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**Mother's Day 2026—President's Choice Award**

**'Kiwi Sonata'**

**Entrant: Paula Reynolds**

Hybridizer: Yvonne & Andrew Brunton

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**Calendar of Events**

June	3	Board Meeting
	6	<a href="#">Balboa Park Garden Party</a>
	6 - 7	<a href="#">San Diego C&amp;SS Summer Show &amp; Sale</a>
	10	General Meeting
	13 - 14	<a href="#">San Diego County Fair - SDES Booth</a>
	12 - 14	<a href="#">CSSA Show &amp; Sale at the Huntington</a>
July	1	Board Meeting
	8	General Meeting
	17 - 18	<a href="#">Orange County C&amp;SS Summer Sale</a>
	18 - 19	<a href="#">San Diego Turtle and Tortoise Show</a>
August	5	Board Meeting
	12	General Meeting

General Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month. We are doing our best to have a presence both in person and online. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. and the pre-meeting workshop is at 7:00 p.m. The Zoom room will open at 7:00 p.m. Check your email for instructions and links. Board Meetings are the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m., and are online. All members are welcome to attend the board meeting. If you are interested in attending, please request the online Zoom link from the Membership Secretary, or the President.



**On the Cover:  
 June 2026**

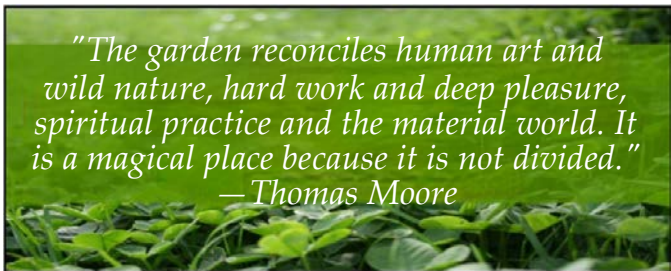
Photo: Patricia Neal

The Mother’s Day 2026 **President’s Choice Award** went to Paula Reynolds for her entry of: ‘Kiwi Sonata’ - Y&AB 2011 Inner and outer petals purple with red midstripe. Double, wide form. Flat and three-angled, branched basket growth. {L} ‘Elinor Victoria Latimer’ x ‘Pink Plumes’. Reg. #13803.

# We Are Keeping in Touch and New Members

Our members are the most important part of our society. Together we create more beauty for all to enjoy.

As with any group, we are more effective and stronger when we are unified together—and our membership spans the globe! Although the epies are what bring us together at first, lifelong friendships are made in the society. Knowledge, plants, passions, and stories of those who came before us are shared between members—and everyone has fun!



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<p><u>Keeping You in our Thoughts and Prayers</u> Emily Lovci and Lisa Million, Jim Nones, Gail Hatfield</p>	<p><u>New Members</u> Joe Kozar, Escondido, CA Jana Axelrad, San Francisco, CA Jennifer Swayne, Fort Mohave, AZ</p>
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*'Climax'*  
Photo: Patricia Neal



*'Immortal'*  
Photo: Patricia Neal

# We Need Your Help with Raffle Table Items

If you have epiphyllums (cuttings or plants), succulents, species, interesting garden items, or other plants you would like to donate to stock and increase the variety of items on our raffle table, we need your help. To make a donation or to obtain more information on how you can help, please contact our raffle table coordinator, Paula Reynolds via email at [paularey@aol.com](mailto:paularey@aol.com) with your ideas and questions. We are always looking for fun and exciting new items.

## President's Corner — *From President Dean DeLibertis*



Dear SDES Members:

Our Mother's Day Sale is officially over, but there is no time to rest as we dive straight into preparing for our upcoming event schedule and next year's production. We have a busy season ahead with the Del Mar County Fair June 13th and 14th, San Diego Turtle and Tortoise show July 18th and 19th, and possibly the Del Mar Fall Home Garden Show October 17th and 18th. Now, add to that we need to start planting 4" and one gallon pots for 2027. San Diego Turtle and Tortoise show in April, the Spring Home Garden Show also in April and the Spring Garden Festival in May. While remembering we still have to produce product for Mother's Day next year without the 30% we once grew at the park.

