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# 'Indian Fire'

Size: Medium Cross: 'Tucker' x 'Satin Doll' Hybridizer: Mike Davis Photograph by Linda Sinkovic



## President's Corner:

August was hot and so were our meeting and party. It was nice to get

a chance to socialize with each other. Janice is doing a great job for our monthly programs. Our September program should be as exciting as the program in August. I'm always looking for better ways to grow my epies. I hope you found the program just as passionate and informative as I did.

Congratulation goes to Oliver who was awarded the "Rookie of the Year" Award at the Volunteer Appreciation Party. Keep up the good work. Our Society depends on all of us volunteers to continue to make it fun, exciting and

#### informative.

As you may have noticed in the newsletter we have been listing what's in bloom again. This is a great resource to find epi hybrids and species that are blooming off-season to add to our collections.

Don't forget our annual photography contest at the November meetings. It's time to go through all the pictures you took of the blooms this spring and figure out which ones to enter. More details will be in upcoming *Epi News*.



## SDES Meetings-

**Pre-Meeting Workshop:** Come to Room 104 at 7:00 before the General Meeting to join in the discussion and hear from our resident botanist, Ron Crain. Workshop is free and open to everyone.

**Highlights of August Program:** George Hahn of Worm Gold found that a new product, "Worm Gold Max", has proven effective on scale. He let us in on the latest news and development of worm products– so many of which are amazingly effective in maintaining general plant health and keeping the pests at bay.

**September Meeting's Program:** Whether you're starting a garden from scratch, sprucing up your planting beds, or mulching your favorite fruit tree...our Kellogg and Gardner & Bloome brands have a natural and organic premium garden soil, potting soil, mulch, or fertilizer to help your project reach its best potential. We've been dedicated to meeting the needs of gardeners for over 85 years, and we continue to provide products you can trust! A prepresentive from Kellogg Garden Products will be our September speaker. So come on down and bring your garden product questions.

### SDES Calendar of Events

September 12:General MeetingSeptember 14-16:Del Mar Home/Garden Show<br/>(See pg. 10)September 15:Work Party at Safari Park

September 26: September 29: V December 12: S

Board Meeting Work Party at Safari Park SDES Holiday Banquet and Installation of Officers



## Safari Park Epi Display House

-By Jerry Moreau

Summer heat is here and the volunteers still come. What a great team we have. Dedicated members who make a difference is what SDES is all about. We worked, had fun, laughed, and drank lots of water to keep us going. It has been said that all the plants in the display house at the Park all took a big breath now that those that didn't belong in the display house have been moved to the new workhouse . It took great teamwork to move the plants and get them organized in the new workhouse. We are not quite finished yet but should be by the end of August. We also repotted plants and worked on the sprinkler system in the display house, sprinkler heads get clogged with debris in the lines.

Helping out was Ron Ashman, Jean Bonner, Sandra Chapin, Nancy Cowell, Kathy Elliott, Ron & Velma Crain, Cindy Decker, Marie Dempewolf, Bill Greene, Beth Jackson, Oliver Lapuebla, Yogi, & Carol LeBlanc, Laurie Lasslo, Gerry Mikas, Jerry Moreau, Fred Savage, and Janice Wakefield. The next work parties will be September 15 and 29.

If you are one of the wonderful volunteers, keep a look out for an email from me. If you have not been getting my emails about the work parties, please send me an email:

jerrysdca@cox.net. Sometimes email addresses change and I don't find out about them.

If you are interested in joining the fun and learning a lot about epis in the process come and volunteer at the Park. Information on how to sign up can be found on the website <u>www.SanDiegoEpi.org</u> click on the Safari Park tab or contact me.

#### Oliver Lapuebla awarded 2012 "Rookie of the Year" Award

SDES started a new award in 2010. The "Rookie of the Year" award is for a member of less than three years, who has jumped in, became a part of the volunteers, and contributed the most. This year the award goes to Oliver Lapuebla. He was awarded the coveted black pot trophy, decorated with painted epies and fancy writing by the very special and talented Sandra Chapin (who initiated the award). He has been an active member since 2011. Oliver has been volunteering at the Safari Park since August 2011, volunteered at the Mother's day show and sale, created a display at the Mother's day show, a snappy dresser, has starting writing a column for the Epi *News*, donates plants and cuttings to the raffle table, and helps out wherever he is needed. Thank you Oliver for all that you have done and will continue to do for the Society. We are a better Society because you are a member.





