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A RAINBOW VISIT MAKES APRIL MEETING SPECIAL

Special guests at the April 12, meeting of the San Diego Epiphyllum Society will be Chuck Everson and Jerry Williams proprietors of world famous Rainbow Gardens Nursery and Bookshop in Vista. Chuck's program will feature old style 2" x 2" format slides by Fort and O'Barr that show construction of their huge lath house. Also featured are slides of epis that Chuck has taken over the last six seasons.

The pre-meeting workshop will feature a special two-part program of seasonal topics. Gus Schlapfer will begin with a brief demonstration about grafting fruit trees. This will be followed by Dick Chadwick on the subject of "Making Cuttings for an Epi Sale". Dick will show you how to make and mark cuttings according to ESA standards. To accommodate the crowd the workshops have been moved to room 104 of the Casa del Prado. (Right across the courtyard from our regular meeting room.) Workshops run from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 leaving plenty of time to shop for cuttings, meet with friends, use the library or just take care of business before the 7:30 meeting time.

Don't miss this extra special Epi meeting.

AMBITIOUS EPI SCHEDULE REQUIRES VOLUNTEER STAFFERS

Sign-up sheets will be blanketing table tops again at the April 12th SDES General Meeting.

Volunteers are needed for the SD Home/Garden Magazine Spring Show (Ap.14-15-16), The WAP Epi Show (May 6 & 7), Mother's Day and the Saturday Mini-Show (May 13 & 14) and other events.

The Society grows in direct relation to the success of these shows and sales, your help is needed now more than ever.

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BOOK NEWS :

Epi buff Everett Andrews will bring a few copies of the new ESA Directory to the April meeting for sale to members. This new directory looks great and allows for expansion. Don't miss out.

An Epi Care booklet is ready and scheduled for publication by SDES. It may also be ready for the April meeting.

The SDES Executive Board has voted to donate copies of the Japanese Epiphyllum books and the new ESA Directory to the library at the Wild Animal Park.

**RANDY LIGHT,
REMEMBERING A FRIEND...**

Randy Light passed away a few weeks ago. Randy served SDES as Treasurer and board member but he will perhaps always be best remembered for his knack at growing flawless Empress hybrids.

His award winning plants, always coveted, had never a scar or blemish. I'll always remember Randy at the end of the Mother's Day Show in 1985, the day his "Grand Empress" won the awards as best epiphytic plant in the show and best flower in his display. Beaming, Randy attacked his beautiful plant to make cuttings for an anxious crowd. In just a few minutes Randy had earned over thirty dollars for the Society and sacrificed his plant. But he couldn't have been happier, nor could those who received the cuttings.

In recent years we saw less of Randy at our meetings. He would rush in late after a Racquet ball game or he might miss altogether so he could donate his time to working with people who had AIDS.

Most of us saw Randy for the last time at our Awards Banquet in December, which he attended with his friend Steven Nottle. He looked thin and told me that he was able to leave the house only once a week. But even those of us who knew that Randy was fighting his own battle with AIDS, saw only the Randy we knew and loved. Smiling and enthusiastic despite his illness, the end seemed far away.

The Executive Board of San

Diego Epiphyllum Society made a fifty dollar contribution to the San Diego AIDS Project in Randy's memory.

Along with the sadness over Randy's death is the equally sad knowledge that although Randy was the first SDES member known to have died from AIDS related illness, he surely will not be the last.

-Sean Minoque

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A memorial service will be held for Randy Light on April 23rd.

Because he was so active in many organizations his loved ones request that attendance be by invitation only.

To obtain your invitation please contact SDES President Sean Minoque prior to the April 12th General Meeting. A list will be given to those arranging the service and all invitations will then be issued by them.

Donations to San Diego AIDS Project (3777 Fourth Ave., San Diego, Calif. 92103) have been requested in lieu of flowers.

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CUTTINGS ARE NEEDED

Cutting are needed for our sales this Spring. Bring them to the next meeting (or wait till May for Mother's Day Show).

Your cuttings help us grow.

**ESA LAUNCHES
DIRECTORY REVISIONS**

A committee is being formed to correct errors found in the hybrid listings of the new ESA Directory (spelling, typos and violations of the rules of botanical nomenclature) Dick Kohlschreiber, President of South Bay Epiphyllum Society has announced.

The committee will include members of South Bay Epi Society (Chet Janis and Dick Kohlschreiber), ESA (Ellen Zunino and Terry Goewert) and Australian Epi expert Frank Sibl. Needed are representatives from SDES (interested members should contact Sean Minogue).

The committee will also be attempting to find out the heritage of some of the hybrids and to identify the Bigeneric crosses. The committee's work is to be done by mail, no meetings are expected.

Any errors found in the new ESA Directory should be reported to Sean Minogue.

