fuchsia Show, April 30 and May 1 was more than just a success. It was great time for all involved.

Small crowds at the Park kept revenues under last years totals. The cutting sales generated \$969.75 for the park.

The weather at the park was perfect both days (perhaps a little blustery during the pot-luck). The pot-luck was held in the new botanical center, right across from the epi house, a pretty view but it sure was windy when that storm blew through. 37 people signed up for the pot luck, 73 people ate and we had food left over, and seats for nearly everyone.

The flowers were beautiful. George French had two of the most vividly colored epis I have ever seen, "Red Volcano" and "TeleAnn"

Thanks are due to the following for their various contributions:

Dick Chadwick
George French
Madeline French
Pat Barrett
John Noble
Leo Kihm
Charles Coons
Joe Tran
Nate Ogdon
Dorothy Ogdon
David Graham
Leonore Arbayo
Don Irwin
Ed Broz
Faye Broz
John Piland

Dan Broz
Michele Davis
Linda Hammer
Doreen Hammer
Jean Gray
George Plaisted
Jerry Plaisted
Elizabeth Glover
Wilbur Glover
Jeannie Brereton
Blanche Craig
Ed Miller
Marney Miller
Jason Miller
Sherrie Miller

The following contributed plants for display and/or cuttings for the sale:

Nate and Dorothy Ogdon
George and Madeline French
Vernon Hook
John Piland
Dr. Hafiz
Rickard Plock
George Watson
Elsie Trembly
Sean Minogue
Margaret Pethley

These people attended a work party at the WAP, April 16th:

Jean Gray
Linda Hammer
Doreen Hammer
Michele Davis
Pat Barrett
Dick Chadwick
Elizabeth Glover
Wilbur Glover
Sean Minogue

Bonnie Mustoe and Jim Gibbons of the Wild Animal Park were both very helpful as was co-chair Dick Chadwick.

My special thanks to Gus and Marge Schlapfer and to Gene Lund for making it special.

- Sean Minogue

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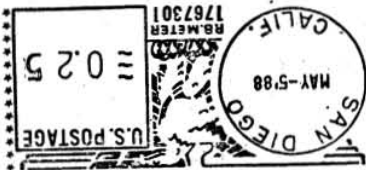
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