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## An Afternoon With Dick Kohlschreiber

Reprinted from Epi News, August, 1996

The winner of this year's President's Choice for the George French Award, Dick Kohlschreiber, may not be well-known to the majority of our members as he lives in San Pedro and we don't see him in San Diego very often, but he is an influential and enthusiastic epi supporter whose dedication has contributed to the success of all epi societies.

In addition to being editor of the South Bay Epiphyllum Society's newsletter, The Epi-Gram, Dick spent countless months updating the latest edition of the Epiphyllum Society of America's Epiphyllum Directory. At EpiCon V at Huntington Gardens, ESA presented Dick with an honorary lifetime membership: a well-deserved recognition for his many years of volunteering and educating members of all the epi societies.

His home is San Pedro is only six blocks from the Pacific Ocean and on a clear day you get a fantastic view of Santa Catalina Island. Dick's vard is packed with plants - 500 epiphyllums, 100 rhipsalis, dozens of echeverias, hybrid aloes, holiday cacti, and dahlias, not to mention the

dozens of epiphytic species enjoying the shade of a huge olive tree.

"I probably like the rhipsalis more than any of them," Dick remarked. "I wish I had each of the different species; although I'm not missing more than about 15." Dick has hung a "wall" of rhipsalis plants along the windows of his enclosed back porch - creating a lovely curtain with their varying lengths and sizes.

A retired veterinarian who still puts in Saturdays at the clinic, Dick's interest in horticulture began after he moved to Southern California and a friend got him interested in bromeliads and orchids. After filling up his apartment balcony with

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plants, he bought his house in San Pedro in 1968. He then started growing dahlias and echeverias. He discovered epis in the late 70's or early 80's.

"A friend of mine, Maidie Martin, was involved with ESA and she got me started with epis," he commented. "She used to tell a story about how she and a couple of her friends would take a bus or trolley to Pasadena to Beahm's or Coolidge's nurseries and they would buy one cutting for about 75 cents and then divide it between them."

Dick's epis hang three deep under the eaves in front and along the side of his house. However, the majority hang at the back of the house where they are several rows deep. Below them are shelves with new cuttings and his collection of echeverias and aloes along the outside edges of the benches. The majority of his species are distributed throughout the branches of a large olive tree he planted years ago.

"I fertilize at least twice a year with granule fertilizer. In June and September I use a 20 -5-5. I don't use very much - a heaping half teaspoon to a gallon-size pot. In January or February I use 2-10-10," Dick explained.

"When I fertilize I take each plant down, clean it up, balance (trim) if needed and update my inventory. I often move plants around; if a plant is

#### See "Dick Kohlschreiber" (cont. on page 5)



*Above L to R: Dick Kohlschreiber with Don Patterson* and Jerry Moreau

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### Dick Kohlschreiber (Cont. from page 4)

not doing well in one area I'll put it in another."

When Dick pots up new epi cuttings, he usually waits a month before watering. "They really don't have much of a root system for a while. If you're not sure they're rooted, it's better to wait. Of course, I get a lot of humidity here, being only six blocks from the coast." In addition, his cuttings are on benches underneath the mature hanging epis, so they get water run off when the mature plants are watered.

Like the majority of us, Dick can't name on favorite epi. "I really like the pastels such as 'French Lipstick' over the really bright shades."

As Dick has been in charge of registering new hybrids as well as updating the directory, he is familiar with a lot of the advances in epi hybridiza"George French's 'Tele' x 'Jennifer Ann' cross is also a great cross- one of George's best," he continued. "That produced 'Calisto', 'Tele Ann', 'Martha Ellen', 'Masada', 'Willow Wand', and 'White Splendor'."

