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## ‘La Cucaracha’

**Hybridizer: Don Patterson**

**Parentage: (‘Lilactime’ x ‘Moncherie’) x ‘Smarty Pants’**

**Size: Large—Small**

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**Calendar of Events**

## September

12	General Meeting / Board Meeting
15	Safari Park Work Party
29	Safari Park Work Party

## October

5,6,7	Del Mar Home/Garden Show
6	End of Summer Epi Bash
10	General Meeting / Board Meeting
13	Safari Park Work Party
27	Safari Park Work Party

## November

14	General Meeting / Board Meeting
17	Safari Park Work Party

## December

1	Safari Park Work Party
12	Installation & Holiday Banquet
15	Safari Park Work Party
29	Safari Park Work Party

For the up to date calendar check out:

<http://sdepis.org/news-information/calendar/>

# President's Corner



Good Epi Month to you all. In Southern California, in fact all of California, it is HOT HOT with plenty of fires all over the state. I hope you have been taking care of your epies by keeping them watered and fertilized. Be sure to mist them occasionally during the day. This helps the stems absorb

moisture. We had a great presentation at our August meeting by Don Patterson. He is a master hybridizer of epies and also has a large collection of succulents and cactus. Seeing photos of his garden and the love he has for his plants brought out plenty of envy from all of us! I want to thank Jerry Moreau who helped put the program together for Don.

By the way we had a great turnout for our meeting, thanks to all who came. I would like to encourage all of our members to attend the End of Year Bash Party. Details are in this newsletter. Also be sure to

put the September 12th meeting date on your calendar, when Janice Wakefield will present on the hybridizers Fort and O'Barr.

We truly have an amazing Society. When help is needed members usually respond, but now we are in need of members to step up and be on the Board. My term as president is up so we are looking for you to step up and help support our society. The position of president is one of the less demanding positions. The most important duty is to chair the meetings. Please consider being a part of the board.

Our photography contest is coming up in November. This is a good time to go through last spring's photos and decide which you would like to enter in the contest.

Till next time,



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# Meeting Programs

by Patricia Frank

**Pre-Meeting Workshop:** Jerry will fill in for Ron this month. He will be talking about fertilizers.

**August Program:** This month we will enjoy a presentation by Janice Wakefield (SDES Treasurer) entitled "Fort and O'Barr: The Prolific Hybridizers from the 1950s." Among their more than 1000 hybrids, they created the first consistently yellow hybrid, 'Reward'. Janice has a great selection of images of their amazing flowers. Please come out and join us for an enjoyable evening on Wednesday, September 12 in Casa Del Prado Room 101 at 7:30 p.m.

## Board Meetings To Change Day & Time

SDES is trying something new! Historically the monthly board meetings were held on the 4th Wednesday of the month. Starting in August the board meetings will be on the 2nd Wednesday of the month before the general meeting, starting at 6 p.m. in room 104. Please come and join us!

## Refreshments at the General Meetings

We rely on the members to provide the refreshments at the general meetings. In order to have a good assortment of items it helps if everybody contributes at some time during the year.

Baked goods, dragon fruit, cheese & crackers, fruit, and nuts are just some of the possibilities for all of us to enjoy.

If your last name begins with the letters **M—Q** please bring some refreshments to the September general meeting. Anyone is welcome to bring in some goodies.



January	C—G
February	H—L
March	M—Q
April	R—U
May	V—B
June	C—G

July	Society
August	H—L
<b>September</b>	<b>M—Q</b>
October	R—U
November	V—B
December	Banquet



*“When you take a flower in your hand and really look at it, it's your world for the moment. I want to give that world to someone else. Most people in the city rush around so, they have no time to look at a flower. I want them to see it whether they want to or not.”* Georgia O'Keeffe

# Safari Park Epi Collection & Display

by Jerry Moreau



Summer is in full swing but nothing keeps our dedicated volunteers from helping out with the epi collection and display! We have been busy working with the plants despite the heat. We continue to repot and pot-up epies, weed and feed, and keep everything looking good. We will be planting some *Hylocereus undatus* in the display. We have been collecting *Tillandsia* and other *Bromeliad* species to add to the display. We want to add more, both to give the area a more authentic tropical feel and to educate the public about companion plants. To that end, I obtained a variety of *Tillandsia*, including some less common

species. They are small in size right now, so Sandra and Heather attached them to a Eucalyptus branch. This keeps them together and makes it easier to keep an eye on them. As they grow larger, we will move them to the collection. Unfortunately some of the epi plants in the display are struggling. We will do some repotting in the next few work parties to help them along. As I have said before, this is a grand experiment and it will take a good coordinated effort between us and the park horticulture staff in order to succeed.

