



JUNE GENERAL MEETING OFFERS GARDENING INFORMATION AND CUTTINGS TO GET STARTED

The guest speaker at the June 14th General Meeting will be University of California Cooperative Extension Master Gardener A. John Jacobelli of Valley Center. Mr. Jacobelli is currently President of the Dos Valles Garden Club and a past President of the Master Gardeners Association. In recent years he has adapted and perfected his own version of Square Foot Gardening. His humorous talks on the subject are always informative and much in demand. You'll love "Jake's" down-to-earth style and you'll find many valuable bits of information that can make growing epis easier.

The Pre-Meeting workshop will feature Gus Schlapfer on the topic of Planting Epi Cuttings. This introduction is designed for the beginner and will explain the best soils to use and the extra things you can do to insure success.

The Pre-Meeting Workshop will begin at 6:30 p.m. in Room 104 of the Casa del Prado. The General Meeting will begin at 7:30 in Room 101. Remember that the meeting order will be different this month only. The Program will be first, we'll have refreshments during a special 20 minute break. Bring

your Mother's Day snapshots to share during the break. Following the break we will have a short business meeting. The evening will conclude with a special one-time-only return of the OPPORTUNITY TABLE.

After each Mother's Day Show we have hundreds of cuttings left-over. In past years these cuttings have gone to the Epiphyllum Society of America for sale at their show. This year their show came before ours so we are able to offer these to our members and their guests. We will sell tickets (twenty-five cents) and draw numbers until the cuttings are gone. Tickets merely decide the order in which cuttings are selected, all tickets will get at least one cutting (very likely more than one, depending on tickets sold vs. cutting available).

ALSO AT THE JUNE 14th MEETING before the meeting and during the break, the left-over Special Cuttings will be on sale for 50% off their marked prices. There are still some excellent and healthy cuttings available. This is an outstanding opportunity to get those newer hybrids for an extra special price.

**REMINDER: SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 17TH AT QUAIL GARDENS
SEE DETAILS ON PAGE TWO**



QUAIL MEETING HAS LOTS TO OFFER

A special meeting of the San Diego Epiphyllum Society has been scheduled for Saturday June 17th, at the Ecke Building at Quail Botanical Gardens County Park in Encinitas.

The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. and will feature a slide program by George French of his epi hybrids. George's hybrids have no peers when it comes to size, color and variety. In addition to old favorites George will share some slides that he has taken of the 1989 blooming season which include some brand-new, soon-to-be-registered hybrids.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

At about 2:30 p.m. or 3:00 p.m. (depending on how long the meeting runs) a Quail Gardens Docent will lead us on a tour of the Gardens.

Picnic tables are available if you would like to come up early and have lunch.

Quail Gardens is located at 230 Quail Gardens Drive, in Encinitas, about 30 minutes north of downtown San Diego. Take Interstate 5 to the Encinitas Blvd. exit. Head east about one quarter mile to Quail Gardens Drive. Turn left to the gardens. There is a one dollar per car parking fee.

This beautiful garden park in constantly evolving, come see all the changes since your last visit.

There is no business scheduled for the meeting. All are welcome to attend.

SAM MARKEY

I am so sorry to have to report the sudden death of Mr. Sam (Harry) Markey.

We will all miss him. No matter how ill he felt he would come to the meetings if only for a few minutes. He had been having problems with his health for some time, but, he loved the epiphyllums so much that he would go to any extreme to participate in their culture.

As ill as he was, he would take the day and drive up to as many epi nurseries as he could, just to see the new hybrids, and to talk about the flowers.

Herman, my husband, and I have known Mr. Markey for many years. He belonged to the Toastmaster Club with Herman.

I would like to say one more thing about Sam Markey. He was one of the few true gentlemen left in this world. His passing leaves a great void in this old world of ours.

I hope that where ever his spirit goes, it will find some of his beloved epis.

Farewell, old, dear, friend.

We will miss you.

- Gene Schmedding

Note:

We last saw Mr. Markey at our sale the day before Mother's Day. He arrived long before anyone else with blossoms to share. He was in pain but he was happy, staying just long enough to enjoy the flowers. Two days later he was gone.

