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2023 Photo Contest Honorable Mention—Single Bloom
'Voodoo Child' RK

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San Diego Epiphyllum Society c/o Membership
P.O. Box 126127, San Diego, CA 92112-6127.

OR email Membership@sdepis.org
For faster response mail directly to Beth Jackson, Membership Secretary—their address

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Calendar of Events

November	4	Board Meeting
	12	General Meeting **Note day change to Thursday**
December	2	Board Meeting
	5	ESA Holiday Luncheon and Awards
	16	SDES Holiday Banquet **new date**
January	6	Board Meeting
	13	General Meeting
February	3	Board Meeting
	10	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.

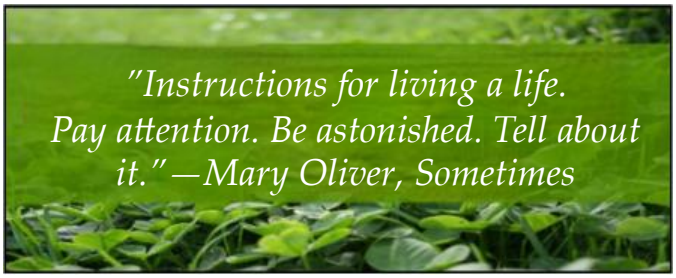


On the Cover: November 2026

Photo:
Jeff Hendershot

'Voodoo Child' - RK 2016 Inner petals red with orange midstripe that is pale orange near the throat and ruffled magenta edges that blend to red. Intermediate petals darker red with orange midstripe. Outer petals dark red with lighter midstripe. Wide petals with slightly rounded tips and small curved hooks. Double, overlapping, wide-open bowl form. Long, thin to medium width basket growth. {M-L} 'Margarita' × 'Radiant Fire'. Reg. #14718

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!

Membership Secretary: Beth Jackson at 858-692-0314 or Membership@sdepis.org

Newsletter Editor: JK Hendershot at 619-301-3587 or EpiNews@sdepis.org

Keeping You in Our Thoughts and Prayers

Emily Lovci and Lisa Million,
Jim Nones, Gail Hatfield

New Members

Susanne Hofstra, Hastings, MN



'Lacewing' MIY
Photo: Don Crain



'Crystal Amethyst' MIY
Photo: Don Crain

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 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:

As we slide into the quiet time in the epiphyllum world remember to fertilize. The plants are going to slow down but they need the building blocks in place for a successful and colorful spring.

So, on that note I ask the membership to think forward. Think about how to grow our membership. Specifically, the active membership. Do we need more events, bigger events, educational events, outreach programs or do we need more partners in the plant/park world? Quite often we bring members from other clubs to speak. Maybe a few can reach out to others and teach.

It's a sad truth most clubs are in decline due to the instantaneous gratification of the internet. But that does not mean we have to go quietly, that doesn't mean we have to go peacefully, maybe, just maybe we get big enough, loud enough and joyful enough to last.

Again, we ask membership to step forward to run the club. The outgoing board's promise is to help when you need it. Don't forget to sign up for the Holiday Banquet which is set for December 16, 2026. We look forward to seeing you there and at our upcoming meeting on **Thursday, November, 12**.

Dean

Meeting Program & Workshop

Pre-Meeting Workshop: The November pre-meeting workshop will be led by Jerry Moreau, who will be discussing *"How to Winterize Your Epies"*. The workshop will be held in Casa Del Prado Room 104 at 7:00 p.m.

November Program: Our November meeting will be held on **Thursday, November 12,** 2026 in Casa Del Prado Room 101 at 7:30 p.m. Our program will be consist of a slide show of all of the entrants in the Annual Photo Contest, along with the winning photos. You won't want to miss these beautiful bloom photos of fellow members. Zoom begins at 7:00 p.m. for socializing, and the online meeting will join the live meeting at 7:30 p.m.

October Program: Our October meeting was held on October 14, 2026 in Casa Del Prado Room 101. Master Gardner, Lucy Warren delivered an informative presentation on "*Insects in the World Around Us."* There were many interesting facts and several great takeaways that we all learned from the presentation.