Thank you to all who helped out this past month, you are the best! Sandra Chapin, Ron & Velma Crain, Cindy Decker, Beth Jackson, Heather Jackson, Betsy & Jerry Markle, Tim Paule, Paul van der Poley, Janice Wakefield, and Gretchen Ward.

The next work party will be September 15th & 29th



Heather Jackson and Sandra Chapin  
Photos by Jerry Moreau

Support your passion, support the Society's collection at the San Diego Zoo Safari Park. Currently we have the world's largest public display of epiphyllum hybrids and epiphytic species on display. We are currently creating a very unique new display and to keep this going SDES needs money to make it happen. All money raised goes into the care of the collection and display. We are all volunteers who create and maintain the display because we are passionate about it. All donations are always welcome and greatly appreciated. Consider putting SDES & the epi collection/display in your will or trust.

**Details of How To Become A Volunteer at the Safari Park**  
can be found on our website. Click on [SanDiegoEpi.com](http://SanDiegoEpi.com)



# End of Summer Epi Bash

Saturday, October 6th

It's always a fun time!

It's that time of year! Most of our epies have stopped blooming, so now we only have photos and memories. Let's get together to share those springtime memories. Our end of summer bash is a great opportunity for new and long time members to get together and renew (or make new) epi friendships. All members are encouraged to join the festivities.

This year Paul and Terryll will be our hosts. We will enjoy their recently renovated backyard for food, fun, and fellowship. The party starts at 4:00p.m. The society provides the main course and beverages. This year the food theme will be October Fest foods. Members are asked to

share an appetizer or dessert.

Everyone is encouraged to come. It doesn't matter if you are new to the society or a long time member— everyone is welcome! A highlight and tradition of the party is announcing the Rookie of the Year award. Paul and Terryll ask that you bring a chair if at all possible.



The address of the party is: 1295 Sagewood Dr. Oceanside, CA 92056-6456. Looking forward to good fun, fellowship, and food! Hope to see you all there.



Janice Wakefield & Terryll Rogan



Sandra Chapin & Barbara Paicopulos



Tim Paule



Bill Greene

# It Is Election Time

*“Many hands make for light work” John Heywood*

The society has been doing well and is fortunate to have so many people volunteer to make it successful. However to make this happen and to continue to be a successful society takes effort. Please consider volunteering for a position — the more people involved the less any one person has to do. If interested or have questions you can speak with any board member or contact the chair of the nomination committee Cindy Decker at (619) 972-9664 or cdecker4007@gmail.com Elections take place at the November General Meeting.

The current slate of officers is:

President	<b>Open</b>	Director (2019-20)	Ron Crain
1st Vice President (Programs)	Patricia Frank	Director (2019-20)	Dennis Hughes
2nd Vice President (Mother’s Day Show)	Gretchen Ward	Not up for re-election	
Treasurer	Janice Wakefield	Director (2018-19)	Gilbert Hatfield
Recording Secretary	Cindy Decker	Director (2018-19)	Mildred Mikas
Corresponding Secretary	Terryll Rogan	Director (2018-19)	Jerry Moreau
Membership Secretary	Beth Jackson		



SDES is an all volunteer organization — without you we would not exist! All we get from the Society starts from what we put into the Society. Below are just a few examples of what the society needs right now.

## Positions needing to be filled:

### Publicity Coordinator

The Publicity Coordinator shall ensure an announcement of the annual Mother’s Day Show will be mailed in a timely manner to the San Diego Union-Tribune and other local media.

The Publicity Coordinator shall assist the Mother’s Day Show Chairman in publicity as requested by the Chairman (i.e. posters, photographs, social media, and flyers).



### San Diego Botanical Garden Foundation Representative

This individual will represent the San Diego Epiphyllum Society at the semi-monthly San Diego Botanical Garden Foundation meetings and to report all pertinent SDBGF meeting minutes and developments to the SDES Board.

The SDBGF is an umbrella organization overseeing the use of the Casa del Prado building for all of their various member organizations, including SDES.

The SDBGF acts as a middle organization between SDES and the City of San Diego which grants all permits at the Casa del Prado.

The SDBGF Representative will be responsible for all the reservations of all facilities at the Casa del Prado building in Balboa Park that are required for SDES events hosted there. This includes monthly General Meetings, workshops, Board Meetings, and Mother’s Day Shows and Sales.

This permitting process takes up to two years to complete. Each winter, reservation requests will be submitted two years in advance.

The SDBGF Representative will input all reservation requests into SDBGF’s online scheduling system.

The SDBGF Representative will obtain and distribute annual facilities reservation permits from the City of San Diego through the SDBGF and will make sure copies of these permits are on hand at all SDES events at the Casa del Prado.

