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HELP ! HELP!  
WHAT'S WRONG WITH MY EPIS ?  
by Dick Chadwick  
and Helen Barkdoll

Epiphyllums have comparatively few pests and diseases, but once in a while something goes wrong and our epis are not all that they should be. Why do epis shrivel up after flowering and what should we do about it? What about die-back and how do you tell it from frost damage? What density of shade cloth do you need? How do you protect epis from frost or rot?

The August program will be a bit different from the usual. The first half of the program will be slides of pests, diseases and weather related problems. You will be able to see, close-up, the difference between healthy epis and those in stress.

The second half of the program will give you the opportunity to have your problems diagnosed. Bring in your stressed epis for our experts to examine. They will recommend treatment that is easy to understand and execute. Our experts Dick Chadwick and Helen Barkdoll will answer all your questions before the delicious cookies and punch. The meeting will be held August 10th at 7:30 p.m. in room 101 of the Casa del Prado.

ROSE IS READY  
WITH MEETING TREATS

The long vacant job of Refreshment Chair has been filled by Rose Martinez, according to an announcement made by President Milt Turner at the July General Meeting.

Rose has the difficult task of making sure that the treats are plentiful and in place when our program is over. You can help her by signing up now to bring dessert in the near future.

You'll be able to recognize Rose by the warm smile she always wears.

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LIQUINOX TO BE OFFERED

Dick Chadwick announced that Liquinox Grow formula will be available for purchase at the August 10th General Meeting. The one gallon jug sells for \$4.25. This is the same product that some retailers sell for \$6.00 per pint!

Without giving this product an unnecessary endorsement let me simply suggest that you talk to someone who has tried Liquinox and get their opinion. Many people suggest that the 10% Yucca extract base enables plants to use the nutrients more efficiently.

Try it and see.

**MGs INVITE YOU TO JOIN**

The University of California Cooperative Extension's Master Gardener program is seeking applicants for its fall 1988 class.

Led by Urban Horticulturist Vincent Lazaneo the classes include all aspects of home gardening and feature guest lectures by U.C. instructors and horticulturists as well as other professional and amateur gardening experts.

Once certified, Master Gardeners begin an ambitious and rewarding volunteer program to share their new research based knowledge.

For more information about the program or for an application form contact the Master Gardeners at (619) 694-2860.

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**REVISITING SAN DIEGO'S  
GARDENS OF THE PAST**

Did you know that during its infancy San Diego was one of the leading centers of the Victorian Horticultural Movement? Did you know that in addition to Kate Sessions San Diegans owe a botanical debt to Samuel Parsons, A.D. Robinson and even the U.S. Grant Hotel?

If you would like to learn about San Diego's rich floral past you should contact the Horticultural Heritage Committee of the San Diego Historical Society. You can call their Chair, Vonn-Marie May at 231-9799 evenings, or talk to SDES member Jeanette Dutton, who serves as the groups' secretary.

**SPEAKING OF HISTORY...**

For almost 80 years California Garden Magazine has delighted and instructed area gardeners. The tradition continues today in award winning style thanks to hard-working editor Elizabeth Glover.

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**EPI CONFERENCE NEEDS YOU !**

Send in your application today for the first Epi Conference ever. Space is limited so don't delay.

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**AUGUST IS TIME  
TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

In August the General Membership shall elect a nominating committee as specified in Article IX of the SDES By-Laws.

You can be part of this exciting process. See any SDES Officer for information about what you can do for your society.

Jobs big and little need your talents in the months ahead.

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**SEPTEMBER DEADLINE IS...  
.....August 29th**

TAKE MY JOB, PLEASE

No, Henny Youngman hasn't joined SDES yet. But a great opportunity for service and personal fulfillment is available for an ambitious volunteer.

SDES needs a Newsletter Editor to assume my duties with the January 1989 issue.

Contact an SDES Officer or Board Member if you are interested.

-Sean

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OGDON'S SPIRITS HIGH,  
DESPITE NEW HEALTH WOES

SDES Member Nate Ogdon is back at home after surgery on his throat the last week in July.

This most recent health problem, coming as it does on the heels of his foot and heart troubles, would keep most people down, but not Nate.

Between various therapy sessions Nate is still finding time to do some epi gardening has just adopted a new kitten.

While Nate continues to recover, he has just discovered a serious back problem which also will require attention soon.

All of our wishes for a speedy recovery go to Nate (and his chief nurse Dorothy).

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EPI CONFERENCE INFORMATION  
is available from Sean Minogue  
(619) 475-4478

THE SCHMEDDING REPORT

Joe Tran was our guest speaker this month, and a very interesting person he is. Joe became interested in Epis in his native Viet Nam before leaving that country in 1975 with his wife and nine children.

Joe is working on a book about Epiphyllum and many of the beautiful photographs we saw will be included. It should be some book, as Joe's photography is lovely.

It was with great sadness that we learned from President Turner of the recent death of Mary Kelly. Mary was the widow of former Epi News editor Warren Kelly. Together the Kellys founded Kelly's Epiphyllum Nursery in Encinitas. After Warren's death Mary ran the nursery by herself but had to give it up when it became too much for her. Our condolences to her family.

I also think that Charlie Coons deserves many thanks for bringing all those cuttings in every meeting and staffing the cutting table. It is not an easy job. Thank you Charlie!

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AWARDS DINNER TO BE HELD EARLY

Due to an unfortunate conflict of dates the Annual Awards and Installation Banquet will be held a week earlier than our usual meeting date. The affair will be held at Tom Ham's Lighthouse, Wednesday, Dec. 7th. See complete information in next month's newsletter.

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