



Pup Talk

January 2023

THE SADDLEBACK VALLEY BROMELIAD SOCIETY

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We Will Meet: Thursday, January 5, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

**At the Norman Murray Community & Senior Center
24932 Veterans Way, Mission Viejo, CA**

FEATURED THIS MONTH:

Our speaker for January will be Harold Koopowitz, and his topic will be: "How slipper orchids have sex." Far from scandalous, one of the defining characteristics of flowering plants is that they use sexual reproduction.

Harold grew up in South Africa, where he attended university majoring in both Botany and Zoology, and he later graduated from UCLA in 1968. He became a professor at UC Irvine and was also the Director of the UCI Arboretum for twenty years. He is internationally known for breeding both Orchids and Daffodils and has written over a hundred scientific papers and book chapters, as well as many popular articles on orchids. He has authored scientific books, but also writes fiction, novels, and short stories that have orchid themes. Harold will be bringing some of his novels for sale at the meeting. All proceeds from his books go to the *Orchid Digest*. Besides writing, Harold's hobbies include gardening and flower breeding. He is known for his work breeding new kinds of slipper orchids, as well as miniature daffodils.

Many of us have grown orchids, or at least appreciate their beauty, and this should be a very interesting program for all of us.



DIRECTIONS: Meetings are the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Norman Murray Community and Senior Center, 24932 Veterans Way in Mission Viejo. **Visitors Welcome!** Where is that? Off the I-5 take the La Paz exit. Go east on La Paz past Marguerite Parkway to Veterans' Way. Turn left. The parking lot is at the road's end.

This Meeting Includes:

Bromeliads and More Wonderful Bromeliads:

- * **Show & Tell** – A meeting highlight. Bring in your bloomers, show stoppers, interesting plants, questions, even disasters. Help all of us learn and enjoy while you get a free raffle ticket.
- * **Raffle Table** – A chance to add to your collection; buy lots of tickets!
- * **Silent Auction** – We usually have special plants for you to bid on.
- * **Library & Information** – Want to learn even more? Check out a book and read up!

Or ask our bromeliad experts that question that is bugging you! We love to talk Bromeliads!



Upcoming Events (mark your calendars):

January 5 — Our meeting at Norman Murray in room Sycamore B.

January 29 — Board meeting at Carolyn's home at 1 p.m. (More information at our meeting).

February 2 — Our February meeting.

April 1 & 2 — **Sherman Gardens Show and Sale** (Saturday and Sunday). Set up Friday March 30.

July 15 & 16 — Sherman Gardens **Plantorama** (our summer sale).

Message From Our New President

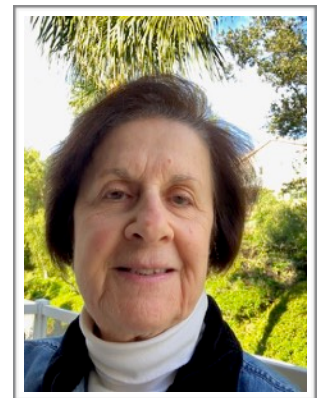


As president, I follow in the footsteps of Cristy Brenner, who very ably led the Saddleback Valley Bromeliad Society for many years. Her plant and people knowledge are unmatched. Her legendary achievement was to keep SVBS alive, and even growing, through the COVID pandemic. Happily, Cristy is continuing on as the new editor of *Pup Talk*. Since she is also a member of the Board of BSI, she is our direct link to it.

It is a bit humbling to follow in her boot-steps. But I hope to serve the members by working with all of you to achieve our goal of increasing knowledge of Bromeliads amongst ourselves and the wider community. I am grateful that so many members actively participate in the activities of SVBS. My hope is that new members will also become engaged in many of our activities. I am continually impressed by the knowledge, skills, and talents of our members, and these are amazing resources to be shared amongst ourselves and our community.

Please join me in my enthusiasm for the New Year. We face the ongoing challenge of a deepening drought and climate change, which will require adaptation. Since adaptation usually brings change, by working together we can make thoughtful change, have the spirit to embrace it, and see SVBS flourish.