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Volunteers continued

### Safari Park Epi Volunteer

Work with the epi collection and display at the San Diego Zoo Safari Park. Details of How To Become A Volunteer at the Safari Park can be found on our website. Click on [SanDiegoEpi.com](http://SanDiegoEpi.com)

**Volunteer at sales**—Check with Cindy Decker for her needs at upcoming sales.

**Volunteer growing cuttings/plants for the society sales**—Check with Cindy Decker for her needs at upcoming sales

**Volunteer at meetings or events**—this could be anything from bringing in food, setting up, cleaning up, welcoming in new folks, or a friendly smile.

**Offer your garden** for an event such as epi photo caravan or end of season epi bash.

If you are interested contact President Tim Paule [timpaul@cox.net](mailto:timpaul@cox.net) (619)-443-0826 or talk to him at a meeting.



‘The Volunteers’  
Photos by Jose Almandoz



## 2019 Mother’s Day Sale

I know it’s early to be thinking about next year’s Mother’s Day sale. Now is the time we need to think about the plants we are going to sell. The plants we sell should be from all of us in the society. With your help we can have many new and nice plants for next year. If several members grow cuttings in 4” or larger pots then we will have a good amount and variety of plants for next year to sell.

If you say "I can't grow because I don't have any pots", let me know and I will get you some. If you have any questions, let me know.

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Velma Crain helping out at one of SDESS sales  
Photo by Ron Crain

Photo above  
Volunteers preparing for the Mother’s Day Sale  
Photo by Jerry Moreau



# Oh 2 be a Bee!!



Highlights from the August meeting program by Don Patterson



Aechmea 'Black Panther'



Aechmea triangularis v. albo marginated



Cryptbergia 'Galactic Warrior'



Portea



Jerry Moreau with *Tillandsia rauhii*



Assorted Tillandsia



# Oh 2 be a Bee!!



Adenium 'Lucky Charm'



Adenium 'Harry Potter'



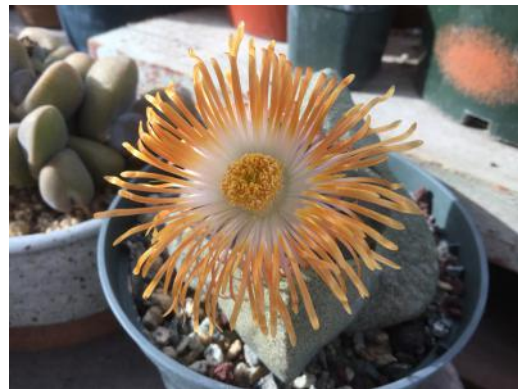
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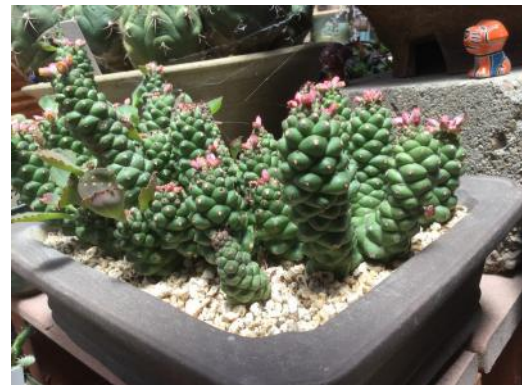
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Monadenium richii







# Oh 2 be a Bee!!



'DonOro'



'La Cucaracha'



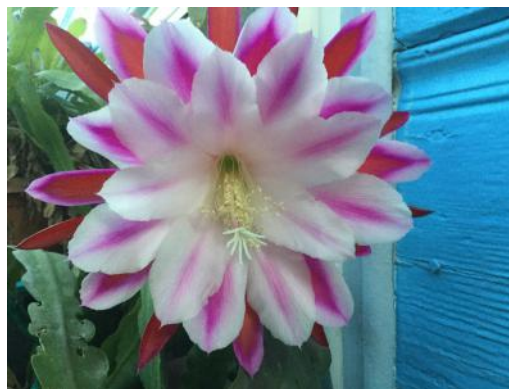
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'Heather'



Unregistered Seedling  
'Congratulations'