- Sean

A LETTER FROM PAT BARRETT:

Thanks to all the great members of the San Diego Epiphyllum Society for helping to make our Mother's Day Show a success. I would like to thank those special people who kept me from making more mistakes than I did.

George and Jerry Plaisted for always being where they were needed most. Margaret Pethley for Clerking for the Judges and helping to set up the Society table. Curt Hammel for his work setting up the arrangement table and Society table. Jean Gray for her camera work. Elizabeth and Wilbur Glover for doing the special cuttings. Dewitt and Bonnie Van Wagner for a terrific pot-luck. Dick Chadwick and Charlie Coons and their cutting sale crew. Sanford Roberts who made our out of town judges feel at home (and helped them find lunch). Madeline and George French for their smiles and great hospitality to all. Richard Pentico, President of E.S.A. for heading up our team of judges and the other judges for their hard work selecting from the beautiful flowers and displays. Last but not least thanks to Sean Minogue and John Noble. Without their moral support, understanding and many trips with over-loaded trucks much would not have gotten done.

Special thanks to all who shared their flowers to help make the show super. To the others who did many many things to help that I don't know about, I wish I did so that I could thank you personally.

Pat Barrett

MOTHER'S DAY SHOW WINNERS

Nelson Trophy:
Best Epiphytic Plant on Display
DEREK OBAYASHI

Hurst Trophy:
Best Newly Registered Hybrid
GEORGE FRENCH / "Honey Dew"

Troxell Trophy:
Best Representation of Theme
ED BROZ (and family)

CSSA Trophy:
Best Educational Display
David Graham

Bunker Trophy:
Best Flower Arrangement
MARGE SCHLAPFER

Clover Trophy:
Society Table Best Flower
BETSY BOLLMAN / "Jennifer Ann"

EXHIBITORS BEST

Gus Schlapfer / "Fire Devil"
Jean Costanzo / "Rio Rosa"
Vernon Hook / "Farewell"
Daniel Graham / "Daisy Dean"
George French / "Radiant Fire"
Jean Gray / "Show Boat"
Lois Tripp / "Ball of Fire"
Jean Seile / "1-L-4"
Helen Barkdoll / "7-P"
Margaret Pethley - "G.B.Lloyd"
N. & D. Ogdon - "Labor of Love"
Mariana Geck - "Empress"
Wressy Cocke - "Clown"
Don Irwin - "Pinky"
John & Lee Holcombe - "Clown"
C. & J. Rice - "American Sweetheart"
Ed Gauss - "Viking"
Margaret Pethley - arrang.
Derek Obayashi - arrang.
Mary-Alice Buaas - arrang.
Ed Lucero - arrang.

Please remember that all trophies should be returned now for engraving.

WAP SHOW IS BEST EVER

The May 6th and 7th Epi Show at the San Diego Wild Animal Park was a big hit again this year. Nearly one thousand dollars was raised for the park through the sale of epi cuttings and care booklets.

The work was hard but our volunteers all did a fine job. Thanks to all the cutting donors, exhibitors and volunteers, who included... George and Madeline French, David and Daniel Graham, Dick Chadwick, Jean Gray and Linda Hammer and Michele Davis, Leo Kihm, Gus and Marge Schlapfer, Gene Lund, Jeanette Dutton, Nate and Dorothy Ogdon, Vern and Sako Hook, Susie Ellis, Jeannie Brereton, Gloria and Mary Ann and Warren Alexanderson, Leonor Arbayo, John Noble and Pat Barrett. (I don't have the complete list and apologize if I omitted anyone!) Thanks also to Jim Gibbons and Bonnie Mustoe and the Wild Animal Park staff for their help.

EXTRA BIG thanks to George and Jerry Plaisted and their crew for the fine barbecue it was a great idea and great fun for all. The joy of the feast was made bittersweet when Jim Gibbons reminded those attending that this was the last Epi Show he would host at the park owing to his impending retirement.

