



## IT'S SHOWTIME FOR EPI LOVERS

### S D WILD ANIMAL PARK A SUPER WEEKEND OF FUN

The annual exhibit of Epi and Fuchsia blossoms will take place at the San Diego Wild Animal Park on Saturday May 6th and Sunday May 7th. This event offers the perfect opportunity for members to spread the word about epis, share their favorite blossoms, see a fine wild animal and plant collection and enjoy a barbecue amid the company of friends.

Dick Chadwick (463-4316) and Sean Minogue (475-4478) can answer your questions and may still be able to arrange an exhibit table for you. At 5:00 P.M. on Saturday May 6th SDES will host its annual Pot-Luck at the Epi House at the WAP. This year will see the return of the popular barbecue. George Plaisted will cook hot dogs and hamburgers while his wife Jerry will arrange the rest of the meal. Contact Jerry (583-9551) to find out what kind of side-dish you will need to bring. SDES will supply the main course, the park will supply beverages, dessert etc. As ever, Mrs. Stubbs and her fuchsia volunteers will be our guests at the pot luck. Please note the new time is 5:00 P.M. Volunteers are needed to assist at the show and the pot-luck.

Don't miss this favorite event.

### MOTHER'S DAY AT A GLANCE

You will find all the necessary Mother's Day Show information in the special section beginning on page three.

Some important numbers...

Pat Barrett (chair) 442-2404  
SAT SET UP  
5 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
SUN SET UP  
7 a.m. to 10 a.m. (SHARP!)  
SHOW HOURS  
11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### BRING A FRIEND, MAY MEETING MEANS MINI-SHOW

Our traditional Mini-Show will be held at the May 10th general meeting.

The best way to see epis isn't in a catalog, book or slide program. The best way to see them is in person. The annual Mini-Show lets you see the blooms and hear a little bit about the best on display.

As usual our experts will share the highlights and attempt to answer questions about the blooms. YOUR BLOOMS ARE NEEDED, don't hesitate to bring in yours.

The pre-meeting workshop is at 6:30, meeting time is 7:30.



SD HOME/GARDEN SHOW GROWS UP

The first San Diego Home/Garden Magazine Spring Home and Garden Show held in 1986 was tiny and poorly attended, the next two years showed a slow but steady improvement. While the garden portion of the show has grown smaller over the years for once less is more.

SDES was well represented this year, Show Chair Lois Tripp and staffers Jean Gray, Michele Davis, Linda Hammer, Jean Costanzo, Eva Nabers, Nate and Dorothy Ogdon, John Noble and Sean Minogue featured a terrific display with lots of cut flowers and information about our show, our group and our meetings. Thanks to Lois's daughter Becky for the extra help setting up and taking down the booth.

In addition to the thousands of show flyers and information flyers that were given away \$250.00 was raised in cutting and care booklet sales.

Special thanks to Lois, the Ogdons and Jean Gray and Co. for keeping us supplied with flowers and cuttings.

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NEW CARE BOOKLET ON SALE

Epi Basics is a new Epi Care Booklet published by SDES. Based on articles he'd written for Epi News this twenty five page guide by Sean Minogue, answers lots of questions about epis and their peculiar needs. Cost is \$2.50 and copies are available at all meetings and shows. The first printing is selling out fast. Get your copy now.

NEWS IN BITS AND PIECES

Congratulations are due to member George Watson. In April George was certified by the University of California Cooperative Extension as a Master Gardener.

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Most SDES members know Tineke Wilders, in addition to her regular weekly radio gardening program, magazine articles and newspaper gardening column she has shared her slides and knowledge with us in several programs in recent years. Move over "Victory Garden", because now you can see Tineke on television every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. on channel 10 (KGTV). Her gardening segments have been added to the "TV Open House" show. In September Tineke will lead a 20 day botanical tour of Africa which will end with a side trip to Rio de Janeiro. For information call 497-4096.

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EPI CARAVAN - LAST CHANCE

The May 27th Epi Caravan is full with 5 gardens to visit and 40 people to visit them.

Stops include the gardens of Gus and Marge Schlapfer, Marjorie Marshall, John and Lea Holcombe, Ed and Faye (and Dan) Broz and Linda Hammer.

Tour maps will be distributed at the May 10th Meeting and the Mother's Day Show.

Jean Gray, Michele Davis and Linda Hammer are coordinating the event. If you need more information or have questions call 561-0485.

## INFORMATION FOR MOTHER'S DAY SDES 19TH ANNUAL SHOW

Location : Casa del Prado,  
room 101, Balboa Park

Theme: Sunday in the Garden

Chair: Pat Barrett 442-2404

Set up: Saturday evening 5 p.m.  
to 9 p.m. (note: room 101 is in  
use until 5 p.m. please do not  
arrive early)

Set up: Sunday morning 7 a.m.  
to 10 a.m. (Sharp) Exhibits  
must be complete and room  
clean. Rose Martinez will serve  
coffee and donuts to workers  
starting at 8 a.m.