Unregistered Seedling



# Oh 2 be a Bee!!



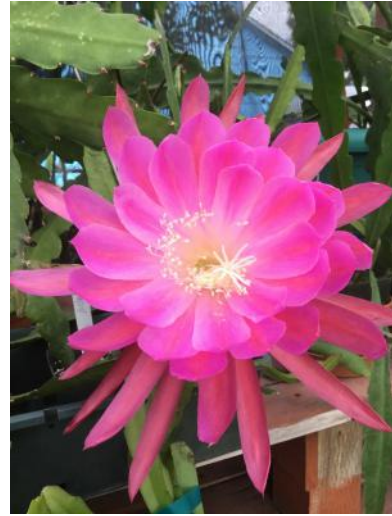
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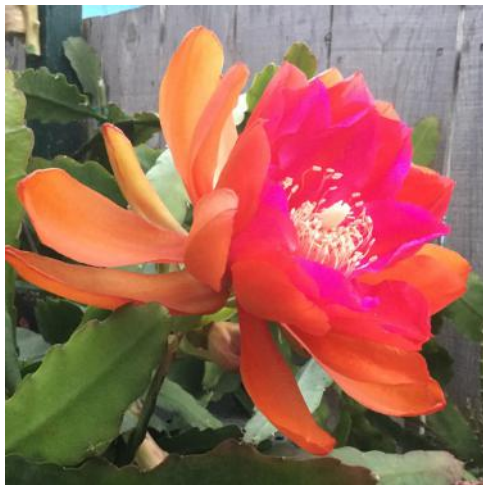
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'Pink Spider' or  
'Astro Zombie'



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# Get Your Facts First

“Get your facts first, then you can distort them as much as you please...” Mark Twain

By Linda Sinkovic

This month's subject is *Rhipsalis neves-armondii*.<sup>1</sup> *R. neves-armondii* is a member of the *Calamorhipsalis* subgenus.<sup>2</sup> This subgenus includes species such as *R. puniceodiscus* and *R. hoelleri*.<sup>3</sup>



*Rhipsalis neves-armondii* with flowers  
Photo by Dick Kohlschreiber

*R. neves-armondii*<sup>4</sup> has two forms, forma *neves-armondii* and forma *megalantha*. Forma *megalantha* was found on an island<sup>5</sup> to the southwest of the city of Rio de Janeiro, by Dr. Alberto Loefgren. At first this was thought to be a new species, *R. megalantha*, and Britton & Rose refer to it as such. However it was later determined to be a form of *R. neves-armondii*. This form differs from f. *neves-armondii* by thicker branches (up to 0.5 inch across) and larger flowers (about 1.5 inches).<sup>6</sup>

*R. neves-armondii* f. *neves-armondii* occurs in the Brazilian states of Paraná, Rio de Janeiro, Santa Catarina, and São Paulo. It grows in the Atlantic forest at elevations less than 3300 feet,<sup>7</sup> on trees (epiphytic) and on rocks (epilithic). It has white flowers (about 3/4 inch across) and large red berries (about 3/8 inch). The green branches are cylindrical, ranging from about 1/8 inch to 3/8 inch in diameter. In brighter light, the branches will take on a red tinge. Britton & Rose mention that the branches are “arranged in whorls”. The plant starts with erect growth but as it gets older, the growth begins to hang down.

In cultivation this plant prefers brighter light.<sup>8</sup> Like many other epiphytic cacti, do not overwater this plant or allow it to dry out. It prefers a well-draining substrate. If the weather becomes hot and dry, mist the plant; remember, it comes from a humid environment.<sup>9</sup>

If you are patient and give this plant the proper conditions, it will reward you with masses of flowers, and lovely red fruit to follow.

Have a good month and enjoy your garden!



*Rhipsalis neves-armondii* old growth  
Photo by Linda Sinkovic

## Notes:

- \*1 Yup. Another *Rhipsalis*.
- \*2 A subgenus is a grouping of similar species within a genus. Currently the *Rhipsalis* genus has three or five subgenera, depending upon whom you consult.
- \*3 The distinguishing character of this subgenus (*Calamorhipsalis*) is the bottom of the flower (the pericarpel) is sunken into the areole (place on the stem where the spines come out). Because of this characteristic, Curt Backeberg referred to this species as *Lepismium neves-armondii*.
- \*4 *R. neves-armondii* was named in 1890 by Dr. Karl Schumann of the Berlin Botanisches Museum. He named this species after Dr. Amaro Ferreira das Neves Armond, who was at that time the director of the Brazilian National Museum. *R. neves-armondii* was first found near the city of Rio de Janeiro.
- \*5 Iha de São Sebastio, Ilhabela, São Paulo, Brazil. As far as I can find out, it's never been found anywhere else in the wild.
- \*6 I have a very very small plant with thicker segments marked “*Rhipsalis megalantha*”. However, as it has not yet flowered, I'm not sure of the identity..
- \*7 1000 meters.
- \*8 Under shade cloth or partially shaded, not direct sun.
- \*9 Like many other epiphytic cacti.

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*Rhipsalis neves-armondii* new growth  
Photo by Linda Sinkovic

# Installation & Holiday Banquet

**Wednesday December 12, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.**

Start off this year's Holiday Season at SDES's Installation Banquet! Please join us for an evening of fun & fellowship. This year we'll return to The Butcher Shop Restaurant in Kearny Mesa.