Chris Bruce



Major changes for 2023:

Our society has been thriving, largely because we have incredible board members who have continued to serve year after year. This is especially true of Joe Wujcik, who has served as our newsletter editor for more than twenty years. Joe, and his dear wife Carol, began as co-editor's in 2001. Prior to that time, the newsletters were usually only two pages that were prepared by the society secretary. Joe and Carol created a four-page newsletter that eventually grew to ten pages. I remember Joe's elation when the board finally approved the use of color photos in 2008. After Carol's passing more than ten years ago, Joe continued as editor in her honor, and also continued to improve *Pup Talk*, making it one of the best newsletters in the Bromeliad world. Unfortunately, now it is time for Joe to retire. We can't say "thank you" enough to Joe for his many years of being a great editor and also for creating his beautiful pottery that provided our annual Holiday gifts for our



Joe selling his pottery at the South Bay show at Rainforest Flora in 2006. (photo by Cristy)

Joe's editorial shoes will be very difficult to fill, but I will give it a try. Please bear with me as gradual changes are made to *Pup Talk*. For example, now that we have our own website where we can post our newsletters, we will need to remove the personal information for our officers. I will continue with most of Joe's format, at least for a while. I can't promise that we will always have ten pages because once or twice a year I may be off chasing Bromeliads in the field. Many of our officers who might help are also frequent travelers, such as our new president (Chris Bruce) and our membership chair (Nada Chatwell). If we are all traveling at the same time, a two-page newsletter (old style) might be necessary.

I need your help: First of all, thank you to Chris Bruce for taking on the presidency so that I can become *Pup Talk* editor—she will do a fantastic job. Also, I would like to see more participation in the newsletter from our members. Please take lots of photos of your beautiful Bromeliads and send them to me (cbrenner4@cox.net) by about the 15th of each month. Sometimes you may even need to do a selfie as I did last year to capture the quickly blooming *Billbergia porteana*. pictured at left.



Another new board member: Thank you to Paul Selzer for volunteering to become librarian, replacing Chris Bruce who has become President.

Thank you for all of your help and support,

Cristy



Our Holiday Party

On December 1st, our regular meeting was replaced by our festive Holiday party. About thirty people joined us for an evening of visiting with Bromeliad friends, great food, and our gift exchange, which included an always hilarious round of “stealing” the unopened gifts.



Thank you to Barbara Stewart for heading the setup crew and providing decorations and raffle prizes. Also thank you to Barbara for her “badge” prizes throughout the year. (Photo by Hank)



A chance to visit with friends before dinner. (Photo by Cristy)

Delightful dinner of turkey (thank you Barbara), Honey-Baked Ham, and lots of home-made goodies. Note our wonderful huge new meeting room, complete with Christmas tree. (Photo by Cristy)



After dinner, tables were put away, chairs were arranged in a circle, and gifts were clustered in the center. While Yvonne was distributing the raffle tickets to determine the order that gifts would be chosen, Cristy, our outgoing president, made a few final remarks. Note the open door in the back corner: That's our full kitchen with an ice maker! We sure do love our new room! (Photo by Hank)



The raffle tickets were called a second time and the “stealing” fun began. The large colorful gift bags are usually very popular because they often contain Bromeliads from a member’s garden.

Waiting—will my present be “stolen?”



Presents finally opened! Michael looked very happy with the eight plants that Bromeliad “Santa” brought him. (Photos by Cristy)

Some interesting SVBS History:

A few months ago, I asked our members if anyone knew what year our society was founded and no one knew for sure. Recently, while trying to determine when Joe became *Pup Talk* editor, I searched a large box of old newsletters and other SVBS paperwork that George and Marilyn Long had purged from their garage several years ago.