Beautiful plumeria adorn the tables at the ESA Annual Pot Luck Dinner and Silent Auction Fundraiser. The plumeria were provided by ESA president Chris Welcher, along with other rare and desirable cuttings. All in all, it was a great event and everyone in attendance took home some beautiful treasures.

Photos: JK Hendershot



Now Is the Time—Seasonal Checklist

- ✓ **Watch weather reports** for freezing temperatures. In regions of the country that freeze, plants can be protected for a short period of time with newspaper—but plastic sheeting will provide more durable protection.
- ✓ **If epies are subjected to hail,** rinse the ice off immediately. Prolonged contact to ice can damage the plants more than the impact of the hail itself does.
- ✓ **Protect your epies against strong winds.** Plants in hanging baskets or pots are subject to broken branches as they bump into other pots or are knocked to the ground due to high winds.
- ✓ **Withhold fertilizers** as your epiphyllum plants become semi-dormant.
- ✓ **Winter rains are good for epies.** Collect rainwater in opaque containers and cover containers to keep debris out. Don't let pots on benches or shelves sit in puddles of water.
- ✓ **Monitor water levels and make sure your epies do not get too much water**. As mentioned, the rains are beneficial—but be sure to keep a close eye on your plants. You may need to relocate plants when the rainy season begins to ensure they do not get too much water.
- ✓ **Monitor plants for root fungus diseases.** Discoloration of branches just above the soil level may well indicate problems down below the soil.
- ✓ **Check ripening fruit.** Most of the apples—or seed pods—should be ready for picking. Remember to use clean tools when cutting the fruit open to remove the seeds.
- ✓ Plants that have grown long branches should be in hanging baskets or trellised. The branches will be healthier if they're not laying on the ground or a shelf.



Workshop Corner: The Practice of Grafting Epies

Demonstrations Were a Big Hit With MD Show Visitors in 1993



Editor's Note: Over the years you've most likely seen many articles on grafting epiphyllum. While the practice has mixed reviews, I personally, am fascinated with it. As a young boy, I remember my grandfather grafting various varieties of apples on to an old, sturdy Johnny Appleseed rootstock—and since then I have become hooked. I uncovered an article in the August 2019 Anniversary issue of Epi News that explores grafting over the Society's then 50 year history. Take a look and I hope you enjoy it as much as I did.

Demonstrations of grafting epiphyllum hybrid cuttings onto *Opuntia* pads were a big hit with visitors back in 1993 (pictured left).

At the Mother's Day Show, David Graham gave three grafting demonstrations and won the *Best Educational Award* that year. David's presentations were well-attended, with more than 65 people per session. For the demo, David grafted 'Clown', 'Indian Love' and 'Sakurahime.' At the end of each demo, he held a drawing and the lucky attendee went home with their choice of a newly-grafted epi.



George French gave three grafting demonstrations at the San Diego Zoo's Spring Garden Festival. They were so well-attended. He also gave grafting demonstrations at the Safari Park's fall gardening event and the grafts were sold to visitors. George French's backyard had a small area for grafted cuttings. In a past issue of *Epi News* he said "If it's a nice new flower, I'll graft it" anticipating needing several cuttings. George's grafts are pictured right, in his Point Loma garden in San Diego.

Don Francis's July workshop also featured grafting, as did a March panel discussion featuring Jerry Williams, Nate Ogdon, George French and Michele Davis, who each talked about caring for grafted plants—especially not misting grafts.





Michele Davis told *Epi News* in July 1993, that she started grafting "temperamental ones that I couldn't grow in pots." Shown far left is 'Red Sails' on a graft in Gray/Davis's graft house.

In the August issue of *Epi News,* Jerry Williams said that 'Clown' was their biggest seller in 1993, and it was grafted onto 15 plants. Pictured near left is one row of grafted plants in Rainbow Gardens' four graft houses.



Shown right is a then 14-year-old row of grafted 'Sparkle' at Rainbow Gardens. This graft was started by Bob and Lois Burks of California Epi Center in 1979, before Chuck Everson and Jerry Williams purchased the nursery in 1987. They were still growing great cuttings and getting good flowers from the grafts nearly 14 years later, in 1993.