EpiCon was such a huge success this year that the executive board voted to increase the members' discount price for dinner. This year the price for members will be \$20.00. Non-members will pay the full price, \$60.00.

Dinner choices are either Filet Mignon, Mahi Mahi, or Vegetarian. Your dinner comes with salad, main course, dessert, wine, and coffee or tea.

You can purchase your tickets at the September, October, or November meetings from Mildred Mikas — cash, checks, and all credit cards accepted. Or you can pay on-line at [www.SanDiegoEpi.com](http://www.SanDiegoEpi.com) or you can make a check payable to "SDES Dinner" and send check with your dinner choices to:

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# HILARY HEINTZ

By Pat Stebbins

This member profile first appeared in the San Diego Epiphyllum Society *Epi News*, March 14, 1984. Volume 8, Number 3, Pages 4-5.

One of our talented out-of-state members is Hilary Ann Heintz of North Canton, Ohio. Hilary has been growing Epis for eight years and she has kindly sent us a glimpse of her joys and trials of growing epiphyllums in a cold climate.

"This is Hilary Heintz reporting live from Ohio.

Cacti have been a part of my life since I was twelve years old, but it wasn't until I was 32 that I bought my first Epiphyllum. It was *E. oxypetalum* and I found it quite by accident on a trip through Pennsylvania. That was eight years ago and since then many more have been added to my collection.

My Epis number only about 20 now, my problem being space. They grow so fast that before I know it they're monsters. So I've whittled my collection down to a manageable size of plants with just the flowers I like. Some are 'Padre', 'King Midas', 'Pete's Snowflake', 'Ber-Tee' and 'Mystic Mood'.



'Padre'  
Photo by Roger Chapin

something here called lake-effect. This refers to the effect Lake Erie has on our weather. Water from the lake evaporates and is blown over Ohio by the winds of Canada. This causes a lot of cloudiness in the summer and almost constant grey weather in the winter. I must say that this past summer was exceptional with few rainy days. Needless to say if I had a choice, I'd grow my plants in a sunnier place, but I'm here so let's make the best of it!



After some experimentation I've found a potting mix that works – for my Epis as well as all my other succulents.

It's called Metro Mix 500. It also

comes in other mixes like 220, 300 and 350 but they are not recommended for long term growing. Metro Mix is a product of Grace, Inc. the Terra Lite and Peters Plant Food people. The 500 mix contains sphagnum peat moss, vermiculite, granite sand, processed bark, composted pine bark and a nutrient charge. To this I add bone meal and this seems to please all my succulents and terrestrial cacti just fine. I also use this mix for my Cymbidium Orchids. But for my Epis who like a more constantly moist mix I add fine grade Orchid Bark. This added bark increases drainage and at the same time keeps the entire mix more evenly moist.

I grow all my plants in my tiny seven by nine foot greenhouse which is attached to the south side of our breezeway along the garage wall. The east wall of the greenhouse is actually the west wall of the garage. Out house and garage are brick so this wall was always too damp for any of jmy cacti, even my Epis and



'King Midas'  
Photo by Jerry Moreau'

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Hilary Heintz continued



'Pete's Snowflake'  
Photo by Roger Chapin

Selenicereus. So I tried a few orchids and they loved it! Besides Cymbidiums I have a few Cattleyas, Dendrobiums, Anguloas and a Lycaste. Who says you can't grow cacti and orchids in the same house?

At this time of year most of the plants are dormant, including the Epis. So starting in November and continuing through January the Epis are sprayed but not watered. In February, when the flower buds begin to appear, I start my feeding schedule.



'Ber-Tee'  
Photo by Jerry Moreau

I use Peters' 10-30-20 at one half strength for the first three feedings and Fish Emulsion (also half strength) for the fourth. Plants are fed every time they are watered until they've finished blooming. By mid-April I move the Epis and Orchids to the patio where I put up my temporary lathhouse. They

can't summer in the greenhouse because the temperature goes over 100° and you know what the Epis think of that.

I drape plastic sheeting over the lathhouse to protect the plants at night until the end of May.

The plants are sprayed every day during the summer in the morning and also midday if necessary. They are watered but not fertilized for one month after flowing is finished. After this month I resume my feeding schedule, until in mid-



'Mystic Mood'  
Photo by Jerry Moreau

August the plants are brought back into the greenhouse. By the end of September feeding is ended and the plants receive only plain water through October. My growing routine may seem odd to those of you who live in Southern California but it seems to work here."

As you can see, Hilary has wisely limited her collection to what she considers a manageable amount. Can you imagine moving 100 or 300 plants from one place to another twice a year.

Thank you Hilary, for letting us share.