When Dick started updating the directory, he knew there were a lot of mistakes. "There were a lot I was aware of but I was not aware of the full extent of them," he said. The more involved he got, the more he found to correct. And he had help. "We had epi experts from all over – three in England, three in Canada, one in Germany, one in Australia, as well as people in the U.S. For instance, Eckhard Maier and Rudi Dorsch worked on the German. About half the German names were spelled wrong and many German hybridizers weren't given credit."

Dick pointed out other changes that have been made in the new directory: "Some Monmonier

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tion. In addition to the unique color combinations of 'Clown' and 'Sakurahime' which have become extremely popular, he feels there have been a few crosses that have proven to be exceptional.

"I still think of the best overall crosses ever made was Wressey Cocke's crosses of 'Tassel' and 'Ruby Snowflake' which produced 'American Sweetheart', 'Pink Plumes', 'Epi Society', 'Hot 'N Spicy', 'African Queen', and others. There are still some plants from that cross that haven't been named."

There is another cross that has produced well – Bob Grimshaw's 'Ruby Snowflake' x 'American Sweetheart' which produced 'My-O-My', the flower that won Dick the George French award at our Mother's Day Show (1996).

"Bob Grimshaw gave the seed to Wressey Cocke who raised it," Dick explained. "Unfortunately the old directory only gave credit to Mr. Cocke. That's been corrected in the new directory; it's now listed as GRIM/WC (HST). The newly registered 'Perfect Moment' is also from that cross, as is the epi named 'Ethel Hurst'. Both crosses are good growers, bloom a lot, and have lots of petals.

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hybrids had been attributed to Poindexter, so we cleared those up. Cactus Pete had quit registering his hybrids after a disagreement with ESA, so we've added a lot of his, but we don't have them all yet. We changed a lot of the descriptions on the Fort and O'Barr hybrids. Some of the descriptions were the complete opposite of the flower. Greg Balvin did a lot of work on that.

"I had been told that ESA had based the original directory on old catalog descriptions," he commented, "and up until the last six months before the directory was reprinted I was under that illusion, but looking through the old catalogs myself I discovered that was not true. There are a lot of very thorough descriptions in the old catalogs that never made it into the directory. Some flowers were attributed to the nurseries instead of the hybridizer. So that's what has to be done now – research through all the old catalogs and update the directory accordingly."

This dedication to getting it right is what makes Dick invaluable to all epi lovers. How many of us would have volunteered to research and update a list of almost 10,000 epis? "I know most people (*Continued on page 6*)

## From our Librarian: Outside of A Dog

Outside of a dog, a man's best friend is a book. Inside of a dog it's too dark to read. -- Groucho Marx

No new library acquisitions to report, so for this month's review I did some digging in the shelves. I'll be discussing a general interest cactus and succulent book. The title is Cacti and Other Succulents Catalogue, Collector's Edition,<sup>\*1</sup> by Nakanishi Yasuo. This is a gorgeous book filled with photos of all sorts of cactus and succulents, and an informative section in the back of the book.

Sounds great, right? Well, there is a catch: it's written in Japanese, so all that information is only available to those who can read the language. That said, the photos do have the binomial names in the Roman alphabet, so if there is a photo that catches your eye you will at least have the Latin name available to do more research. However this book was published in 1991, so some of the nomenclature may have changed. Even more annoying, cultivar names are only in Japanese.

Listing all these shortcomings, it may sound like I don't like this book. Actually I did enjoy it, but then again I can read the Japanese language characters. I found it interesting to learn the common (Japanese language) names for cacti and other plants that we





grow. For example, *Epiphyllum oxypetalum* is commonly called 'gekkabijin' which (read literally) means 'Beautiful woman in the moonlight', Disocactus flagelliformis (Aporocactus flagelliformis) is 'kinhimo', literally 'Gold strap', while Selenicereus pteranthus (Selenicereus macdonaldiae) is 'yorunojyouou', or 'Queen of the night'. And our beloved epicactus hybrids are 'kujakusaboten', literally 'Peacock cactus'.