It was good to see that many of the new friends we made at the Wild Animal Park also came to the Mother's Day Show. Welcome to those new members.

- Sean Minogue

EPI CARAVAN EARNS RAVES, MEMBERS MAKE FRIENDS AND SEE NEW WAYS TO GROW EPIS

The third annual Epi Caravan was held on May 27th and all attending gave the event high marks.

Thanks to all the hosts and hostesses and especially to organizers Jean Gray, Michele Davis and Linda Hammer.

The day began with sweet rolls and coffee at the Lakeside home of Ron and Linda Hammer. Linda had some beautiful flowers to reward those able to get the sleep out of their eyes.

Next stop was at the El Cajon home of Ed and Faye Broz and their son Dan. Their garden is a labyrinth of growing areas each with its own micro-climate and plant selection.

Gus and Marge Schlapfer hosted the luncheon phase of the tour at their La Mesa garden. Gus amazed many with his apple tree, grafted with five different apple varieties.

Next John and Lee Holcombe welcomed visitors to their home in University City. Lee served dessert while our little group of 40 enjoyed their beautiful flowers.

The last stop was high atop Mt. Soledad at the home of Marjorie Marshall. Marj had a wonderful selection of cheeses and wine to enjoy. Guests were equally impressed by her beautiful flowers (she had a beautiful "Clown") and her intricate needle work.

Don't be left out next year, join the Epi Caravan.

**NEW EPIPHYTIC
HYBRID GENERA
x NOPALXALIS**

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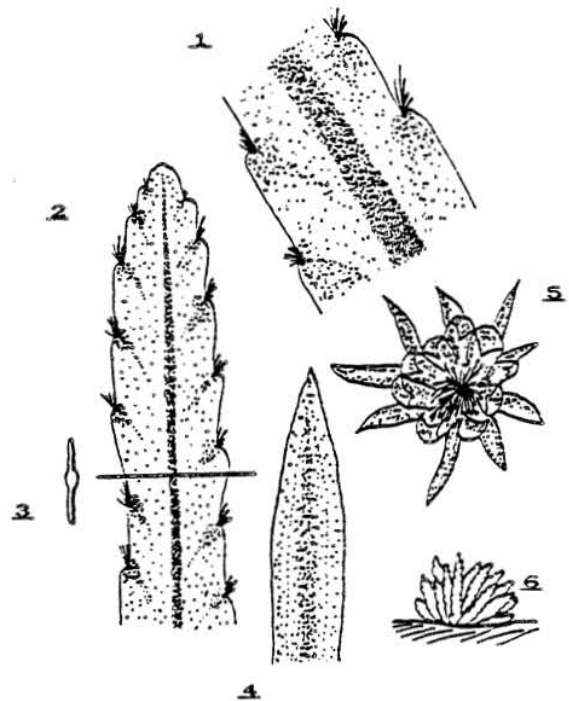
In the Dutch cactusociety 'Succulenta' I described two new epiphytic hybrid genera. One of them was x *Nopalxalis*, the other, which I will write about in a future Epi News, x *Seleniphylchia*.

X *Nopalxalis* is a new hybrid genus for crosses between *Nopalxochia* and *Rhipsalis*. Several years ago I made crosses between a hybrid from *Nopalxochia ackermanii* x *phyllantoides* and *Rhipsalis monacantha* but never got results. In 1984 I got a fruit on one of the plants. The seedlings were of typical *Nopalxochia* growth. One seedling was grafted on to an opuntia. This plant grew extremely fast and in 1986 the plant flowered. The second flower came in July 1987 and so the plant could be described in the Dutch cactusociety, page 141-142 as x *Nopalxalis* "Naranja". Other seedlings are not described at this moment. The grafted plant has had a disease and only one cutting was recovered. The other seedlings are growing very slowly and it will be several years before they reach flowering size.

I gave the plant the name "Naranja" for its orange flowers. In the ESA listing there already exist several older hybrids with this same name. I never realized the confusion with existing hybrids

that might arise when I gave this plant this name. The plant in the ESA Directory is not the same as mine. There are several small details which differ. For example the plant listed with parents *Nopalxochia Ackermanii* x *Rhipsalis monacantha* has almost no bristles in the aeroles, my "Naranja" has bristles.