SADDLEBACK VALLEY BROMELIAD SOCIETY
BOARD MEMBERS - THROUGH THE YEARS

YEAR	PRESIDENT	VICE PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER
2004	None	George Long	Paul Dunning	Marilyn Long
2003	Jeff Sorensen	Bob Kopfstein	George Long	Marilyn Long
2002	Larry Kent	Jeff Sorensen	Arlene Hoskins	Annette Garber
2001	Jeff Sorensen	Dan Kinnard	Arlene Hoskins	Annette Garber
2000	Paul Dunning	George Long	Arlene Hoskins	Tom Greek
1999	Jack Hoskins	Dan Kinnard	Paul Dunning	Tom Greek
1998	Jack Hoskins	Grace Barnes	Paul Dunning	George Long
1997	Dan Kinnard	Bob Kopfstein	Paul Dunning	George Long
1996	Maura Williams	Jeff Sorensen	Wanda Mallen	Jack Hoskins
1995	Dan Kinnard	George Long	Bird Peddicord	Jack Hoskins
1994	Les Vanderbush	Juhl Floyd	Dan Kinnard	Paul Dunning
1993	Brandon Page	Juhl Floyd	Bob Kopfstein	Wanda Mallen
1992	Juhl Floyd	David Dahl	Grace Barnes	Wanda Mallen
1991	Bob Kopfstein	Juhl Floyd	Grace Barnes	Wanda Mallen
1990	Dennis Galceran	Sherry Galceran	Maura Williams	Jan Huculak
1989	Paul Dunning	Grace Barnes	Maura Williams	Jeanette Smith
1988	Jon Hanson	George Long	Grace Barnes	Paul Dunning
1987	Bob Kopfstein	Jim Fornwalt	Grace Barnes	Bev Isa
1986	George Long	Bev Isa	Grace Barnes	John Florance
1985	Jim Walters	John Hanson	Carol Wujcik	John Florance
1984	Grace Barnes	Miles McDorman	Carol Wujcik	Bev Isa
1983	Bob Kopfstein	George Long	Grace Barnes	Bev Isa
1982	Greg Reid	Bev Isa	Grace Barnes	George Long
1981	George Long	Grace Barnes	Trudy Higuchi	Greg Reid
1980	Miles McDorman	George Long	Trudy Higuchi	Dr. Otis True
1979	Miles McDorman	Walt Strzelewicz	Pat McDorman	Dr. Otis True
1978	Miles McDorman	Pat McDorman	Hans Ashauer	Dr. Otis True
1977	Miles McDorman	Pat Meyers	Hans Ashauer	Dr. Otis True
1976	Kathy Dorr	Miles McDorman	Bob Schorsch	Dr. Otis True
1975	Kathy Dorr (Founder)	Miles McDorman	Bob Schorsch	Dr. Otis True

I found Joe and Carole's original newsletter and I also found this table of our officers showing that Kathy Dorr founded our society in 1975! Note that there was no president in 2004, and so that convinced me to finally become president in 2005. I think that we need to update this list! Do you think that we should have some sort of 50 year celebration in 2025?

Other finds in the box:

In one of the newsletters: A 2009 photo of our Orange County Fair setup crew.

And—the big surprise: Our 2019 show and sale at Sherman Library and Gardens was not our first. The fine print at right says May 29, 1987!



Learning about Bromeliads:

Hopefully, you will borrow some of the wonderful books from our library. However, most of us now use the internet to identify our plants.






Here are some suggested websites:

- Encyclopaedia of Bromeliads (bromeliad.nl)
- Bromeliad Species Database (bsi.org)
- Bromeliad Photo Index (www.fbcs.org)
- Bromeliads in Australia (bromeliad.org.au)



The internet is an amazing resource, as exemplified by our youngest member, Dylan Zoller, who joined our society last year at age eighteen. Since then, I have been astounded by his knowledge of Bromeliad species, as well as other other plant families.

While driving to the San Diego Bromeliad sale last week, Dylan asked: “Do you know that there is a Bromeliad named after someone from our club?” I was astonished! As a SVBS member since 1995, I had never heard of *Tillandsia hansonii*, even though I had met Jon Hanson years ago before he moved to Florida to start a nursery. How did Dylan know this? Well, he spends most of his spare time researching Bromeliad species on the site below (address above). Please read the details about Jon Hanson and our society under Etymology.