# Growing Epis in Perth, Western Australia

By Steve Pincott

We have a good climate here for outdoor growing all year round. It does get very hot in summer, over 40°C (104°F), so a second covering of shade cloth is required for 2 or 3 months which is then removed before winter.

It gets cold and wet during the winter months, never to freezing point or even near that, so established plants that are big and root bound handle it ok.

Smaller newer epis sometimes need to be moved under an eave or similar out of the rain.

At present we are at the end half of winter and I don't have too many casualties that I can see.

Blooming season is just around the corner!

I first came across these plants about 30 years ago when a lady I was working with gave me cuttings of 'German Empress' and 'Ackermanii' with blooms attached.



'Black Pearl'

They seemed so unusual and I had no idea what to do with them. I planted both in a 14 inch basket in potting mix. Somehow

they managed to grow!

As with most new epi fans I then wanted to collect every one available. These days I am much more selective of course and have hybridized and registered a few nice ones.

We have always had an Epiphyllum and Hoya society

here, but in the last few years it has really taken off and we now have a



'Fijian Joy'



'Karen Michelle'

membership of 50 or more.

As the other societies have folded we are now the only one in Australia. I must say it has become a bit Hoya-centric lately but I have decided to grow almost exclusively Epis.

There are so many magnificent new hybrids from this side of the globe, notably the Brunton's 'Kiwi' ones and Tony Hanson's 'Ulana' hybrids.

I have no idea how many plants I have but I have 3 large shade houses crammed full, so it is a fair few!

My



'Tasstic'

Photo by Linda Sinkovic

passion for these plants has not waned much over the years.

They certainly are addictive so if you are a beginner...be warned!

Editors note:

Perth's latitude is: 31° 56' 0" S

San Diego's latitude is: 32° 42' 55" N

Steve's hybrids include: 'Black Pearl', 'Class Clown', 'Dr. Earnshaw', 'Fijian Joy', 'Karen Michelle', 'Lady Bold', 'Pink Elegance', 'Tasstic'

Photos by Steve Pincott unless noted



## Now is the Time

- ✓ **Maintain good grooming** by eliminating unsightly and non-productive branches. This directs the plant's energy into the healthier branches which will produce stronger blooms next spring.
- ✓ **Protect plants from excessive direct sunlight.** Although the end of summer is in sight, in Southern California we can still anticipate some very hot days.
- ✓ **Prevent soil from drying out.** However, keep an eye on the humidity. Even though it may be very hot, too much watering during humid weather can contribute to root rot. Make sure there is air circulation around your pots.
- ✓ **Protect new growth from wind damage.** Hot, dry Santa Ana winds blow in September. Keep an eye on your plants during these days.
- ✓ **Protect apples (seed pods) from birds and rodents.**
- ✓ **Give plants final feeding of a balanced fertilizer for the fall growing season.**
- ✓ **Mist or hose down branches to clean off dirt and pollutants.**
- ✓ **Some die-back is natural** in epies and fall is a season you'll see this along with some new growth.
- ✓ **Many species plants bud and bloom now.** Remember to give them some fertilizer and don't move plants that are budding.
- ✓ **Watch for pests.** Late summer and early fall is an active time for snails. During dry weather, snails and slugs are drawn to moist, potted plants.



Mildred Mikas & Jerry Moreau  
at the August general meeting  
Photo by Don Patterson



Velma Crain, Sandra Chapin & Barb Alvarez  
at the SBES show  
Photo by Jerry Moreau



Beth Jackson & Jim Nones  
at the ESA show  
Photo by Jerry Moreau

# People's Choice Winners since 1995

In 1995 George & Jerry Plaisted initiated the People's Choice Table. They have been taking care of it ever since. Here are the top three winners voted on by the visiting public to our Mother's Day Show. You will note that in 2004, and this was the only year, there were ties for second and third place. As you peruse through the list you will



notice some that are winners often. Cultivars 'Elinor Victoria Latimer' and 'Venetian Affair' people really like.