Where do the leftovers go from this year's Mother's Day go? Leftover unsold items from Mother's Day are not wasted—they are immediately added to the rotation for summer and fall events. There's never enough in the rotation and we have to constantly rely on members to fill in as many blanks as possible. To that, thank you all for all you do and donate.

As we start to prepare the 4" pots for the foster parents we ask for volunteers to become foster parents. This year we're looking to foster 15 flats, they can be picked up at the Membership Appreciation party in September. Remember, smaller pots dry out quick, so 4" pots may need attention once or twice a week

We look forward to seeing you at the June meeting and other upcoming events.

*Dean*

## Meeting Program & Workshop

**Pre-Meeting Workshop:** The pre-meeting workshop will be led by David Cheever who will be discussing "*Rooting Cuttings Without Soil*". The workshop will be held in Casa Del Prado Room 104 at 7:00 p.m.

**June Program:** Our June meeting will be held on June 10, 2026 in Casa Del Prado Room 101 at 7:30 p.m. A panel discussion will be hosted featuring panelists Ron Crain, Ken Maculan, and Tim Paul. The panelists will discuss their experiences growing and caring for epies, along with tips and tricks they have learned along the way. You won't want to miss this lively discussion. Zoom begins at 7:00 p.m. for socializing, and the online meeting will join the live meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**May Program:** Our May meeting was held on May 13, 2026 in Casa Del Prado Room 101 at 7:30 p.m. As is our tradition, a Mini Show was held featuring blooms not quite ready for the show—along with sharing memories of our past Mother's Day event. Barb Alvarez was voted People's Choice award winner with her entry of 'Alakazam' and David Cheever presented Barb the award pictured below.



*Mildred Mikas (left) prepares cuttings for the Mother's Day Sale at the annual sorting and cutting party.*

*Pictured right Barb Alvarez wins the People's Choice Mini Show competition with her entry of 'Alakazam'. David Cheever presents Barb the award.*

Photos: JK Hendershot



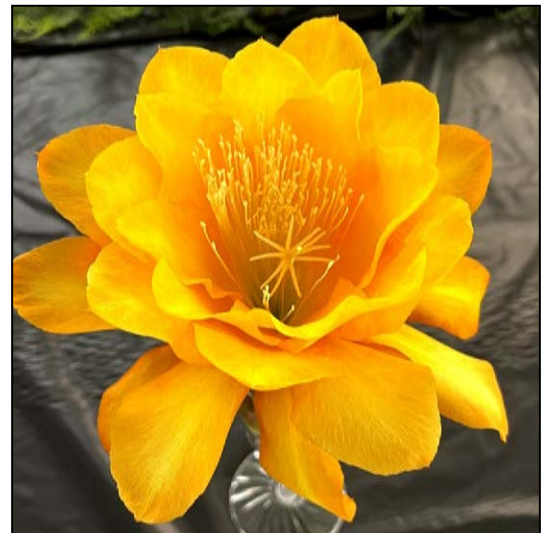
## Now Is the Time—Seasonal Checklist

- ✓ **Remove any spent blossoms.** Be sure to leave a quarter of an inch of stem attached to the areola to avoid any damage to the plant.
- ✓ **Time to pick the apples.** Remove any unwanted apples (dried blossoms which form a seed pod) if you don't plan to use the seeds. Also, be careful who is around if you do call them apples!
- ✓ **Break out your mister garden hose attachment.** With warmer, drier days ahead, begin misting epies. Bloom season can take a toll on plants, so help them plump up for the hot days ahead. A short “shower” in the morning may help your plants thrive between regular watering.
- ✓ **Check for snails, aphids and ants.** Ants are attracted to the nectar in flowering buds, but do no damage to epies. However, their presence is an indication that mealy bugs (which are brought in by ants) may be on the plant or in the soil. Small infestations may be controlled with a 50-50 solution of water and isopropyl alcohol. Larger infestations may require chemical treatment such as Malathion. When using chemicals to control pests, be sure to read labels and follow the instructions provides completely.
- ✓ **Keep your epies moist.** Don't allow the soil in your pots to dry out. Remember, clay pots tend to dry out much quicker than plastic pots.
- ✓ **Resume a balanced feeding.** You can go back to feeding your epies a ‘balanced’ or ‘complete’ fertilizer, now that blooming season is almost over. Choose a fertilizer where “N-P-K” are about equal, for example 8-10-10—or a standard 10-10-10.
- ✓ **Fertilize leaves and foliage.** A mild solution of liquid fertilizer makes an excellent foliar mist and can add extra vigor to plants with visible results.
- ✓ **Plant new cuttings or repot older plants.** Remember to wait at least seven days before watering freshly repotted plants to avoid the root system from becoming too wet.
- ✓ **Plant your seeds.** If you're trying your hand at hybridization, last year's seeds can be planted now. Be sure to shade them from bright light, keep them warm, and avoid any drafts or cooler air.