While this work is being done on the hybrids, Myron Kimnach (Huntington Botanical Gardens) has agreed to overhaul the species listings.

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EPI SALE

MONTHS OF APRIL AND MAY

We will be open the following Saturdays from 10a.m. to 5p.m. April 8, 22, 29 and May 20 or call for an appointment any other day

Michele Davis and Jean Gray
10648 Palm Row Drive
Lakeside, California

PHONE: 561-0485 or 448-2540

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FLOWER SHOW AWARDS REEXAMINED

There was a lively exchange at the March SDES Executive Board Meeting. The topic was awards at the Mother's Day Show.

The Board was concerned that the presentation of awards might be causing more trouble than they are worth.

Last year SDES attempted to address the situation by publishing more of the guidelines and awards specifications. We were almost successful.

Obviously awards will be questioned, but things go from bad to worse when you add inconsistency and carelessness. SDES has been guilty of both. One member, offended by the Society's inconsistency, correctly pointed out the error of our ways. I hope he knows now that his remarks were welcome and that they hit the target and sparked some changes.

In the next few pages you'll find the annual section dedicated to the Mother's Day Show. All the information you should need and/or want. Please read the guidelines carefully and note the changes, particularly for the Buddy Hurst Trophy.

The Mother's Day Show is simply the most fun we can share as an Epi group. All of us want to assure that fun is the order of the day and that bad feelings are banished. I hope that the compromises we reached will make this so. I'm anxious to hear what you think.

- Sean Minogue

EPI SHOW SCHEDULE

April 14, 15 & 16 SDES at the San Diego Home/Garden Magazine Spring Show

April 23, South Bay Epiphyllum Socy. 3rd Annual Show at South Coast Botanic Gardens

April 30, Epiphyllum Socy. of America's Annual Flower Show at Los Angeles' State and County Arboretum in Arcadia

May 6 & 7 SD Wild Animal Park's Epiphyllum & Fuchsia Show

May 13 SDES Mini-Show and Sale at Casa del Prado

May 14 San Diego Epiphyllum Socy. 19th Annual Mother's Day Show room 101, Casa del Prado

June 17th SDES Special Meeting at Quail Botanical Gardens in Encinitas. Mini Show, Epi Program, Docent Tour

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EPI COOKS PREPARE FOR POT-LUCK MEALS

Sign up at the April 12th SDES meeting for the Pot-Luck at the Wild Animal Park.

The Plaisteds are in charge of the WAP event, which will be held Saturday May 6th at 5:00p.m. (new time) in the Epi House. Our special guests will be the exhibitors from the Fuchsia group. George Plaisted will barbecue hamburgers and hot dogs. Sign up in April for side-dishes and salads.

The Mother's Day pot-luck will be held in the Pratt Loggia, sign up in April or May, Chairman is Dewitt Van Wagner.