Judging: 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.  
Judges are a special team from  
ESA, lead by ESA President  
Richard Pentico. Remember the  
judge's decisions are final.

Cutting Sales: Set up starts at  
7 a.m. Sales area opens at 10.

Pot Luck: For exhibitors and  
volunteers will be held in the  
Pratt Loggia (upstairs). Time  
to be announced. Chairman is  
Dewitt Van Wagner. Sign up for  
your contribution. Remember,  
it's Mother's Day and men  
should do the cooking.

Volunteers: Are needed all day  
to host, sell cuttings, help  
with the pot luck, man the  
information booth and a host of  
other duties. Volunteer if you  
can.

Society table: As usual members  
with only a few flowers (six or  
fewer) will be accommodated at  
the Society table, bring your  
flowers early Sunday morning,  
your help is needed.

Flower identification tags:  
Newly registered hybrids should  
be displayed with special blue  
tags so that we can all easily  
identify the new introductions.  
Blue tags must be used for  
flower to be considered for  
Hurst Trophy. Tags available at  
meetings and set-up.

Trophies: See last months Epi  
News for details about awards,  
categories and rules for the  
show.

Membership and Information  
Services will open in sales  
area at 10 a.m.

### REMEMBER

Carts must be used by everyone.  
Please unload quickly. Help  
will be available.

Spraying of any type is not  
allowed.

It is our responsibility to  
keep room 101 clean and to keep  
the floors clean, dry and safe  
to walk on.

CUTTINGS ARE NEEDED. Please  
bring your marked cuttings to  
the May 10th meeting if you  
have not already made other  
arrangements. Don't overwhelm  
the volunteers by waiting until  
Sunday morning.

### SATURDAY MINI-SHOW

We will have three tables of  
display and cutting sales in  
the Casa del Prado on Saturday  
May 13th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Cuttings and volunteers are  
needed, see Pat.

SOUTH BAY EPI'S THIRD SHOW  
IS A BIG SUCCESS !

The hall at the South Coast Botanic Gardens in Palos Verdes never looked better than it did on Sunday April 23rd according to many visitors. The reason was the third annual show by the South Bay Epiphyllum Society. The displays and arrangements were great and thanks to the earlier show date there were plenty of flowers.

The cuttings sold out by 1:30 due to the huge crowd, thanks in part to a nice article and photo in the Saturday LA Times.

George French was sure that his epis were at their peak that weekend, so he sent flowers up to the show. Their uniquely vibrant colors were a big hit with the South Bay group.

Wressy Cocke had some great blooms, as usual. In this show there is a "Wressy Cocke Hybrids Category" so there were some very nice examples of his work.

ESA President Richard Pentico was on hand at the ESA display table flipping through the new ESA Directory while answering questions about the various hybrids.

The show featured a very large assortment of nice plants, epi hybrids and related (ESA VP Terry Goewert showed a nice *Hattiora* and there were some very cute hanging *Rhipsalidopsis*).

Rainbow Gardens (Aka: Chuck and Jerry) had their fantastic board full of blooms and plenty of interesting items from their bookshop. Their display and

enthusiasm brightened the whole corner of the room.

Epi Crusaders Everette and Leona Andrews were on hand with some beautiful flowers. They must win the award for "Most Milage on Behalf of Epis."

Next to them was a nice display of Hoyas (too bad it's early and there weren't many blossoms).

The back of the room featured some beautiful epi photographs, many by the talented Marrienne Bouck. These color prints were huge and framed beautifully.

South Bay Epiphyllum Society President Dick Kohlschreiber seemed perhaps overwhelmed by the numbers of visitors but generally very pleased with the show. Especially with the numbers and the quality of the flowers.

Congratulations South Bay for a great show and job well done.

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EPI WORKSHOP TO FEATURE  
LAST MINUTE SHOW ADVICE

The May 10th Pre Meeting Workshop will a favorite topic, "Displaying Epis at a Show" and will be led by two people who should know how, Show Chair Pat Barrett and John Noble.

John and Pat will share last minute suggestions on methods, mechanics and other aspects of displaying at the show on Mother's Day.

The workshop will be held in Casa del Prado room 104 at 6:30 p.m. If you're stuck for an idea, this may be the answer.

#### GUARD WILL ADD PEACE OF MIND

Because of its unique location and the high crime rate in the surrounding area, Balboa Park's Casa del Prado is a less than perfect meeting place, but it is our home.

Many SDES members have expressed concern about the security at our evening meetings in the park. As the world gets stranger, Balboa Park will lead the way.