*'Pete's Surprise'*

Photo: Patricia Neal



*'Tiger's Eye'*

Photo: Patricia Neal

# SDES Hosts Cutting Party in Preparation of MDS

SDES hosted its annual Epi Cutting/Sorting Party on Sunday, May 3, 2026, at the home of President Dean DeLibertis in National City, CA.

The event was in preparation for our upcoming Mother's Day Sale, and over 20 members were in attendance to assist in labeling, and sorting cuttings in advance of our sale.

Several members who were unable to attend dropped off their cuttings prior to the party so they could be included in the labeling and sorting process.

Lunch was served at noon and everyone in attendance enjoyed an afternoon of good food and fellowship as we prepared for the big event which was held on Saturday and Sunday May 9 - 10.



Photos: JK Hendershot

## Mother's Day Show and Sale Recap *By Jerry Moreau*



*'Daniel' entered by Paula Reynolds*

Photos: Jerry Moreau

Another wonderful Mother's Day Show has come and gone. We hope you were able to stop by, take in the blooms, and share laughter and camaraderie with fellow members and friends. This year's theme, *Epies: Nature's Paintbox*, inspired a range of creative and playful displays that brought color, texture, and personality to the forefront. The results were as vibrant, imaginative, and engaging as ever.

As always, we gathered in celebration of our shared love for plants and flowers. Despite an unusual growing season, there was still plenty of beauty to fill the show tables. We were especially honored to welcome special guests Jerry Williams of Rainbow Gardens, noted hybridizer Gerry Mattijetz, and past president Marj Myers—it was a joy to have them with us.

The People's Choice table continues to be a highlight, offering a glimpse into what captures the public's imagination. This year's favorites were 'Don Crain,' 'Juliana

Obayashi,' and 'Dreamboat Annie'—all well-deserving selections.

Congratulations to David Cheever for his first-place display. Paula Reynolds was awarded the President's Choice for her flower 'Kiwi Sonata,' and Keith Bennett impressed judges with an incredible 'Sakurahime,' earning first place on the Society Table. We also celebrate George French, one of the Society's great hybridizers, with a dedicated category of his hybrids. This year's winners were Janice Wakefield with 'Chuck 'N' Jerry' (1st place), Mildred Mikas with 'Lady Ruffles' (2nd place), and Paula Reynolds with 'Daniel' (3rd place) shown above.

The educational displays are a personal favorite. There's always something new to learn, and this year was no exception. Janice Wakefield's display on Richard Chadwick (below left) and his hybridizing work was very informative—so much so that it'll inspire a future article. It was also wonderful to see Linda Bennett enter a display for the first time. We hope even more members will participate next year; creating a display is a fun way to stretch our creativity and showcase the beauty of these beloved plants.

More than anything, the show remains a celebration of who we are as a society: a community rooted in passion, care, and a deep appreciation for these remarkable plants—and for one another.

Until next Mother's Day weekend, it's time to start planning ahead. The next theme will be revealed later this year. In the meantime, we turn back to tending our plants—fertilizing, repotting, and keeping them healthy in preparation for next spring's blooms. And of course, enjoying the flowers still to come.