'Elinor Victoria Latimer' and 'Venetian Affair' ↗

← Photos taking by Jerry Moreau & Roger Chapin respectively

1995	2003	2011
1 'Ambrosia'	1 'Meadow Lark'	1 'C'est Magnifique'
2 'Calisto'	2 'Surprise Party'	2 'Oberon'
3 'Meditation'	3 'Mrs. Beardsley'	3 'King Salmon'
1996	2004	2012
1 'Irette'	1 Unnamed Seedling	1 'Jeffrey Kida'
2 'Foxy Lady'	2 'Black Satin', 'Frida Kahlo', 'Norwood'	2 'Elinor Victoria Latimer'
3 'Belise'	3 'Arobia', 'Venetian Affair'	3 'Crystal Amethyst'
1997	2005	2013
1 'Radiant Fire'	1 'Venetian Affair'	1 'Don Crain'
2 'Elinor Victoria Latimer'	2 'Calisto'	2 'Glow Bug'
3 'Curtain Call'	3 'Ambrosia'	3 'Grand Soliel'
1998	2006	2015
1 'Venetian Affair'	1 'Falling In Love'	1 Unnamed seedling
2 'Black Light'	2 'Pegasus'	'Meadowlark' x
3 'Jean Marie Seile'	3 'Reflected Glory'	'Chiba Lovely Dawn'
1999	2007	2 'Dixie Melody'
1 'Slim Hathaway'	1 'Spanish Flare'	3 'Career Girl'
2 'Persian Lilac'	2 'Esther Clark'	2016
3 'Stern Vol Erlau'	3 'Vanilla Sunset'	1 'Ronin'
2000	2008	2 Unnamed seedling 'Linda Sinkovic' x 'Chiba Lovely Dawn'
1 'Elinor Victoria Latimer'	1 'DAR'	3 'Ivan The Terrible'
2 'Radiant Fire'	2 'Jeffrey Kida'	2017
3 'Easy To Love'	3 'Love In Bloom'	1 'Brazen'
2001	2009	2 'Darryl Obayashi'
1 'Jean Marie Seile'	1 'Campari'	3 'Clown'
2 'Bumpkin'	2 Unnamed seedling 'Liberty Glow' X 'Genkuden'	2018
3 'Whatta Dream'	3 'Epi Society' (variegated)	1 'Yellowhead'
2002	2010	2 'Vanilla Sunset'
1 'Spirit Of America'	1 'Sonoma Sunshine'	3 'Aida'
2 'Ruby Pinwheel'	2 'Silence'	
3 'Cadet'	3 'Slightly Sassy'	



# Keep In Touch

Members are the most important part of our society. The epies are what bind us. Together we create more beauty for all to enjoy. As in any group, we are more potent together. Lifelong friendships are made in the society. Knowledge, plants, and passions are shared between members. Mostly, fun is had by all. We have members all over the world.

We want to keep in touch with you. If you know of a member who can no longer attend meetings and/or events, we can send a cheery card to let them know they are missed. If there is a member who is having a milestone birthday we can send happy birthday wishes. If there is a member who is ill or a member who has passed away, we can send a get well or sympathy card. Why? Because we care about each other.

Keep in touch with us. Let us know what is going on in your garden. Have questions? Ask us. Have growing tips? Share with us. Want to see something in the newsletter? Tell us.

This year is packed with many wonderful activities like EpiCon XVI, annual sales in Balboa Park and the Safari Park, and the Mother's Day Show. There is also our ongoing work with the epi collection at the San Diego Zoo Safari Park, where we work to preserve epicacti cultivars and epiphytic cacti species and educate the public about these plants. Come join us for an hour, a day, a month, or all year! Your support means everything.

Want to write an article, have an idea for a program, or just want to join the fun? Please let us know how you want to get involved. We want to hear from you. We could not exist without you. We are greater because of you.

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## Message from Membership Secretary Beth Jackson

If you are having issues with receiving the electronic newsletter or know someone who is, please make sure to mark [membership@sandiegoepi.com](mailto:membership@sandiegoepi.com) as an accepted email address. Also check your spam, junk, trash, and/or clutter folders as some email servers will send large emails directly to those folders.



'Cherry Tart'  
Photo by Roger Chapin

## Reminder: Annual Epi Photography Show/Contest at the November Meeting.

Start taking pictures of your epies now so you will have lots of pictures to choose from to enter into the contest.

# Welcome New Members!

by Beth Jackson

Elise Lamar, Nashville, TN  
 Emily Lovci  
 Elizabeth Crosby  
 Barb Landon, Manhattan, CA  
 Jim and Gail Hamner, Valley Center  
 Georgia Piotter, Pacifica, CA  
 Dan Ward, San Diego  
 Bonnie Gavett, Lemon Grove  
 Marisa Kerr-Bell, San Diego  
 David Venturini  
 Jean Perry, Imperial Beach



‘Welcome’  
Photo by Jose Almandoz

I hope to meet you at one of our upcoming meetings and/or events!



Victoria Chapman & Jerry Markle  
at the raffle table  
Photos by Jerry Moreau



Above Gretchen Ward &  
Below Michele Finchum  
At a SDES cutting party





## Off-Season Blooms

This month we will start again to list what has been blooming in member's gardens. This list is a bit of informal research of off-season epi blooms. Here you can track which epis have been blooming consistently off-season over the years. If you would like to add to the research and list what epis have been blooming in your yard, email the editors with your list of off-season blooms and species. There are two list because the hybrids are off-season bloomers and the species bloom different times of the year anyway.