Those who attended the April General Meeting may have noticed that some unwelcome strangers were lurking about, at various times approaching members and helping themselves to our food items. While our first reaction is a profound sadness for them, we grow uneasy when these people chose to project a threatening image and confront members as they go about their business.

In an attempt to protect members and bona fide guests while at our meetings or walking to their cars, the SDES Executive Board has hired a Security Guard, on a trial basis, to be at the May 10th General Meeting and the Mother's Day Show. The guard will be on duty from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. to monitor the meeting rooms and kitchen areas and escort groups to the upper parking lot after the meeting. On Mother's Day the guard will be on hand in the afternoon, to assist those handling money.

May 10th members will be asked to consider making the guard a permanent addition. Enjoyment of the right to peaceful assembly begins with peace of mind about personal safety.

#### MORE QUESTIONS ABOUT SHOW RULES

Q. "Shouldn't exhibitor names be hidden during judging?"

A. Yes, they should. This is true for most plant and flower shows that are judged. When you leave your exhibit before the 10am judging period be sure that your name is not visible. Judges will not consider an entry if the exhibitors name is visible. The clerks can assist the judges should they need any tag information. After judging turn the tags up so the public can read them.

Q. "Is any new epi hybrid eligible for the Hurst Trophy?"

A. According to the guidelines this category, entries must "have been registered with the ESA". Unregistered flowers are always welcome but they can not be considered in this particular category.

Q. "Many exhibitors show flowers that were grown by others, shouldn't this be regulated?"

A. The SDES Executive Board says "No", since there would be no way to monitor or verify violations. People usually share their flowers to make the show better not to win prizes. If you share your flowers, keep the best for yourself. Imagine member X gives you flowers for your table and one of them is selected as the Best in your display, that's one risk you take, or the generous grower may give away a Prize Winner and remain uncredited. In some categories, such as Theme or Arrangements consider that the flowers are just a part of the creative whole. The Hurst Award honors the originator, but the trophy goes to the exhibitor not necessarily the grower.

MAY COOKIE LIST

A dozen bakers will be bringing snacks to the May 10th General Meeting, they are...

- Michiko Munda
- Sako Hook
- Susie Ellis
- Chloe Bajwa
- E.B. Glover
- F. Flemming
- Gus Schlapfer
- Mary-Alice Buaas
- Donna Couchman
- Jeanette Dutton
- Sean Minogue
- Eva Werneth

Thanks to all for the great response.

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EPI SALE CONTINUES

We have 3" and 4" potted plants for \$1.00 and \$2.00. One and two gallon plants for \$3.00 and \$6.00.

We will be open the following Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 20th and June 3rd or call for an appointment any other day. Please leave your name and phone number with the answering machine and we will call back.

Michele Davis	or	Jean Gray
561-0485		448-2540

10648 Palm Row Drive  
Lakeside, California

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JUNE WILL HAVE SPECIAL PROGRAM AND AN EXTRA EPI MEETING

The June 14th General Meeting will feature a program on Square Foot Gardening and a special opportunity to share your epi snapshots with other members.

The special SDES Meeting at Quail Gardens will be held on Saturday June 17th at Quail Botanical Gardens in Encinitas and will feature George French with a program of his favorite epi slides. The meeting will start at 1:00, have a picnic lunch before the meeting, we'll have snacks after George's program and then we will have a special docent tour of Quail Gardens outstanding collection.

Make your plans now to be at this special day of fun in the near-by North County. Don't forget to bring any late blooming epis.

**NEWSFLASH:**

**DATELINE Wild Animal Park**

Dick Chadwick reports that Jim Gibbons will retire from his post as Horticulturist at the San Diego Wild Animal Park as of January 1990.

Jim's special leadership has brought the botanical side of the park a long, long way.

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**BULK MAIL RETURNS**

Thanks to the efforts of Elizabeth Glover, Epi News again comes to you at the bulk postage rates.

Elizabeth has volunteered to do the necessary sorting, paperwork etc. and this means a real savings to us all.

Thanks Elizabeth for taking on yet another responsibility.

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Deadline for June issue  
is May 20th

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**BOTANICAL EVENTS**

May 6th & 7th Balboa Park  
Bromeliad Study Group Show and  
Sale 11:00 to 4:30 CdP 101  
FREE

May 20th & 21st San Diego  
Geranium Soc'y Show and Sale  
Sat Noon to 5:00, Sun 10 to 5  
FREE

May 27th & 28th Heartland  
African Violet Soc'y 8th  
Show/Sale Sat 1 to 5,  
Sun 10 to 5  
FREE

June 3rd & 4th San Diego Cactus  
and Succulent Soc'y Show/Sale  
Sat 1 to 5, Sun 10 to 5  
FREE (but bring lots of money  
to but lots of plants !)

June 11th Southwest  
Hemerocallis Soc'y 15th Show  
Sun only Noon to 5  
FREE



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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.