*Janice Wakefield's educational display.*



*Display entry by Janine Topell.*

# Mother's Day Show 2026 Results and Winners

## Jacob W. & Miriam Troxell Trophy, Div. I

1. David Cheever
  2. Paula Reynolds
  3. Jerry Moreau
- HM Janine Topell  
HM Elizabeth Vigil

## Jacob W. & Miriam Troxell Trophy, Div. II

1. No entries.

## Gus and Marge Schlapfer Award

1. Mildred and Gerry Mikas
  2. Barb Alvarez
  3. NA
- HM NA

## Mildred and Gerry Mikas Award

1. Sandra and Colleen Chapin
2. NA
3. NA

## Richard G. Latimer Jr. (Educational)

1. Janice Wakefield
2. NA
3. NA

## Walter & Penny Bunker Trophy

1. Janine Topell
  2. Janine Topell
  3. NA
- HM NA

## Eva Clover Society Trophy

1. Keith Bennett – Sakurahime
2. Velma Crain – Casper
3. Paula Reynolds – Adela Antonio-Nones

## William & Ruth Nelson (Best Plant)

1. Jerry Moreau – *Lepismium cruciforme*
2. Jerry Moreau – *Rhipsalis ewaldiana*
3. NA

## Buddy Hurst Trophy

1. Beth Jackson – The Romanovs Treasure
2. NA
3. NA

## Don & Judy Francis Award for Small Blooms

1. Patricia Neal – Mary (1)
  2. Patricia Neal – Mary (2)
  3. NA
- HM NA

## President's Choice

Paula Reynolds – Kiwi Sonata

## George French Best Hybrid

1. Janice Wakefield – Chuck 'N' Jerry
  2. Mildred Mikas – Lady Ruffles
  3. Paula Reynolds – Daniel
- HM NA

## Don Patterson Award for Best Unregistered Seedling

1. Jerry Moreau – Don Patterson seedling unknown cross
2. Paula Reynolds – Clown x American Sweetheart
3. Paula Reynolds – Clown x American Sweetheart

## LeBlanc Novice Trophy

1. Linda Bennett

## Bob and Lois Burks Trophy for Best Extra Large Hybrid

1. Linda Bennett – Zeus
2. Lori Brandt – Pegasus
3. NA

## Exhibitor's Best

1. Dean DeLibertis – No ID
2. Sandra Chapin – Zeus
3. Linda Bennett – Undine
4. Jerry Moreau – Chandra
5. Paula Reynolds – Daniel
6. David Cheever – Kiwi Sonata
7. Elizabeth Vigil – Bertha Talbot Loose
8. Mildred and Gerry Mikas – Grace Ann
9. Janine Topell – Mildred Mikas
10. Barb Alvarez – Pete's Surprise

## People's Choice Trophy

1. Mildred Mikas – Don Crain
2. Dean DeLibertis – Juliana Obayashi
3. Sandra & Colleen Chapin – Dreamboat Annie



Photo: Jerry Moreau

# 2026 Mother's Day Show — The People Who Made It Happen

SDES closed another successful Mother's Day Show and Sale weekend and all of the people who volunteered can take a sigh of relief—for a few days at least—until we begin to plan for next year's event.

Jerry Moreau captured some great photos of those who labored long hours that weekend to ensure the success of the event. Take a moment to check out the pictures and you will see for yourself in the huge smiles—the joy epies bring to all.



Mother's Day Show 2026— "Epies: Nature's Paintbox"

# Mother's Day Show Winners Photos by Patricia Neal



*David Cheever  
FIRST PLACE  
Best Theme Display  
Troxell One Division*



*Paula Reynolds  
SECOND PLACE  
Best Theme Display  
Troxell One Division*

Mother's Day Show 2026— "Epies: Nature's Paintbox"