However, you might be wondering if this book will still be interesting if you don't read the language. I would say yes, it could still be interesting; the reason being the photos in this book are nice and they make up about two-thirds of the book. You could easily use this as a wish book. There are only two pages of epiphytic cactus photos, but if your interests include terrestrial cactus and other succulents then this book is worth a look.

That's all for now. Get out to your garden and enjoy the species blooms and offseason flowers this month

\*1 saboten tanikushokubutsu katarogu aizouban (Cacti and Other Succulents Catalogue, Collector's Edition), Nakanishi Yasuo, Tokyo, 1991. ISBN: 4-415-03395-4

*—By Linda Sinkovic, Librarian* 

#### Dick Kohlschreiber (Continued from page 5)

don't feel that strongly about the directory, but if I have something in print, I want to be able to believe it is correct."

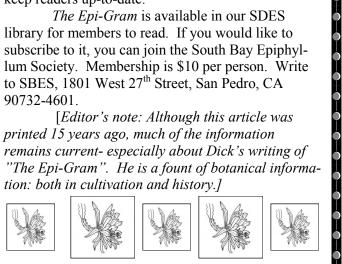
He gives Myron Kimnach credit for making the new directory the valuable research tool it is. "I'm really pleased with the species list. You can't find another place in the world where there is such a complete listing. I really hope people use it."

He applies this same criteria to The Epi-Gram. Throughout his newsletter, he talks about his experiences with his plants, the experiences of others who correspond with him and constantly passes on new information, clarification, tidbits, anything to

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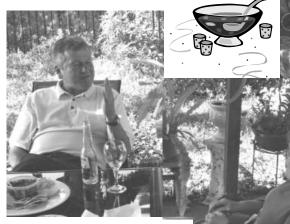
The Epi-Gram is available in our SDES library for members to read. If you would like to subscribe to it, you can join the South Bay Epiphyllum Society. Membership is \$10 per person. Write to SBES, 1801 West 27<sup>th</sup> Street, San Pedro, CA 90732-4601

[Editor's note: Although this article was printed 15 years ago, much of the information remains current- especially about Dick's writing of "The Epi-Gram". He is a fount of botanical information: both in cultivation and history.]

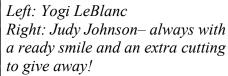


## Volunteer Appreciation Party- always a fun event! -By Sandra Chapin

What a great time we had at the Volunteer appreciation Party!!! Dave and Karen O'Dell were great hosts. Their yard is lovely and was perfect for the thirty guests to mingle, share wonderful food, and chat. Everyone took home at least one cutting. We had a cutting bag of large and extra large blooms and a bag of small blooms that everyone could draw from. I can hardly wait till next year's party.



Bob Buchs in serious discussion with Beth Jackson









Left: Betsy Markle. Above: Patricia Frank, Marie Dempewolf, and Skip Mrozinski



Above L to R: Betsy Markle, Cindy and Dave Decker

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## A List of Forgotten Epi Hybrids

-A slide presentation by Linda Sincovic at EpiCon XIII

This list is published in the interest of research. These epi hybrids have not been seen (displayed) in years. If you are growing one of these hybrids, please let Jerry Moreau or Galen Pittman know. These gentlemen oversee the public display houses– Jerry, at the Safari Park in Escondido, CA and Galen, at the Pentico Collection at the Los Angeles County Arboretum in Arcadia, CA. For a complete list that includes detailed descriptions, please refer to the SDES website: <u>www.SanDiegoEpi.org</u>

'Alice Sargent' 'Alina Katherine' 'Amber Waves' 'Anita' 'Araby' 'Astro De Oro' 'Bill Andree' 'Black Butterfly' 'Bob-O-Link' 'Bountiful' 'Burma' 'Canadian Love' 'Canadian Mosaic'

'Canadian Ruffles'
'Carlsbad'
'Circe'
'Clarence Bright'
'Color My World'
'Coopermannii'
'Coopermannii'
'Coomic Wind'
'Courantii'
'Courantii'
'Crepe Feathers'
'Crown Prince'
'Cuthbert'
'Dancing Girl'
'Dancing Princess'

'Dancing Waters'
'Early Dawn'
'Edge Of Night'
'Eloquence'
'Emir'
'Ensemble'
'Evening Time'
'Fabiola'
'Faschra Deutre'
'Fatima'
'Fiery Sunset'

See "Forgotten Epis" (Cont. on page 9)

## 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 (or remove them).
- ✓ 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 epis and fall is a season you 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.