David Graham wrote *Grafting Epiphyllum & Related Cacti* and it is available used online, or in the SDES Library. Photos: SDES Archives.

Election Time Is Near— *"Many hands make for light work" —John Heywood*



'The Volunteers'
Photo: Jose Almandoz

SDES is an all-volunteer organization, and without you and our members we wouldn't exist! Everything we get from life, or as a part of the society starts with the contribution we make toward it.

Currently, all five Board positions (President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, and Membership Secretary) are up for election, as they are every year. You are never alone; there is always support.

We are fortunate to have so many people volunteering their time, energy and effort to make our society work well and be a success. However, for our society to remain successful we need you to volunteer.

We need your help, so please consider volunteering for any open position, especially if you have not yet served in any of the offices or positions—the more people involved, the less any one person will have to do.

Please reach out to any of our current board members—they will be happy to talk with you about helping out, and will work with you to let you know where your talents and skills may be best utilized.

In November, the final slate of officers will be presented to the membership, and at that time a formal vote will be held at the regular monthly meeting which will be held on **Thursday,** November 12, 2026 (please note new date). Installation of the new officers will occur in December at the annual Holiday Banquet and Installation of Officers held on December 16, 2026.

Please note the "save the date" for the Holiday Banquet and Installation of Officers can be found om page 5.

The fully detailed invitation including dinner selection options, pricing, and all other pertinent details can be found on page 10.



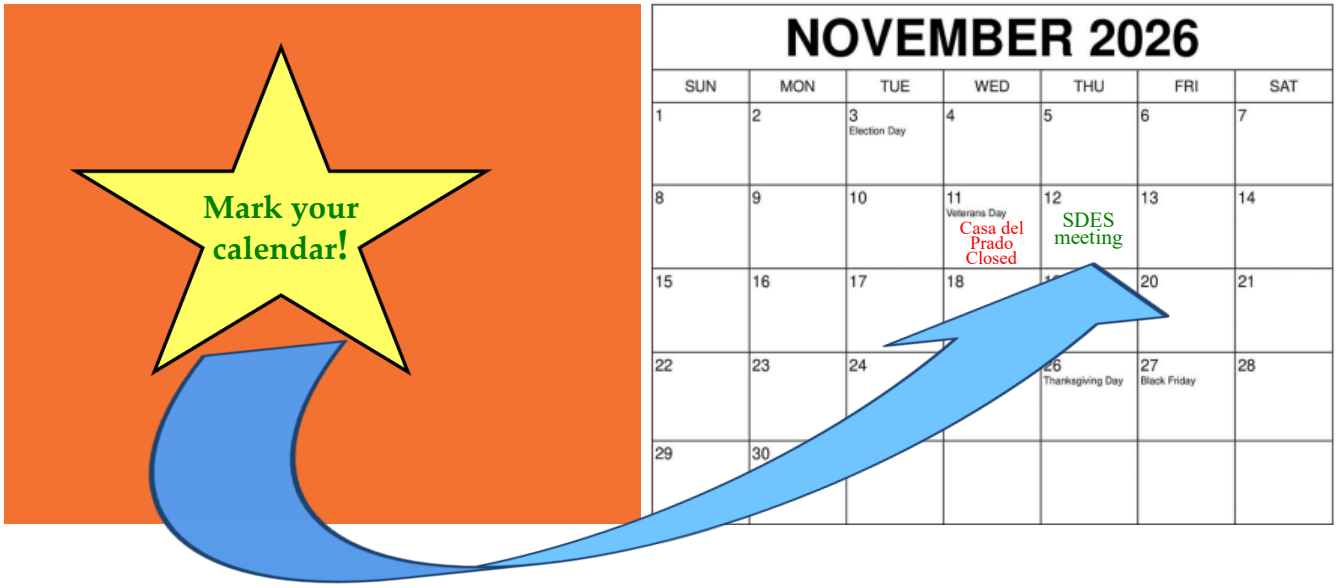
'Madras Ribbon' FLECH
Photo: Don Crain



'Emmet Kelly' FRE
Photo: Don Crain

Note the November Date Change: SDES Monthly Meeting Changed to Thursday, November 12, 2026

The SDES general meeting in November will be held on Thursday, November 12th instead of Wednesday the 11th. Casa del Prado along with other city-operated public buildings within Balboa Park will be closed in observance of the Veteran's Day holiday on November 11, 2026. Note independent cultural venues such as museums—along with the San Diego Zoo will remain open.