Mother's Day Show Winners *Continued*

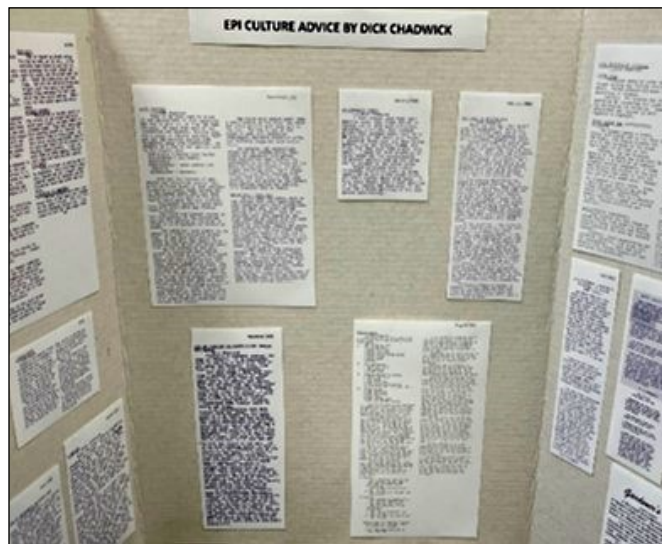


Top Left:  
**Sandra and Colleen Chapin**  
 Best Mini Display



Center Left:  
**Linda Bennett**  
 LeBlanc Novice Award

Bottom Left & Right:  
**Janice Wakefield**  
 Best Educational Display  
 Hybridizer -  
 Richard J. Chadwick



Mother's Day Show 2026— "Epies: Nature's Paintbox"

Mother's Day Show Winners *Continued*



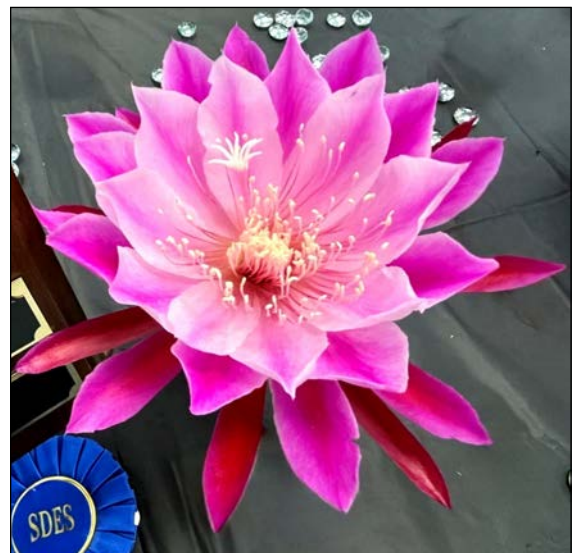
**'Unknown Cross' - Jerry Moreau**  
*Best unregistered seedling*



**'Sakurahime' - Keith Bennett**  
*Best Flower on the Society Table*



**'The Romanovs Treasure' - Beth Jackson**  
*Best newly registered seedling*



**'Chuck 'N' Jerry' - Janice Wakefield**  
*Best George French hybrid*



Mother's Day Show 2026— "Epies: Nature's Paintbox"

Mother's Day Show Winners *Continued*



*Best Arrangement featuring the show theme – Janine Topell*



*'Lepismium cruciforme' – Jerry Moreau*  
*Best Epiphytic Plant*



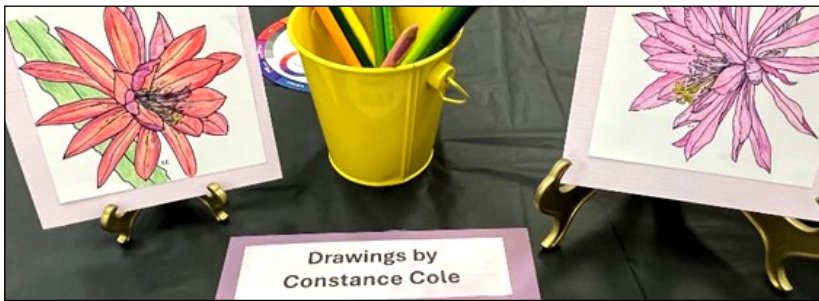
*'Zeus' – Linda Bennett*  
*Best Extra Large hybrid*

Mother's Day Show 2026 — "Epies: Nature's Paintbox"