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## Forgotten Epi Hybrids (Cont. from page 8)

'Fiestacade' (not in directory) 'Fifi' 'Fire Engine' 'Fire Wagon' 'Florentine' 'Fondu' 'Frau Hanna Lohse' 'Front Page' 'Frosted Raspberry' 'Frosty Rose' 'Galaxy' 'Genevra Reed' 'Genius' 'Georgy Girl' 'Germain' 'Ginger' 'Glamour' - FOB 'Glamour' - CI 'Glass Slipper' 'Glinda Of Oz' 'Gold Hill' 'Golden Glow' 'Golden Harvest' 'Golly-Gee' 'Great One' 'Gretna' 'Helen G. Wallace' 'Hula Moon' 'Ice Cap' 'Ice Follies' 'Indian Princess' 'Irene Lockhart' (not in directory) 'Irish Linen' 'Ivory Gown' 'Jennifer K.' 'Jimmv K.' 'John F. Kennedy' 'Joielean' 'Judith K.' 'June Bells' 'Kami' 'Kitty Kelly' (not in directory) 'La Compana' 'Lackneri' 'Largo' 'Latona' 'Lemon Drop'

'Liberty Velma' 'Little Gem' 'Lois M. Davies' 'Lois O.' 'Love In Bloom' - DIT 'Madge' 'Madonna' 'Mae Marsh' 'Margo' 'Mexicanus' 'Mims T.' 'Misty Laurel' 'Mitzie O.' 'Mojave Sunrise' 'Mr. C' 'Mount Saint Helens' 'Muneca' 'O'Golly' 'Oakleigh Starlight ' (not in directory) 'Ole' (not in directory) 'Orange Drops' 'Orange Queen' - ABN 'Orange Oueen' 'Orchid Masterpiece' 'Pacemaker' 'Pagliacci' 'Paiute Brave' 'Pink Angel' 'Pink Fantasy' 'Princeling' 'Princess Emma' 'Radiant Light' 'Radiant Light Sport' 'Rajah' 'Raspberry Sherbet' 'Red Bird' 'Red Comet' 'Red Hawk' 'Red Wing' 'Reflection' 'Renee' 'Rio Rita' 'Robin Hood' 'Rolice' 'Rose Blush' 'Roseus Superbus' 'Ruby Star' 'Ruth'

'Ruth Ellen Goforth' 'San Marino' 'Santana' 'Saracen' 'Senator' (not in directory) 'Shadowland' 'Shell Beach' 'Shellv' 'Shining Armour' 'Show Stopper' 'Skylab' 'Smello Swello' 'Snow Drift' 'Song Of The Desert' 'Sonoma Dawn' 'Saint Francis' 'Sultry Siren' 'Sunset Glow' 'Super Nova' 'Supersonic' 'Susan K.' 'Sweet Song' 'Taxco Silver' 'Teddy Bear' 'Thalia' - (English) 'Thalia' - (French) 'Thalia' - HST 'Thalia' - CLDG 'Tiara' 'Tickled Pink' 'Trader Horn' 'Twilight Time' 'Tycoon' 'Valentine'- CP 'Valentine' - FOB 'Valentine' - TMM. 'Vamarie' 'Verne Harrison' 'Volcano' 'Wanda' 'Wanda K.' 'White Water' 'Wild Acclaim' 'Woodwind'



#### Del Mar Home and Garden Show: Sept. 14-15-16

Mark your calendars. SDES will have a booth as part of its continuing mission to educate the public and share our passion for the flowers we love. We will be selling cuttings and some plants. Show hours are Friday 11-6, Sat 10-6 and Sunday 10-5. There will be a sign-up sheet for those interested in spending time talking to people about Epis. For more information, please contact Cindy Decker (619) 698-6662 or <u>ddecke@juno.com</u>.