ESA Hosts Annual Potluck and Silent Auction

The Epiphyllum Society of America hosted its general membership meeting on Tuesday, October 6, 2026. The meeting included its Annual Potluck Dinner and Silent Auction Fundraiser. The potluck dinner choices included many delicious homemade items including: 'loaded' potato soup, amazing salads, orange chicken, lasagna casserole, and many other delicious side dishes and desserts.

If the dinner was not enough, after the meal, members and their guests were able to peruse rows of tables that contained what might be described as an epi hobbyist and collector's dream come true. But before we get to that, there were planters, succulents, African violets, cacti, and plumeria all looking for new homes. And for entertainment, there was a near tussle over an 'out-bid' shown below right.

With regard to the epies—there were donations from sought-after local hybridizers which included Jim Nones, Don Patterson, and Robert Kuettle, to mention a few. Everyone went home a winner!



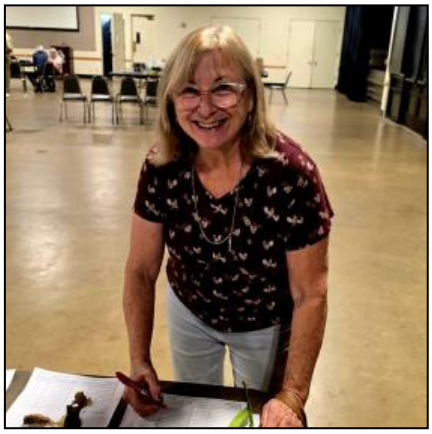
Photos: JK Hendershot





ESA Hosts Annual Potluck and Silent Auction Event *Continued*














San Diego Epiphyllum Society
2026 Holiday Installation Banquet

Note: New Event Location and Date

When: Wednesday, December 16, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
Where: Bali Hai Restaurant – New Location & Date
2230 Shelter Island Dr. San Diego, CA 92106
Phone: 619-222-1181

Join Us for a Festive Beginning to the Holidays!
Appetizers (limited) as you enter

Come for an evening of fun, good food, fellowship, an optional gift exchange, door prizes.

Entrée choice: 8 oz. Sirloin Steak, Macadamia nut-crusted Sea Bass, Vegetarian, or Gluten Free.

For our optional gift exchange, you should bring a wrapped, NEW garden-related gift ($20.00 value). Bring something you would like to receive!

The dinner price is only $35.00* for members. SDES offsets the difference—it's our way of saying *"Thank You"* for a great year & volunteering. Please inquire for non-member pricing. Note: A no-host bar will be available in the Banquet Room.

You can sign up online at our secure website.

Make sure to choose your entrée.

Contact Mildred or Gerry Mikas (treasurer). *All credit cards accepted.*
Or you can send a check payable to 'SDES Dinner' to Mildred Mikas,
3502 Avenida Amorosa, Escondido, CA 92029

All reservations must be paid by December 1, 2026. That's when we finalize payment to the restaurant and provide a total head count of those attending.
Questions call 760-690-1124 or e-mail *mvmikas@cox.net*

*Honorary Life Members are once again invited as SDES Guests.

Looking forward to seeing you at our Banquet!

Note: to receive member pricing, membership dues must be paid through December 2026.

San Diego Epiphyllum Society 2027 Calendar Year Budget

SDES members, it is that time of year again where we plan for next year. We have provided detail for the Society's planned income and expenses for your review.

The 2027 operating budget can be found on the next page. These items are provided for your consideration and a vote will be held at the December 2026 general meeting to take place during the Holiday Banquet and Installation of Officers.