	Main	Description	References	Pictures	Plate
 <p>main - index - synonyms -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • guerrerensis* • gueteana* • gymnobotrya* • hammeri* • hansonii* • harsiana • harsii* • hasei* • hegeri* • heliconioides • helmutii* • hemkeri* • hernandezii • heterandra • heteromorpha • heterophylla* • heubergeni* • hillaireana* • hildae* • hintoniana • hirta • hirtzii* • hitchcockiana • hoeijen* • hofackeri* • hondurensis* • horstii* • hotteana* • hromadnikiana • huajuapensis • huamelulaensis* • huarazensis* • hubertiana • humboldtii* • humilis* • iassuensis • ignesiae* • ilseana • imperialis* • imporaensis* • incamata* • incurva* 	<p>← 14-510.2 →</p> <p>◀ <i>Tillandsia hansonii</i> Manzanares & Gouda</p> <p>(subgen. <i>Pseudovriesea</i>)</p> <p>Publ: J. Bromeliad Soc. 66(4): 251-259 (figs. 1-4) (2017)</p> <p>Type: Ecuador: province of Loja, road Loja-Oña, 03°52' S 79°15' W, alt. 2657 m, 19 June 2015, J.M. Manzanares, E.Gouda & J.Raack 8495 (holotype: ECUAMZ).</p> <p>Search images on  Permanent URL</p>		<p>Distribution: Ecuador: Loja</p> <p>Habitat: epiphitic in remains of low montane forest, ca 2660 m. Elev.</p> <p>Etymology: The name of this new species honors Jon Hanson (1953-) from Salt Lake City Utah, U.S.A. Jon has been studying and growing bromeliads for over 40 years. Raised and educated in Southern California, became member of the Saddleback Valley Bromeliad Society, a BSI Affiliate, in 1983. He went on to hold many positions within the society including the position of President. In 2011 he started Bromeliad Paradise in Naples, Florida, a Bromeliad nursery with more than 1000 varieties.</p>		
	 	<p><i>Tillandsia hansonii</i></p>			



Bromeliad “Christmas tree:” (Above) *Tillandsia imperialis* X *T. deppeana* (a gift from John Arden at our Holiday party in December, 2008).

***Aechmea recurvata* var. *benrathii*:** (above). Every year in late December, this species blooms and almost the entire plant turns red.



Good things come in small packages: At our Holiday party, Kathy Jones selected the tiniest package. In the second round, the tiny package was “stolen” by another member.

Fortunately, Kathy’s turn was later and she was able to “steal” back the little package. She was elated when she opened this delightful homemade gift made by one of our newer members.

2023 Society Officers/Committee Heads

President:	Chris Bruce	Publicity:	Kathy Jones
Vice President/Programs:	Jeff Sorensen	<i>Pup Talk</i> Editor:	Cristy Brenner
Secretary:	Carolyn Parsons	<i>Pup Talk</i> Team:	Pete and Patti Dunn
Treasurer:	Mary Kermani		John Marzolino
Fundraising:	Yvonne Wilson	Refreshments:	Launi & Tony Cory
Librarian:	Paul Selzer		Kathy Jones
Membership	Nada Chatwell	Supplies:	Don DeBok
Plant Table:	John Marzolino	Webmaster and Zoom	John Marzolino
	Michael McGuire		

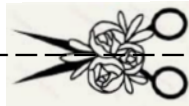


Where did the phone numbers and email addresses go?

Now that *Pup Talk* is on a website that is accessible to everyone, some board members are concerned about the security of their personal information. This will be a major topic of discussion at our upcoming board meeting. If you are a member, be sure to keep your member list that has all of the contact information.

Our Web Address: bromeliadsociety.org

Tillandsia 'Celebration' (T. bulbosa X T. brachycaulos), photo by Ed Voelker



SVBS 2023 DUES/MEMBERSHIP

Dues are \$15 per membership (for one person or for two or more at the same address). Please send a check & info to: Saddleback Valley Bromeliad Society 24891 Camberwell Street, Laguna Hills, CA, 92653

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The Saddleback Valley Bromeliad Society next meets Thursday, January 5, 2023, at 7:00 PM.

Festivities include a:

- * **Program** on Slipper Orchids
- * **Plant raffle and silent auction** (Bring a show & tell plant to receive a free raffle ticket!);
- * **Show & Tell** with lots of our plants to see and enjoy;
- * **Lending library** for books you need to learn;
- * **Friendship; and Information.**

A big thank you goes to all who contributed information, writing, photos, and production of this newsletter including John Marzolino, Pete Dunn, Chris and Hank Bruce, and Ed Voelker.

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