Mother's Day Show Winners *Continued*



*"Granny" again was the star of the stage display designed and created by Ron and Velma Crain. She was surrounded with artwork by SDES members Mary Peebles and Phil Peck.*



*Art by Helen Barkdoll & Constance Cole were also featured in the show room.*

Mother's Day Show 2026 — "Epies: Nature's Paintbox"

Mother's Day Show Winners *Continued*



*Mildred and Gerry Mikas — Best Display of Flowers — Schlapfer Award  
'Ambrosia' (above left) and 'Dreamsicle' (above right) were featured flowers in their display*



*'Mary'- Patricia Neal  
Best Small*



*'Chandra' - Jerry Moreau  
Featured display flower*



*Elizabeth Vigil's display features the beautiful 'Bertha Talbot Loose'.*

# A Big Thank You: Mother's Day Show & Sale A Success!

By Jerry Moreau, 2nd Vice President & Show Chair

It was an incredible weekend—full of joy, hard work, laughter, camaraderie, and beauty. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who made it possible. So much goes into planning and executing a weekend like our Mother's Day Show & Sale, and every contribution mattered. It truly takes a community to bring an event like this together, and you did so with care and grace.

As you know, the Mother's Day Weekend Show & Sale is our society's biggest event of the year. It's our opportunity to showcase the flowers we love and share that passion with others. It takes all of us to make it happen—and you made it look effortless (as if we haven't done this before). The mission of SDES is to encourage the study of *Epiphyllums* and to foster public support and the exchange of ideas around growing, displaying, and collecting these plants and their related species. This weekend was a beautiful expression of that mission, and you showed up in a big way.

Special thanks to Pat Neal for her extensive planning and tireless behind-the-scenes work leading up to—and throughout—the show. It's no small feat.

Thank you to Cindy Decker and Dean Delibertis for preparing and organizing the sale; months of effort go into making it a success. Thanks as well to everyone who donated plants and cuttings. The society couldn't have had the sale without you.

David Cheever and Gerry Mikas, our cashiers and the entire sales team, kept everything running smoothly all weekend. Barb Alvarez, Tim Paule, Paula Reynolds, Keith and Linda Bennett, Glenn Skinner, Jeremy Guerrero, Jenny Chen, Elizabeth Vigil, Ken Maculan, and Linda Kruger—thank you for pitching in wherever you were needed.

Marie Dempewolf, thank you for plant-sitting so all

could enjoy the show after their purchases. Gilbert Ibarra, your work picking up materials from storage, delivering them, and returning everything at the end—long after the rest of us were done—is incredible and deeply appreciated.

To everyone who brought flowers, created displays, and entered flowers in the individual categories—thank you for making the show so special, especially in a year with fewer blooms than usual. Ron and Velma, thank you for the fabulous stage presentation with Granny, and Holling Crain for assisting with setup and helping transform the room.

Velma Crain and Derek Obayashi, thank you for keeping us fed and creating space to rest and recharge. Beth Jackson, Colleen Chapin, and Julie Helman, your coordination of judges and clerking kept everything seamless. Judges Dean Delibertis, Sandra Chapin, Linda Bennett, Derek Obayashi, and Paula Reynolds—thank you for your time and expertise.

Tim Paule, Mildred Mikas, Paula Reynolds, Barb Alvarez, Derek Obayashi, and Keith and Linda Bennett—your willingness to step in wherever needed made a real difference. Gilbert Hatfield, we appreciate you stepping in with photography when our official photographer was unavailable. Thank you as well to everyone who helped spread the word about the show and sale.

And for aftercare: thank you, Sandra and Colleen Chapin, for hosting the annual post-weekend social—a chance for all of us to relax, reconnect, and celebrate together.

I know many of you contributed in ways not named here, and I'm deeply grateful to you all. This weekend would not have been possible without your time, energy, and love.



Julie, Pat, Derek and Paula stop for a photo.



Sandra Chapin takes a break for a picture.