Questions or comments can be sent to treasurer@sdepis.org

SDES Raffle Table Better Than Ever



Paula Reynolds preps the raffle table prior to our July General Meeting.
Photo: SDES Archives

Several members have commented on the popularity of the SDES Raffle table so we thought it was worth mentioning again. Every month, Paula Reynolds thoughtfully prepares a selection of cuttings and plants for the SDES raffle table. Thanks to Paula's dedication—and the generous donations from Dean DeLibertis and other members—the table is always filled with exciting items such as epi cuttings and plants, succulents, and other plant and garden items that would be a welcome addition to anyone's garden. Both new and longtime members eagerly anticipate the raffle.

For the low cost of only $1, you receive two raffle tickets. Some members spend $1, while others may spend up to $20—but no matter how many tickets you buy, everyone goes home a winner!

If you're looking to grow your collection, don't miss Paula's raffle table—held on the second Wednesday of each month. We look forward to seeing you at our meetings, and be sure to bring some of your friends to enjoy a fun evening with fellow epi enthusiasts!



Leap into Autumn with 'Golden Harvest'
Photo: JK Hendershot



Another Autumn favorite 'Harvest Queen'
Photo: Chuck Everson

San Diego Epiphyllum Society 2027 Calendar Year Budget

San Diego Epiphyllum Society 2027 Calendar Year Budget
January 1, 2027 - December 31, 2027

Budget Categories	Income Budget 2027	Expense Budget 2027
Sales & Membership		
Mother's Day Show and Sale	13,000	1,300
Holiday Banquet	1,800	6,000
Garden Photo Caravan	400	450
Other Society Shows and Events	4,000	
SDES Volunteer Party		700
SDES Club Affiliations		200
Storage Unit Historical		1,800
Storage Unit Dry		1,300
SDES Membership Dues	2,000	
Zoom Annual Fee		250
General Membership Meeting Summary		
Program Speakers / Honorarium/Donations		350
Refreshments		200
SDES Library		100
Pre-Meeting Workshop Supplies		100
Raffle Prizes		500
Raffle Table / Door Prizes	2,500	
Newsletter Summary		
Printing		500
Editor Fee		1,200
Postage		250
Membership & Newsletter Supplies		100
Operating Costs		
Memorial & Flower Fund / Cards		300
Donations Water Garden		1,000
SDES Website		600
SDES Online Store-specific Costs		1,225
Promotional Items		100
Miscellaneous Income	100	
Plant collection Expenses		2,000
Audio Visual / Computer Equipment		300
SDES Post Office Box		250
California Sales Tax		1,200
California Department of Agriculture Permit		300
Surety Bond / Liability (Insurance)		1,000
CA SOS Filing		25
Scholarships		1,800
College Donations		1,800
Retained Earnings / Expenses	3,400	
SDES Totals:	**27,200**	**27,200**

Member Wish List and Off-Season Blooms

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. If you do receive your request, kindly let the editor know so we may remove your entry.

Sal Castellitto: aclarasd@aol.com
'Buttercup', 'Christmas Elf', 'Spanish Gold' 'Christmas Kiss', 'Kiwi Honey Gold'

Forrest Ehbrecht: forrestkehbrecht@yahoo.com
'Forrest Fyre', 'London Delight', 'Kaput'

Casey Gerdes: casey@yogawithcasey.com
'Crystal Flash', 'Gladyce Jones', 'Glow Bug', 'Kiwi Contradiction', 'Monastery Gardens', 'Ron Crain'

Oliver Lapuebla: OliverRyanLP@gmail.com
'Hedgehog'

Michal McKee: folklorist@gmail.com
'Elegans Lei', 'Mojave Gold'

Priscilla Merriam: pafmerriam@gmail.com
'Frida Kahlo', 'Gold Coin', 'Oberon', 'Ron Crain'

Dr. Diane McClure Lott: jefflott01@cox.net
'Tiger's Eye', 'Juliana Obayashi', 'Alakazam' and any small epies.

