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BANQUET SET, DON'T FORGET SPECIAL DATE

The San Diego Epiphyllum Society's annual Awards and Installation Banquet is set for Wednesday night, December 7, 1988 at Tom Ham's Lighthouse Restaurant. The social hour will begin at 7 p.m. with dinner at 8.

Awards Banquet Chair John Noble, promises many surprises for those attending. Deadline for purchasing tickets was Dec. 1st, if you have not purchased yours you might check with John about last-minute cancellations (619) 294-4355.

ELECTIONS HELD, NEW OFFICERS WAIT TO SERVE

The election for new officers was held at the Nov. 9th General Meeting SDES Officers for 1989 are:

Sean Minogue, Pres.
Gus Schlapfer, 1st V.P.
Pat Barrett, 2nd V.P.
M. Pethley, Rec. Sec.
G. Schmedding, Corr. Sec.
M. Marshall, Mem. Sec.
Marge Schlapfer, Tres.

Directors 1989-1990
Michele Davis, Dr. Hafiz,
Linda Hammer, Joe Tran

Directors 1988-1989
Jean Gray, Vernon Hook

I'M OUTTA HERE

As you may be aware, this issue is my last as your editor. It has been great fun but now there are other challenges.

Unfortunately there still is no eager member ready to take the job on a permanent basis.

In my new capacity as your President-elect I am pleased to announce that John Noble will prepare the January 1989 edition of Epi News. At the January Executive Board meeting I will submit John's name for approval as the Acting Editor of the monthly newsletter.

I am sure that John will do an excellent job, with your help. But understand that he is not the right person to take the job permanently because of his many other commitments. Also Epi News may for a time be smaller and less densely packed with "epi news". I'm sure many of you will join me in continuing to write articles and notices for the Epi News. In any event John is our temporary solution to a much bigger need.

I owe a big debt to many people who have made editing the newsletter easier. Special thanks to Helen Barkdoll, Dick Chadwick, Milt Turner and Margaret Pethley.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE SDES BY-LAWS

At the January 11, 1989 General Meeting you will be asked to vote yes or no on a series of proposed changes to the SDES By-Laws.

Our current By-Laws require "such proposed changes being printed in the Society Newsletter one month prior to the actual voting on such amendment or alteration." (XII, B)

Each proposal is presented as it would read if approved. Text omitted remains unchanged.

Proposal 1 - Correct existing typographical errors.

Art. I, A
"The name of this corporation is San Diego Epiphyllum Society."

Art. X, D
"...ballot must be returned before the date of the regular election."

Proposal 2 - Removal of "Original Name" clause

Art. II, C
"To compile the correct names and detailed description of the hybrids together with their synonyms."

Proposal 3 - Reduce number of Executive Directors

Art. V, A
"The elected officers of the Society shall be...Treasurer and Five Directors."

Art. V, H

"...The term of office shall be staggered with three members elected every even year and two members elected in odd years..."

Art. VII, A
"The Executive Board shall consist of...Five Directors and the immediate past president"

Art. XI, B
"The Society's Executive Board shall hold a meeting monthly. A quorum shall be seven members."

Art. XI, D
"Special meetings...or by seven members of the Executive Board or..."

Proposal 4 - Automatic removal from office for chronic non-attendance.

Art. V, D
"Any officer missing three consecutive Board meetings, without approval of the Executive Board, will be automatically removed from office and a replacement named as in "E" below."

Proposal 5 - Remove specific list of committee chairmen from by-laws.

Art VI, Sect 1, B
"Appoint any committee chairman deemed advisable for the progress of the Society with the approval of the Executive Board."

Proposal 6 - Rerouting the mail

Art. VI, Sect.5, A

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"The corresponding secretary shall have charge of general Society correspondence and shall route any other mail to the appropriate Officer or Chair."

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Proposal 7 - Removes tasking burden from Corr. Secretary

Art. VI, Sect. 5, E
REMOVE FROM BY-LAWS

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PROPOSAL 8 - Gives flexibility in preparing annual roster

Art. VI, Sect. 6, E
REMOVE FROM BY-LAWS

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PROPOSAL 9 - Eliminates second approval for payment of Society Expenses.

Art. VI, Sect. 7, F
"All checks shall be signed by two of the three Officers named in "E" above."