Photos: Jerry Moreau

# 2026 Mother's Day Show Memories *By Jerry Moreau*



*LeBlanc Novice Trophy.*



*Troxell Division One Award 3rd place.*



*Troxell Division One Award HM.*



*Gus and Marge Schlapfer Award 1st place.*



*Troxell Division One Award 2nd place.*



*Troxell Division One Award 1st place.*



*Granny on the main stage.*



Photos: Jerry Moreau

*Small Bloom table entries.*

# Mother's Day Weekend Photos *Submitted by Ron & Velma Crain*



*A huge inventory of epies await shoppers as our volunteers prepare for the sale.*



*Cindy Decker and Gerry Mikas add their finishing touches as shoppers line up for entry.*



*Granny awakens from a 12-month slumber to show the young 'whippersnappers' how it is done.*

# Member Wish List and SoCal Events

If there is an epi that you are looking for it's possible someone in the society might have it and is willing to share a cutting with you.

As a service and benefit to our members this list is being included in the newsletter. Send your wish list along with your contact information to the editor to have it included here.

**Sal Castellitto:** [aclarasd@aol.com](mailto:aclarasd@aol.com)  
'Buttercup', 'Christmas Elf', 'Spanish Gold'  
'Christmas Kiss', 'Kiwi Honey Gold'

**Casey Gerdes:** [casey@yogawithcasey.com](mailto:casey@yogawithcasey.com)  
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'Ron Crain'

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'Ron Crain'

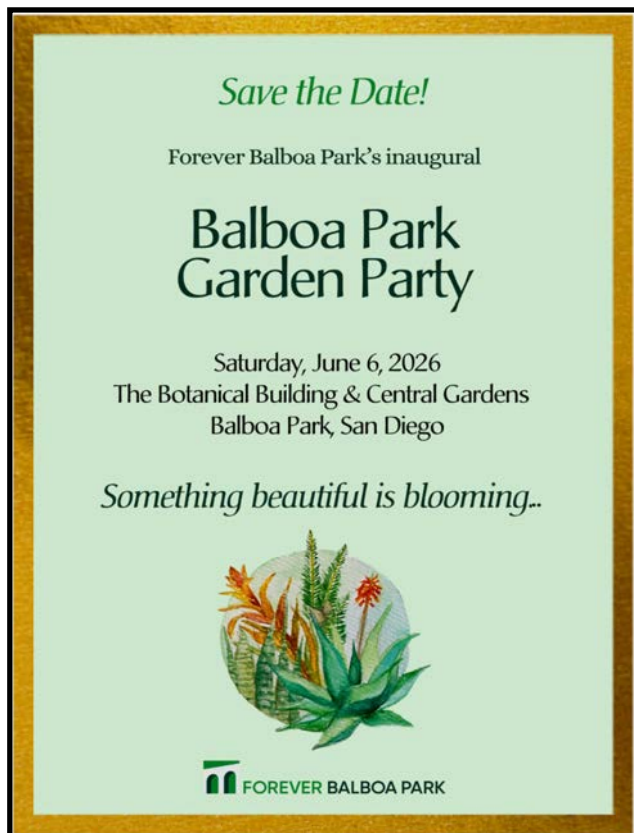
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and any small epies

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'Kinneloa', 'Spanish Flare'

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'Bobby Brynildsen', 'Jasa',  
'White Cloud'



# News Notes, Social Media + Refreshments



*Another successful sales event held at the Spring Home and Garden Show at the Del Mar fairgrounds. These events are great ways to spread our love for epies and gain new members.*

Photos: Dean DeLibertis



## Monthly Refreshment Schedule

January	C—G	July	Society
February	H—L	August	H—L
March	M—Q	September	M—Q
April	R—U	October	R—U
May	V—B	November	V—B
<b>June</b>	<b>C—G</b>	December	Banquet



## San Diego Epiphyllum Society Grows With Instagram Social

The San Diego Epiphyllum Society recently launched a new Instagram account [@SDepisociety](https://www.instagram.com/SDepisociety). At the time of this publication, we have over 70 followers and the numbers are growing every day.

For those that are new to Instagram, the platform is designed for visual content—encouraging users to express themselves and share stories through images and videos.