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Drawings by the author.

1. Branch, 2/3 natural size
2. Branch, 2/3 natural size
3. Cross section, branch
4. Flower petal, detail
5. Flower, not full open, 2/3 natural size
6. Growing plant

X Nopalxalis
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These small variations may be in the parents. The plant called Nopalxochia "Ackermannii" is maybe the botanical species but could also be the hybrid with the botanical name x Heliochia vandesii "Ackermannii". At this moment this could not be proved. On the other hand it could be it could also be a hybrid between Nopalxochia and Rhipsalis. I can prove that this cross exists by my own hybrid.

At this moment there are several more exclusive hybrids in Europe. Here we know the hybrid "Mary Hoogvliet" and "Red Peony" which has as parents Digitorebutia x Epiphyllum !!

As to the new genus, "Naranja" is a difficult plant to grow. It must have an minimum temperature of 15-17 C (about 60 F) in winter. It rots easily in wet soil and so may be better grafted.

I hope the one surviving cutting, which I am now growing, will yield cuttings that I can share with SDES members in future years.

DEADLINE FOR JULY ISSUE IS

JUNE 26th

EPI TRADING POST

RAINBOW GARDENS has a definite need for large plants of species Epiphyllums (E. Cartagense, E. Caudatum, E. Pumilum, E. Anguliger, E. Chrysocardium, etc.). No E. Strictums needed. If you have any for sale or trade, please write or call Chuck or Jerry at Rainbow gardens, 144 E. Taylor St., Vista, CA 92084. (619) 758-4290.

G & G EPIPHYLLUM will be back at the Del Mar Fair this year. Don't miss their booth just inside the main entrance, outside the flower show.

Gene and Gus offer the finest in low cost epi cuttings and plants.

Stop by and see their flowers June 16th through July 4th.

FOR SALE:
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1 red
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Best offer takes.
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THANKS and WELCOME
FROM THE PRESIDENT

I never believed any flower show, even an epi show, could be as great as ours was this year. Pat and her very creative friends deserve credit to be sure.

I was astonished by the participation from our members. We can laugh now, but you know that the extra early bloom this year had us plenty worried. But you came through. To all who brought flowers and especially to Elizabeth and Wilbur Glover, George French and Chuck and Jerry from Rainbow Gardens thank you.

The quality and creative effort behind each and every display was incredible. There were whimsical miniature gardens, picnics, a formal garden, a lath house filled with beautiful hanging epi plants, a huge epi "vegetable" garden, elaborate educational displays and so much more.

Our Saturday Mini-Show and Sale was an unqualified success. Thanks to the intrepid crew who braved the wind and cold to help us raise some money and share our epis. Our sale on Sunday was also a success and that's good news. Pat and Marge will have all the figures at the June 14th meeting.

As you know we tried some new ideas at the show and I think that they paid off. The new floor plan and the extra space were great. At last you could enjoy being in the room with all those other people.

The show really succeeded because every person did

everything that they could to make it so. Everybody pitched in and boy did it work.

To those who have just discovered our group let me offer a warm welcome. I hope that you will be as impressed by our happy plant group as you are with the plants we adore.

Our group has gone through some changes lately. I like to tell people that we have a new attitude. We were weighed down for a long time but we have cast our burden aside and we are moving forward, adding programs and activities.

Workshops, tours, shows, sales, displays, meetings, programs, we've had a busy Spring and we have plenty of events ahead of us this year.

To all who have helped us this year thanks again. You make it all possible.

- Sean Minogue

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An EPI TIP

You can balance those hanging pots that are out of kilter by using fishing weights. Jean Gray hangs them off the sides of pots as counter weights to straighten out her hanging plants.

Weights can also help to train branches to hang away from other branches. Once the branch is trained the weights can be removed.

The lead weights come in a wide variety of sizes and several can be used when added weight is needed.

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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.