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PROPOSAL 10 - Redefines Honorary Director designation.

Art. VII, B
"The Executive Board may designate Honorary Director status on any qualified member. Honorary Directors may meet by mutual consent to make recommendations to the Board or to the Society and may attend Executive Board meetings as "Friends of the Board". Qualification includes outstanding contribution or service to the Society."

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PROPOSAL 11 - Redefine spending limits for Executive Board.

"The Executive Board may

authorize expenditures of no more than \$300.00 each month, not to exceed a total of \$1,500.00 each year, without the approval of membership. The Executive Board may authorize expenditure of any pre-approved budget item."

Art VII, J

"The executive Board will not enter into any on-going financial obligation, in any amount, without the approval of membership."

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Proposal 12 - REdefines relationship of President and Committee Chairmen as relates to the Executive Board.

Art. VIII, A

"All appointed chairmen and committee chairmen shall keep a record of their assigned obligations and activities. Chairmen shall be guided by the President and report and consult with the Executive Board."

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PROPOSAL 13 - Eliminates "Duty Guide" clause.

Art. VIII, C
REMOVE FROM BY-LAWS

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PROPOSAL 14 - Allows Chairmen to select committee members.

Art. VIII, D.

"Chairmen of Special Committees may appoint other members to serve on their committee."

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Proposal 15 - Strengthens requirements for floor nominations.

BY-LAW Proposals CONT.

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Art. IX, E

"Additional nominations...Such nominees must present their written and signed consent to the Recording secretary before the adjournment of the September General Meeting."

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Proposal 16 - Provides for conducting business at December General Meeting.

Art. XI, C

"The general meeting in December shall include installation of new Officers and Directors."

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL

SPECIAL WILD ANIMAL PARK
WORK PARTY SCHEDULED FOR
SATURDAY DEC. 10, 1988

A special work party will be held at the San Diego Wild Animal Park on this Saturday Dec. 10th to complete the job of "winterizing" the Epi House.

Volunteers are very much needed to help assist the crew on the roof.

Meet at the Epi House at 9:00 A.M. sharp, enter through the service gate.



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EPIPHYLLUM BASICS

During the last few months Epi News has published some articles under the heading "EPIPHYLLUM BASICS". While most has been new material, some readers have been clever enough to figure out that some of these articles are reprints from past issues. This month's "Container Fatigue" and also the article's second half "More reasons to Repot" (scheduled to reappear next month) are based on articles that appeared nearly two years ago. These two articles received more comment than any of the others I wrote during my tenure as Epi News editor.

I hope you will find them informative.

EPIPHYLLUM BASICS PART 11

WHEN TO REPOT - ROOT ROOM

When does an epi need to be repotted? How can I tell whether my epi needs a bigger pot or not?

Today most epi growers use plastic containers. These pots have the advantage of lasting a very long time, an advantage for you but not necessarily for the epis.

Time takes its toll on container plants. Sometimes our plants sit for far too long in pots too small, in soil that is not at all the carefully blended mix we started out with. This can be a problem.

Epi roots systems grow slowly and we know the old Epi Wife's tale "A root bound plant blooms better". What is "too long" in the same pot?

A healthy plant should produce plenty of blossoms. Crop yield is effected more by temperature and light levels. Root surface area is lost when roots press against the side of the pot. A healthy epi should not be root bound.

If it is the time has come to transplant.

EPIPHYLLUM BASIS PART 12

CONTAINER EROSION

Our potting mix (see Epi News Sept. 1988) should act as a conduit through which our epi's roots receive the things they need to thrive and bloom. We've blended the best possible medium to have limited amounts of organic material amid loose, fast draining particles. Unfortunately each time we water these positive attributes work against us.

Because of the rate at which the water should travel through the medium and exit the pot we often loose visible amounts of the organic material with each watering. You can see the dark materials flowing out the bottom of the pot, before your very eyes. It's soil erosion in miniature scale.

How many times have you investigated the pot of that sad looking epi, only to discover that the potting mix it needs to make an epi a good home has washed to the ground.

Make sure that your potting mix is vibrant and alive, loose and porous.

Also be sure that you know where it is.

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Membership in SDES is \$3.00 per person or organization, domestic. International rates \$12.00.

Executive Board Members

All membership inquiries should be sent in care of the Membership Secretary at the SDES Post Office Box.

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