As we tell our story, Instagram gives us a great opportunity to connect with those social media users who have similar interests, and it provides SDES an ideal platform to share our mission as it relates to epiphyllum.

Using Instagram social media as a tool, we're able to post photos and videos from events such as our Mother's Day Show and Sale, and our Garden Caravan—as well as additional sales events and activities to attract new members to our group. And, Instagram also provides a forum to showcase the beautiful bloom photos taken by our members. Be sure to check for frequent updates and follow us today!

## Epi News Submissions

News of interest to our SDES membership, and brief articles about our members, or our community are also welcome.

- Send any articles, photos, and questions.
- Send submissions as a Word or Google document. Items can also be sent as text pasted into an email body. No PDFs.
- Please limit formatting. Avoid excessive bolding or tabs. Avoid words in all CAPS. Please proofread and spellcheck, esp. names.
- Send photos as JPEGs attached in an email to submit to the editor.
- All photos need caption and photographer's name. Photos need photographer's permission.
- Use of photos is at the editor's discretion.
- Send videos as MP4 or as a YouTube link. Videos must have videographer's permission.
- Materials and submissions need contributor's name.
- All submissions are at the editor's discretion.
- Submissions are due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month for inclusion in the following month's *Epi News*.
- If you are not sure—send it anyway. Email the editor at: [EpiNews@sdepis.org](mailto:EpiNews@sdepis.org)

### Mission Statement

SDES is a community of epi growers who encourage the study of epies and the interchange of ideas on growing, displaying, and collecting epies and its related species.

## SDES Officers for 2026<sup>1</sup>

<a href="#">President</a>	Dean DeLibertis
<a href="#">1<sup>st</sup> Vice President</a>	David Cheever
<a href="#">2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President</a>	Jerry Moreau
<a href="#">Treasurer</a>	Gerry Mikas
<a href="#">Recording Secretary</a>	Open
<a href="#">Membership Secretary</a>	Beth Jackson
<a href="#">Immediate Past President</a>	Carmela Griswold
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## Resources

As a benefit to our members we have compiled a list of epi resources available to you. If you are aware of any additional resources that you feel would benefit our members and you would like to have them included, please contact the editor.

### Epi Nurseries:

Epi Haven - <https://epihaven.com/>

Epiphyllum World - Don Cravalho  
<http://stores.ebay.com/epiphyllum-world>

Epic Foundation - Frank Süplie  
[www.epiphyllum.online](http://www.epiphyllum.online)

Garden Jewels Nursery - Katie Lutz  
<http://gardenjewelsnursery.com/>

Heny's Epiphyllums - Heny Brandenburg  
<https://www.facebook.com/emeraldmoonepiphyllums/>

Kakteen Haage - Ulrich Haage  
<http://www.kakteen-haage.de/>

Pacific Epiphyllum - Chris Welcher  
<http://www.pacificepiphyllum.com/>

### Plant and Other Societies:

#### Cactus & Succulent Society of America

<https://cactusandsucculentsociety.org/>

SDES is an affiliate member and our members are welcome at their meetings and webinars. See their website for more information.

#### Epiphyllum Society of America

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month except in December or January at 7:30 p.m. <http://epiphyllums.org/>

#### Master Gardener Assoc. of San Diego County

<https://www.mastergardnersd.org/>

Website includes: live meetings, programs, a blog, and items of interest for gardeners.

#### San Diego Botanical Garden Society

<http://www.sdbgf.org/>

#### San Diego Bromeliad Society

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

<http://www.sandiegobromeliadsociety.org/>

#### San Diego Turtle and Tortoise Society

Meets on Zoom every 2nd Friday

<https://www.sdturtle.org/>

#### South Bay Epiphyllum Society

Meets quarterly. Check Facebook for dates

[www.facebook.com/groups/511560205668403](http://www.facebook.com/groups/511560205668403)



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*'Camp Robber' SHI*



*'Casper' DB*



*'Indian Fox' BHM*



*'Chuck 'N' Jerry' FRE*



*'Yellow Tang' SHI*



*'Tele' no listing*