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EPI CONFERENCE PLANNED FOR OCTOBER

Epi lovers from all three area epi groups will meet in October at the San Diego Wild Animal Park to discuss concerns, plans and ideas for the future.

EPI CONFERENCE ONE will be held at the WAP on October 8th, in conjunction with the annual Beauty and the Beast horticultural show and plant sale. The event will include special tours, demonstrations, a sandwich social as well as a formal meeting to discuss topics of mutual interest. Cost for the one-day event is \$5.00 plus park admission.

Event chair Sean Minogue will have information, applications and more at the July general meeting or contact him at (619) 475-4478.

JUNE BOARD MEETING FIZZLES

The June meeting of the SDES Executive Board was not held owing to poor attendance. SDES By-laws require a quorum of 9 voting members and only 8 attended.

With elections a few months away, perhaps it's time for you to consider serving our group. Offices both appointed and elected will be available.

THE SUMMER OF '88

This month's program will be a slide presentation by SDES Executive Board member Joe Tran. Joe has visited many of our members and has taken slides of their flowers. Included in the program will be the best of the Summer of '88, some old favorites, some unusual flowers and some newly registered hybrids, soon to be available for purchase.

Many of these slides will be presented to a publisher and will eventually be part of the new book on Care and Culture of Epiphyllums.

Joe has studied both the oriental and occidental ways of growing epis and has combined the best aspects of both worlds. Come and learn some new and different, but very wise, information about the vibrant new flowers about to be introduced, and be one of the first to see some of the illustrations in the soon-to-be new epi book.

-Helen Barkdoll

INSIDE THIS MONTH

MORE ON HOYAS

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MERGER RUMOR SQUASHED

AT THE CUTTING TABLE

Not much is new at the Cutting table, according to Charlie Coons the man who has been in charge of the monthly sales for the last 2 (plus) years.

Charlie stocks a good supply of epi cuttings that often include the unusual and rare, as well as the basics our new members seek when starting their collections.

The cuttings (which are donated to the Society by members) are priced as low as 3 for a dollar.

If you have ideas or suggestions, cuttings to donate or help to offer see Charlie at the next meeting. Your continued support and cooperation are essential to keep this valuable service operating to benefit all of our members.

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RUMORS UNTRUE PRESIDENTS AGREE

Rumors about a proposed merger of the San Diego Epiphyllum Society and the San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society are not based in fact according to the presidents of both organizations.

SDCSS President Martin Mooney admitted when asked that he had never even heard the suggestion before.

SDES President Milt Turner told members attending the June 8, 1988 SDES General Meeting that he had been asked by several members and knew of no such plans.

FOUR SDES HEROS

It's great (but sadly rare) when you get the chance to work with people who never let you down and go out of their way to help with the details.

Marjorie Marshall, Helen Barkdoll, Richard Plock and Margaret Pethley all qualify in my book. SDES has its fair share of "DOERS" and you often hear about the fine jobs that our members do. Unfortunately the above named four have jobs that demand their attention in large chunks but we seldom take the time out to recognize them.

As our Corresponding Secretary Helen Barkdoll has plenty to do yet she still finds the time to cover for those less motivated.

Marjorie Marshall was a new member who had her arm twisted when she agreed to serve as our Membership Secretary and has preformed beautifully.

Treasurer Richard Plock can tell you about every SDES penny, his no nonsense monthly reports are concise and easy to understand.

Margaret Pethley takes the minutes at both Regular and Board meetings each month as Recording Secretary. She also volunteers her time and computer to produce our mailing list and does all the bulk mail "stuff" for this newsletter.

SDES needs more people like these. Why not share your talents? You can make a difference.

- Sean Minogue

ROOTING HOYAS,
A SUCCESSFUL METHOD SHARED

Jerry Williams of Rainbow Gardens has a method for rooting Hoya cuttings that many people swear by. George French shared it with me and Jerry has given me permission to share it with you.

Try it, you'll like it.

-Sean

HOYA CUTTINGS
ROOTING AND GROWING
INSTRUCTIONS

-1-

Remove the cuttings from their packing and submerge them completely in tepid water, preferably mixed with Superthrive, according to package directions. Let stand for two hours.

-2-

If desired, recut the cuttings into smaller segments, each having at least one leaf node.

-3-

Dust cuttings with commercial rooting hormone powder such as Rootone F.

-4-

Thoroughly wet your potting mix, squeeze out excess water, place in pot. Gently insert cutting into the pot and pack tightly.

-5-

Place the potted cuttings into a plastic bag (formed into a tent, and secured at the top with a wire twist tie--no holes in the bag) for maintaining humidity. Keep the cutting warm (75F) and moist.

FOR START -6-

When new growth appears, remove the cuttings from the plastic bag.