Jim Nones: jan46@gmail.com
'Mother Juana', 'Mila Antonio Nones'

Leonora Rodriguez: 'Lenore Overture', 'Kinneloa', 'Spanish Flare'

Paula Reynolds: paularey@aol.com
'Sunset Cliffs', 'Voltaire'

John Smolowe: johnsmolowe@gmail.com
'Ulana Mauve Delight', 'Kiwi Sweetheart'. 'Jennie Martinez', 'Kiwi Waltz King', 'Alpine Lace'

Janice Wakefield: jwakefield.home@gmail.com
'Bobby Brynildsen', 'Jasa', 'White Cloud'

Off-Season Blooms

This list is comprised of informal research on off-season epi blooms. Here you can track which epies have been blooming consistently off-season over the years. If you would like to add to the research and list what epies have been blooming in your garden, email the editor with your list of blooms. Here's what's been blooming this past month:

Barb Alvarez (Lemon Grove): 'Moon Dance Serenade', 'Gentle Whisper'
Dean Delibertis (National City): 'Jalisco Joy', 'Kiwi Honey Flash'
Forrest Ehbrecht (San Diego): 'Ernst Gundersen', 'Felcino Favorite', 'Kitty Kat'
Gilbert & Gail Hatfield (La Mesa) 'William Clark', 'Masada', 'Knebel's Farbenwunder'
Beth Jackson (San Diego): 'Cadet'
Jerry Moreau (San Diego) 'Christmas Pink'
Paula Reynolds (Point Loma): 'Jalisco Cheer', 'Jalisco Starlight', 'Jalisco Queen'
John Smolowe (Menlo Park): 'Kodi II'

Species Blooming

Here is a list of all the species blooming this past month:

Barb Alvarez (Lemon Grove): *Epiphyllum hookeri*
Dean Delibertis (National City): *Epiphyllum oxypetalum*, *Epiphyllum hookeri, Epiphyllum hookeri* ssp. *guatamalese*
Forrest Ehbrecht (San Diego): *Selenicereus anthonyanus, Selenicereus Pteranthus, Lepiesmium cruciform, Lepismium cruciforme* f. *spiralis*
Jerry Moreau (San Diego): *Disocactus anguliger, Epiphyllum Laui*
Paula Reynolds (Point Loma): *Disocactus anguliger - Noller Uruapan, Epiphyllum crenatum* var. *chichicastengo, Epiphyllum hookeri, Epiphyllum hookeri* ssp. *guatamalense* var. *Montrose, Epiphyllum phyllanthus, Epiphyllum thomasianum, Selenicereus validus*
John Smolowe (Menlo Park): *Epiphyllum hookeri* ssp. *guatamalense*

News Notes, Refreshments + Social Media

Join Us to Celebrate the Holidays

ESA Holiday Luncheon

Saturday, December 5, 2026, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Marie Callender's Restaurant & Bakery
1175 E. Alosta Avenue
Azusa, CA 91702
Tickets $25/per person includes meal, beverage, & dessert

RSVP via email to genevacoats@aol.com or 909-438-8242



'Merry Christmas' - Jim Nones



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**
June	C—G	December	Banquet



San Diego Epiphyllum Society Grows With Instagram Social

The San Diego Epiphyllum Society recently launched a new Instagram account @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 15th 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

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[1]

President	Dean DeLibertis
1st Vice President	David Cheever
2nd Vice President	Jerry Moreau
Treasurer	Gerry Mikas
Membership Secretary	Beth Jackson
Director 2025-26	Ken Maculan
Director 2026-27	Gilbert Hatfield
Director 2026-27	Linda Kruger
Director 2026-27	Mildred Mikas

[1] Click 'Title' hyperlink to email an officer.

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

Epric Foundation - Frank Süpplie
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
1st 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.mastergardenersd.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
2nd 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.comgroups/511560205668403

Off-Season Bloom Photos Submitted by Members



E. hookeri ssp. *guatemalense*
Photo: John Smolowe



'Kodi II'
Photo: John Smolowe



'Kitty Kat'
Photo: Forrest Ehbrecht



'Christmas Pink'
Photo: Jerry Moreau



Disocactus anguliger
Photo: Jerry Moreau



'Jalisco Joy'
Photo: Dean DeLibertis



'Jalisco Starlight'
Photo: Paula Reynolds



'Jalisco Cheer'
Photo: Paula Reynolds



'Jalisco Queen'
Photo: Paula Reynolds

What's in a Name? A Beautiful Flower of Course!