San Diego Epiphyllum Society

presents

19th ANNUAL Flower Show

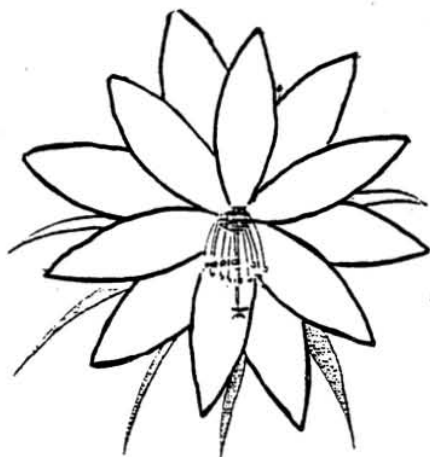
Sunday IN THE Garden

Mothers Day May 14, 1989

from 11:00 to 5:00

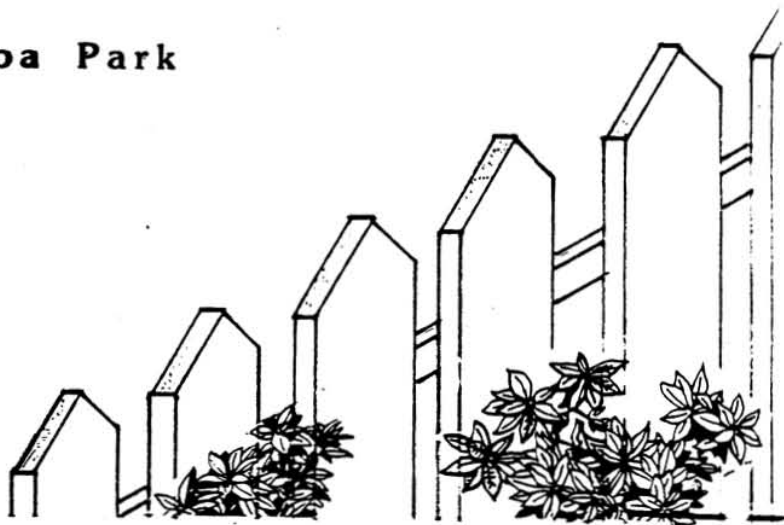
Casa del Prado, Room 101

Balboa Park



Plant Cuttings on Sale

10:00 to 5:00



SDES MOTHERS'S DAY SHOW AND SALE: OFFICIAL INFORMATION

DATE: SATURDAY MAY 13TH

FIRST ANNUAL MINI-SHOW AND SALE IN OUTER CASA DEL PRADO COURTYARD BETWEEN ROOM 101 AND THE CASA DEL PRADO THEATER

We will be limited to three tables total for sales and display. Please contact Pat Barrett if you can contribute flowers or cuttings or would like to volunteer to staff.

Set up : 9am
Open : 10am
Close : 4pm

**DATE: SATURDAY MAY 13TH
SET UP FOR SUNDAY'S MAIN EVENT**

5pm to 9pm room 101. Bring larger props and supplies Saturday. Help us open our show on time by setting up as much as possible on Saturday. Please do not arrive before 5pm, room 101 will be in use.

**SUNDAY MAY 14
SDES 19th ANNUAL MOTHER'S SHOW AND SALE**

THEME : SUNDAY IN THE GARDEN

**SATURDAY SET-UP : 5pm TO 9pm
SUNDAY SET UP : 7am to 10am
Set up must be complete by 10am.**

**JUDGING : 10am to 11am
Room must be swept and only judges and clerks may be in room 101 until show opens.**

SHOW OPENS : 11am

SHOW CLOSES : 5pm

Contact Pat Barrett, 442-2404, if you want to display. Some

tables are available but they are going fast. You can reserve a half or quarter table if you can not fill a whole one.

Single flowers are welcome and a special display table will be set aside for them as usual, bring your flowers no matter how many.

All flowers should be identified. Labels will be available at the April and May General Meetings and also at the show set up.

This year entry of flowers to be considered for the Buddy Hurst Trophy (Best Newly Registered Hybrid) will require special, blue colored, identification labels. These will be also at the April and May meetings and at show set-up.

Contact Pat Barrett if you plan to display an Epi flower arrangement. She will need to know in order to provide optimum display conditions for all entries in this category.

Exhibitor plates are available at no cost to SDES members. Orders must be placed at the April 12th meeting.

HELP US

No spraying of any kind is allowed.

Carts must be used by everyone, please unload quickly.

Room 101 will be clean when we get it, it must be cleaned by us after set-up and well as during and after the show. Please do your part. Help us keep the floor clean, dry and safe to walk on at all times.

AWARDS AND FLOWER SHOW RULES

Anyone may display Epiphyllum species, hybrids or related plants and flowers at this show. Exhibitors must label all entries. During judging the tags are turned down. Labels should be visible during the show. Displays must be complete by 10am sharp. Awards must remain with entries until the show closes. S D E S, Inc. can not be responsible for loss or damage to exhibitor's property. Entries will be judged against perfection. Decisions by judges are final. The Show Chairman shall make any other decisions. 1988 Award winners should return trophies by the April 12th General Meeting.

It is the intention of SDES to display and promote epiphyllum as the top priority of its Mother's Day Show.

A positive, joyous experience for its members is the second priority of the SDES Mother's Day Flower Show.

Another priority is the awarding of trophies to recognize outstanding entries in the show. The SDES Mother's Day Show is an informally judged flower show.

William and Ruth Nelson Trophy- awarded to the best plant in the show. A special area will be used to exhibit plants unless they are needed by entrant for their table top display. The following cactuses are eligible, Slenicereus, Hylocereus, Heliocereus, Aporocactus, Epiphyllum, Disocactus, Rhipsalis, Rhipsalidopsis, Schlumbergera or other closely related genera.

DR. JACOB and MIRIAM TROXELL TROPHY- awarded to the exhibit that best represents the theme "Sunday in the Garden".

BUDDY HURST TROPHY- awarded to the best hybrid flower on display, which has been registered with the ESA for five years or less. Special labels must be used in this category. These labels must include hybrid name, growers name, name of the originator or registered hybridizer and the year that the hybrid was registered. Documentation of registration dates is the exhibitor's responsibility, failure to provide documentation may result in disqualification. The judges will not be responsible for verifying any registration dates. Any exhibitor may enter this category.

CSSA TROPHY- awarded to the best educational display each year by the Cactus and Succulent Society of America. A minimum of two entries is required before the award can be given.

EVA CLOVER TROPHY- acknowledges the contribution to the Society by those able to display six or less flowers by recognizing the best flower on the Society's Special Table.