### Blooming Off-Season

**Henry Brandenburg** (San Diego): 'EpiCon XII', 'Jalisco Flirt', 'Jalisco Grace', 'Jalisco Starlight', 'Precious Little Diamond', 'Vittorio'

**Sandra Chapin** (Rancho Bernardo): 'Ernst Gündchen', 'Educator'

**Cindy Decker** (Spring Valley): 'Good N' Plenty'

**Jerry Moreau** (San Diego): 'Daniel'

**Pentico Collection** (Arcadia): 'Connie Mayer'

**Safari Park** (San Pasqual Valley): 'Connie Mayer'

**Linda Sinkovic** (Santa Cruz): 'Elvira Paetz'

### Blooming Species

**Henry Brandenburg** (San Diego): *Epiphyllum pumilum*

**Don Burnett** (South Coast LA): *Disocactus macranthus*, *E. anguliger*, *E. hookeri* ssp. *guatemalense* monstrous AKA curly locks

**Robert Kuettle** (Los Angeles): *E. pumilum*

**Linda Sinkovic** (Santa Cruz): *E. oxypetalum*, *Lepismium cruciforme*, *L. warmingianum*



## Want/Wish List

If you have epies on your wish list that you are looking for it is possible someone in the Society has it and is willing to share a cutting or two with you. As a service and benefit to members this list is being included in the newsletter. Send your wish list along with contact information to the editors to get it added here.

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**Doug Gates** [douggates@gmail.com](mailto:douggates@gmail.com)  
*Epiphyllum laui*, *E. phyllanthus*, *E. baueri*

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**Paula Reynolds:** [paularey@aol.com](mailto:paularey@aol.com)  
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**William Thomas:** [wmst@cox.net](mailto:wmst@cox.net) 'Bold Gold', 'Grand Empress', 'Pinafore'

**Janice Wakefield:** [jwakefield@cox.net](mailto:jwakefield@cox.net)  
'Elegans Lei', 'Bobby Brynildsen', 'Jasa'

'Ernst Gündchen'  
Photo by Roger Chapin

# Clay Pots from the Safari Park Epi Display for Sale

At the Safari Park, we are in the process of phasing out the old clay pots we have been using in the Display House for many years. As you can see from the photo, these clay pots come in two styles. Many of them were sourced locally, from Tecate, Baja California Norte, Mexico. They look as though they may have been recovered from the ruins of Pompeii, and you may imagine they once graced the gardens of the villa of Pliny the Elder. They have been carefully cleaned with a stiff brush to remove the grime of millennia while at the same time, preserving their rich patina.

There are currently approximately 80 of these clay pots available for sale at \$5.00 each. All proceeds will benefit the continued maintenance of the SDES's epiphyllum collection at the Safari Park. If you are interested in them contact—Jerry at: [jerrysdca@cox.net](mailto:jerrysdca@cox.net) or Ron at: [hikerron@cox.net](mailto:hikerron@cox.net) Put CLAY POTS in the subject line.

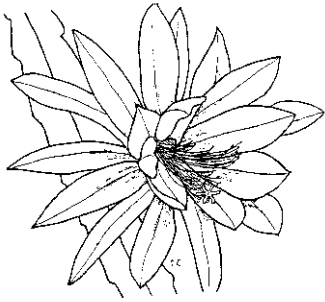


‘Evanston’  
Photo by Roger Chapin



The above photo was sent from a happy customer who bought 15 clay pots for her yard.





## Resources

As a benefit to members here is a list of resources for members. This list will continue to grow. If you know of any resources you would like to have included, contact the editors.

### Bookstore:

Cactus Bookstore <http://www.cactusbookstore.com/> Chuck Everson



### Epi Nurseries:

Epi Galleria <http://www.epigalleria.com/> Mark Piette

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

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

Matts Landscape <http://mattslandscape.com/home/>  
Matt Cheney

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

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

Kakteen Haage <http://www.kakteen-haage.de/>  
Passionate gardener since 1685  
Ulrich Haage



### Plant Societies:

#### Epiphyllum Society of America

ESA promote cultivation of Epiphyllums and other epiphytic cactus species, and provided support and education to growers. ESA administers the International Registry for hybrids and species of the Tribe Hylocereae. Meetings are held at 7:30 pm on the first Tuesday of every month (except in December or January) at the Los Angeles County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave, Arcadia, CA in the Bamboo Room.

<http://epiphyllums.org/>

#### San Diego Bromeliad Society

2nd Saturday of the month @ 10:00 am  
Balboa Park, Casa del Prado, room 104  
<http://www.sandiegobromeliadsociety.org/>



‘Al Bustan’

Photo by Roger Chapin