History of the Society in Flowers *by Jerry Moreau*

November is the month when the society celebrates its 56th anniversary. SDES was founded on November 23, 1970, and so many people over the years have helped make the society what it is today—from the founding members who had the vision to create the society to the leaders and countless volunteers who have kept it going through the years.

In this column, I'm going to focus on members who have flowers named in their honor, whose flowers I have pictures of, and who are no longer with us. Each of them contributed to the success of the society in both big and small ways. Some of you may have heard of them, while others may be less familiar with their names or contributions. Their passion, leadership, knowledge, dedication, and generosity left a lasting legacy that we can continue to build upon for many more years.



'Chuck 'N' Jerry' FRE
Photo: Robert Kuettle

These individuals were involved in the society in many different ways. Some were founding members, presidents, or board members. Others contributed in quieter ways—showing up, lending a hand, sharing their knowledge, being kind and friendly, or perhaps simply bringing some refreshments to a meeting. Every contribution mattered.

Of course, we don't need to have a flower named after us to be remembered or to make a difference in the society. But this is a column about flowers, so that is where I went! I know some collectors may not grow a specific flower when they don't recognize the name of the person it's named after. I hope learning a little about these individuals will inspire you to seek out and grow some of these beautiful flowers in your garden.

There are so many people who have helped keep the society alive and thriving over the years. This column is just one small way to celebrate those who have given so much to SDES.

If you'd like to read more about SDES's history, check out the following newsletters: October 1990, 1995, and 2000, November 2010 and 2020, and August and September 2025. They can be found on the society's website in the member section.

I look forward to many more years of **flowers, friendship**, and **fervor**.



'Ada Perry' LAT(RGL)
Photo: SDES Archives



'Bos'N Hartford' WCx016(HKS)
Photo: Chuck Everson



'Bill Nelson' FRE(DI)
Photo: Robert Kuettle

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Person	Flower Namesake	Picture	Photo Credit
Ada Perry	Ada Perry	Yes	SDES Archives
Chuck Everson & Jerry Williams	Chuck 'N' Jerry	Yes	Robert Kuettle
David LaBorde	David J. La Borde	Yes	Roger Chapin
Don Irwin	Don Irwin	Yes	Chuck Everson
Don Patterson	Don Patterson	Yes	Jerry Moreau
Don Patterson	Mr. P	Yes	Jerry Moreau
Dr. J. W. Troxell	Dr. J. W. Troxell	Yes	SDES Archives
Elinor Latimer	Elinor Victoria Latimer	Yes	Jerry Moreau
Ernest Angus	Ernest William Angus	Yes	Chuck Everson
Eva Clover	Secretary Eva Clover	Yes	Jerry Moreau
Fern La Borde	Fern La Borde	Yes	Chuck Everson
Frank Granatowski	Frank Granatowski	No	
Gene Lund	Gene Lund	Yes	Robert Kuettle
George French	George French	Yes	Jose Almandoz
Gladys Harper	Gladys Harper	Yes	George French
Gus Schlapfer	Mr. Gus	Yes	Jerry Moreau
Howard Jones	Howard L. Jones	Yes	Jerry Moreau
Jean Costanzo	Jean Costanzo	Yes	Jerry Moreau