-7-

Fertilize the plants weekly with Peters 20-20-20 one-half teaspoon per gallon of water. As the plants mature, increase the solution strength up to one teaspoon per gallon of water every two weeks.

-8-

As plants mature move your plants to the desired pot size (we use 7" pots) and sit back and wait for the first blooms.

Although there is no guarantee that all hoyas will successfully root, Rainbow Gardens has found this rooting method to be a sure fire way to root our Hoya cuttings, and have not lost one cutting since we have been using this method.

Good luck and Good Growing.

Jerry Williams
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GOODIES FOR JULY

The following have signed up to supply us with refreshments for the July meeting...

Jeanie Brereton
Jan Rice
Jeanette Dutton
Donna Couchman
Margaret Fickas
T. Wainwright
Helen Barkdoll

**BOTANICAL EVENTS FOR
SUMMER & FALL**

JULY

10th San Diego Dahlia Soc'y.
Specimen Show

17th Convair Garden Club 37th
Summer Show

23rd & 24th S.D. Co. Orchid
Soc'y. 3rd Summer Show

30th & 31st S.D. Gesneriad
12th Annual Show

AUGUST

6th & 7th S.D. County Dahlia
Show

20th & 21st S.D. Fern Soc'y.
10th Annual Show

27th & 28th S.D. Turtle &
Tortoise Soc'y. 14th Show

SEPTEMBER

3rd & 4th S. D. Prof.
Horticulturists 5th Show

17th & 18th S.D. Bromeliad
Soc'y. 14th Show

24th & 25th S.D. Bonsai Club
Fall Show

OCTOBER

1st & 2nd Balboa Park Af.
Violet Soc'y. Fall Show

22nd & 23rd S.D. Orchid
Soc'y. Fall "mini" show

NOVEMBER

5th & 6th S.D. Tropical Fish
Soc'y. 18th Show

27th Sumi-e Painting and
Ikebana 13th Annual Show

**MEMBERS LOSS CAN BE
YOUR GAIN**

Long-time SDES member and past
officer Randy Light is
reducing his epi collection
and is offering members his
unwanted pots and cuttings.

Available also are three male
Dalmation puppies at \$250.00
each.

If you are interested in any
of the above call Randy at
(619) 223-9434.

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**DEADLINE FOR AUGUST
is JULY 25TH**

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VANARUM TO SPREAK

SDES 1ST VICE PRESIDENT Kathie
vanArum will address the
monthly meeting of the South
Bay Epiphyllum Society at the
July 12th General Meeting.

Kathie's topic will be her
recent trip to Costa Rica
according to the July issue of
the Epi-Gram the SBES monthly
publication.

The meeting will be held at
the South Coast Botanical
Garden in Palos Verdes
Penninsula.

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SUCH A DEAL !

Don't miss the assortment of
low cost epi supplies
available from George and
Jerry Plaisted at the General
Meetings. They have a great
selection of useful items (at
very low prices).

EC1 OCT. 8, 1988

SCHEDULE AND COST INFORMATION

10:00 a.m. to noon
Registration and Epi
Demonstrations

12:30
Conference meets in Epi House
Meeting chaired by Milt Turner
President SDES

2:30
Tour of Exhibits

4:00
Sandwich buffet. SDES Hosts.

5:00
Park closes

COST

There is a \$5.00 per person
registration fee, due with the
application.

Entrance to the Wild Animal
Park is not included and for
several reasons it has been
decided to let attendees take
care of this on their own.
Discount coupons available in
magazines and from some chain
supermarkets will save you
more than any group discount
available from the park. (As
of this writing, basic
admission to the WAP is just
about \$10.00 plus a \$1.00
parking fee, this may change
without notice.)

SDES is providing the sandwich
social at 4:00, lunch is not
provided.

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EPI CONFERENCE ONE

Representatives of ESA, SDES
and SBES meeting in the fall
of 1987, at the Quail Bot-
anical Gardens decided that
there should be a meeting open
to the general memberships of
the combined groups.

EPI CONFERENCE ONE will be
that meeting. EC1 is a one day
special event to be held on
October 8th at the San Diego
Wild Animal Park during the
Park's annual Beauty and the
Beast Horticultural Show and
Plant Sale.

The day starts with epi
demonstrations. In the
afternoon there will be a
special tour of the Wild
Animal Park's botanical
exhibits led by Jim Gibbons,
park horticulturist. Also
included will be formal
discussions on various topics
of interest as suggested by
conference attendees. The day
will end with a sandwich
buffet.

I look forward to seeing you
at this first ever event.

I hope that many of our SDES
members will be able to
participate. Applications will
be available at the July
General Meeting.

Sean Minogue
Chairman
EPI CONFERENCE ONE

To 12/88
Ernest Angus, Pat Barrett,
Jean Gray, Vernon Hook, Gene
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