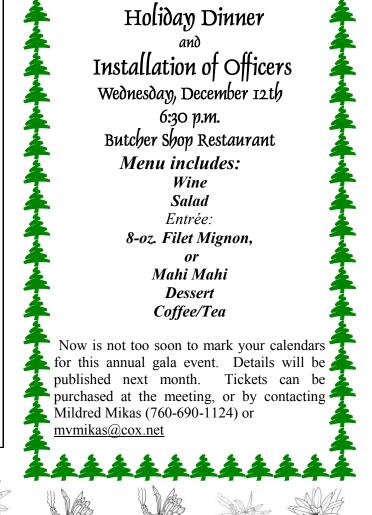
#### Mail Bag— Members are saying:

Membership chair, Beth Jackson received:

**From Peggy Olson:** Her husband Arnold is 91 and it is difficult for him to sit a long time at the meetings. They did not make the Mother's Day Show due to another commitment. But they don't want to miss any newsletters. She says the newsletters are great and very informative. They wish they could make some of the meetings but they really don't like to drive at night any more.

The Olsons live in Chula Vista so it might be a nice gesture from a younger member to offer to bring them to a meeting.

Heartfelt Thanks for Donation Received We received a generous donation from Terry and Norita Forshey in memory of Stan Christman .



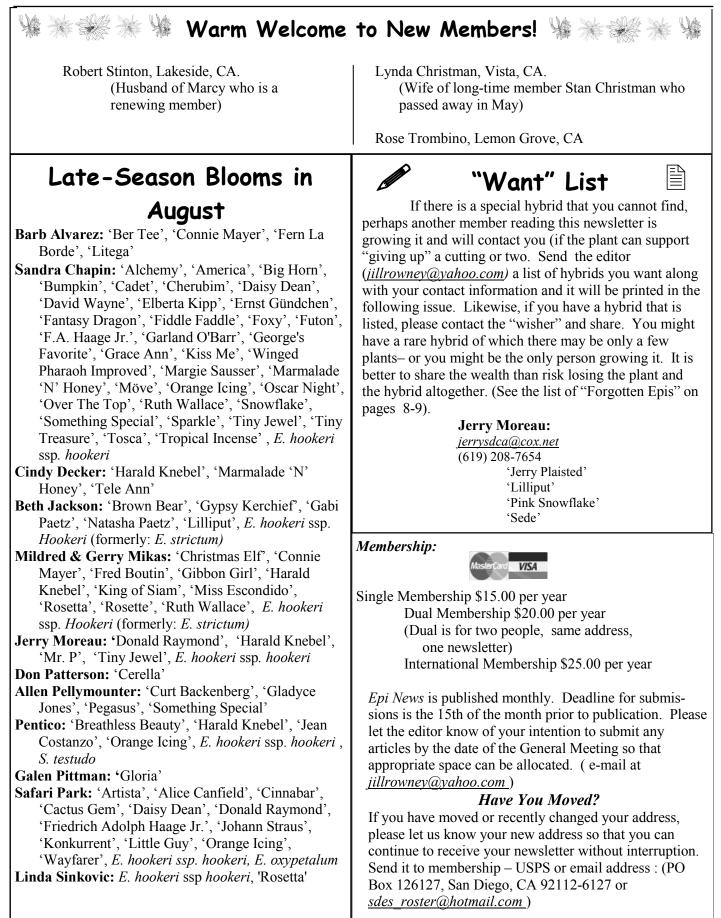
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Join the group, show your **Epi Spirit** and wear your shirt at all our spring and fall sales and events. Call us to order **760-690-1124** or e-mail your order to <u>mvmikas@cox.net</u> then send us a check or pay at a meeting. Gerry & Mildred Mikas



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**General membership meetings** are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in Room 101, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: September 12, 2012

**SDES Board Meetings** are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Room 104, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park.

> Next Board meeting will be: September 26, 2012