'Don Irwin' WCx042(GS)
Photo: Chuck Everson



'Don Patterson' DP(VH)
Photo: Jerry Moreau



'Ernest William Angus' LAT
Photo: Chuck Everson



'Dr. J. W. Troxell' WMS
Photo: Chuck Everson



'Elinor Victoria Latimer' LAT
Photo: Jerry Moreau



'Gene Lund' WCx050(HKS)
Photo: Robert Kuettle

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Person	Flower Namesake	Picture	Photo Credit
Jean Gray	Jeannie G	Yes	Chuck Everson
Jean Gray	Princess Eugenie	Yes	Jerry Moreau
Jean Gray	Jean Gray	Yes	Don Cravalho
Jean Seile	Jean Marie Seile	Yes	Jerry Moreau
Jerry Plaisted	Jerry Plaisted	No	
Joe Banando	Joe Banando	Yes	Galen Pittman
John Clancy	President John Clancy	No	
John Ogdon	John Ogdon	Yes	Jerry Moreau
Juana Curtis	Juana	Yes	Jerry Moreau
Kathleen Lund	Kathleen	Yes	Jerry Moreau
Kathy van Arum	Kathie van Arum	Yes	SDES Archives
Lois Tripp	Lois Tripp	Yes	Jerry Moreau
Lonie Ward	Lovely Lonie	Yes	Jerry Moreau
Madeline French	Madeline	Yes	Jose Almandoz
Margaret Pethley	Margaret Bond Pethley	Yes	Jerry Moreau
Marj Schlapfer	Marj Marie	Yes	Jerry Moreau
Milt Turner	Milt Turner	No	
Miriam Troxell	Miriam Troxell	Yes	SDES Archives



'Jean Gray' DD(DC)
Photo: Don Cravalho



'Jeannie G' WCx126
Photo: Chuck Everson



'Jean Marie Seile' LAT(JS)
Photo: Jerry Moreau



'Joe Banando' DP(PITT)
Photo: Galen Pittman



'John Ogdon' FRE
Photo: Jerry Moreau



'Lois Tripp' RJC
Photo: Jerry Moreau

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Miriam Troxell	Mims T.	Yes	SDES Archives
Owen Hamilton	Owen Hamilton	No	
Pat Barrett	Pat Barrett	Yes	Chuck Everson
Pat Sage	Pat Sage	Yes	Michele Davis
Pat Stebbins	Pat Stebbins	Yes	SDES Archives
Penny Bunker	Penny Bunker	Yes	SDES Archives
Petey Kelley	Petey Kelly	Yes	Jerry Moreau
Phyllis Flechsig	Phyllis Flechsig	Yes	Jim Nones
Richard Hartford	Bos'N Hartford	Yes	Chuck Everson
Rick Latimer	Rick Latimer	Yes	SDES Archives
Rick Latimer	Rickety	Yes	SDES Archives
Roger Chapin	Sandra's Roger	Yes	Jerry Moreau
Ruth Nelson	Ruth Nelson	Yes	Chuck Everson
Sean Minogue	Sean Minogue	No	
William Nelson	President William Nelson	Yes	Pat Neal
William Nelson	William Nelson	No	
William Nelson	Bill Nelson	Yes	Robert Kuettle



'Pat Barrett' RJC
Photo: Chuck Everson



'Petey Kelly' WC(HKS)
Photo: Jerry Moreau



'Phyllis Flechsig' NONES
Photo: Jim Nones



'Pat Sage' SAGE(EW)
Photo: Michele Davis



'Pat Stebbins' GS
Photo: SDES Archives



'Rick Latimer' LAT(RGL)
Photo: SDES Archives

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'Secretary Eva Clover' LAT(RGL)
Photo: Jerry Moreau



'Rickety' LAT(JO)
Photo: SDES Archives



'Sandra's Roger' LAT(PITT)
Photo: Jerry Moreau



'President William Nelson' LAT (RGL) Photo: Patricia Neal



'Princess Eugenie' FRE
Photo: Jerry Moreau



'Madeline' FRE
Photo: Jose Almandoz



'Mr. P' DP(EW)
Photo: Jerry Moreau



'Margaret Bond Pethley' LAT (RGL) Photo: Jerry Moreau



'Marj Marie' FRE(GUS)
Photo: Jerry Moreau

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'Mr. Gus' FRE
Photo: Jerry Moreau



'Juana' FRE
Photo: Jerry Moreau



'Howard L. Jones' FRE(HJL)
Photo: Jerry Moreau



'Jean Costanzo' RJC
Photo: Jerry Moreau



'Kathie van Arum' EM
Photo: SDES Archives



'Lovely Lonie' FRE(EW)
Photo: Jerry Moreau



'Kathleen' FRE(LUND)
Photo: Jerry Moreau



'Gladys Harper' FRE
Photo: George French



'George French' FRE
Photo: Jose Almandoz