Walter and Penny Bunker Trophy- to the best flower arrangement in the show. The arrangements may include material from any plant and necessary mechanics, but must feature flowers from the list of plants eligible for the Nelson Trophy.

-Pat Barrett
Chairperson SDES Mother's
Day Flower Show

TRAN TALKS EPIS

Joe Tran is keeping busy talking to groups about epis. Joe has become quite an epi expert and his work-in-progress epiphyllum book is eagerly anticipated. In the last year or so Joe also has earned a reputation as an epi hybridizer

In the next few weeks Joe will appear at...

April 8th
College Presbyterian Church
La Mesa

April 22nd
Allied Gardens
Presbyterian Church
6301 Birchwood

May 12th
College Park
Presbyterian Church
(near SDSU)

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LUND TO MAKE CHARCOAL RUN

Gene Lund will be picking up a load of Horticultural Charcoal after the April meeting.

Cost is \$20.00 each for the large bags.

Reserve yours now by calling Gene at 469-1677 or 464-4140, or send a check to Gene at

5666 Aztec Dr.
La Mesa, CA 92042

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DEADLINE FOR MAY IS EARLY

April 24th

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WELCOME TO
A FRIEND IN THE NETHERLANDS

With this issue we welcome a new member in The Netherlands, Frank Süplie.

Frank heard about our group from SDES Life Member Eckhard Meier.

Frank tells us he is one of the few people in his country interested in Epi hybrids. We'll have to help him educate the Dutch.

Our new member keeps busy writing articles and six books about cacti, but complains that he isn't able to find out much about the newer Epi hybrids.

Maybe some SDES members on the leading edge would like to write to Frank, he'd be glad to hear from you.

Frank Süplie
Weg langs het kerkhof 1,
6045 AN ROERMOND
The Netherlands

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GARDEN TOUR NEEDS
GARDENS TO TOUR

The co-chairs of the SDES Epi Caravan/Garden Tour report a lack of available gardens to tour. Won't you volunteer yours?

SDES will help you pay for refreshments for the group of about 40 and the experience is nearly painless.

Contact Jean Gray, Linda Hammer or Michele Davis at the April 12th Meeting, or call 561-0485, if you are willing to have us visit your garden.

**WILD ANIMAL PARK SUMMARY:
READY SET LET'S GO**

Saturday May 6th and Sunday May 7th are the dates for the SDWAP's annual Epi and Fuchsia Show.

Sign up at the April meeting for tables, the pot-luck or just to volunteer.

SD HOME GARDEN SHOW SIGN-UPS

The following folks have signed up to work at the SDHG Show.

Friday Ap. 14
9-2 and 2-6
Linda Hammer, Jean Gray,
Michele Davis

Saturday Ap. 15
9-2
Jean Costanzo, Eva Nabers

2-6
none

Sunday Ap. 16
9-2
Nate & Dorothy Ogdon

2 to closing
Sean Minogue, John Noble

**GOODIES LIST IS BRIMMING OVER
FOR APRIL MEETING**

Rose Martinez reports plenty of sign-ups for the April 12th Refreshment table. Thanks to all...

G&G Plaisted, Linda Hammer, John Noble, Marie Chadwick, Curt Hammel, Joe Tran, Mary Alice Buaas, Helen Barkdoll, Louise Newman and Madeline French.

ODDS, ENDS AND SO ON

Jeannie Burger reports that SDES name tags, in the festive blue and white design are available for \$3.25.

Orders will be taken at the general meetings.

SDES Membership is now 317. Check again after the Mother's Day Show to see what a difference a day makes.

The long lost SDES Corporate Seal (which I am told is not a circus act) has been found and may soon be returned.

Stay tuned for details

At the March Executive Board Meeting President Sean Minogue announced with regret the automatic removal from office of Dr Hafiz from his position on the SDES Executive Board. In keeping with the SDES by-laws, members are removed from office automatically after unexcused absence from three consecutive Board Meetings.

No replacement has been named and Sean advises that "[I'm] not planning to make any appointment since this will leave us at our newly adopted 5 Board Member limit." Under a January 1989 amendment to the by-laws the number of Executive Board members was reduced from 9 to 5. If all existing vacancies were filled this limit would not be achieved until after SDES Elections in 1990.

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

ADVERTISING POLICY

EPI NEWS will accept camera ready or other ads at no cost for garden items and epiphyllums from SDES members.

MEETING TIME/PLACE

Meetings of SDES are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Casa del Prado in Balboa Park, in room 101. Meeting time is at 7:30 P.M. ALL ARE WELCOME.

Meetings of the SDES Executive Board are held on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:30 P.M. in the First Floor Seniors Lounge at the Casa del Prado. ALL ARE WELCOME.