



Pup Talk

July 2024

THE SADDLEBACK VALLEY BROMELIAD SOCIETY

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No meeting this month: Happy Fourth of July!

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

FEATURED THIS MONTH: You visit Sherman Gardens for Plant-O-Rama:

While you are at Sherman Gardens, walk around the beautiful grounds and don't miss what we call "Dylan's Garden." Dylan Zoller joined our club just after graduating from High School and shortly thereafter began working at Sherman Gardens. The following summer he traveled with some of our members to the World Bromeliad Conference in Sarasota, Florida, where he met many of the important people of the Bromeliad world. Several weeks later, he went on a Bromeliad tour to Brazil with a couple of our members. This was a life-changing experience. At age 21, he is currently on his third trip to Brazil, and he has also participated in plant trips with our club members to Ecuador and Colombia.

Dylan's knowledge of Bromeliads and numerous other plant families is astounding and he is now majoring in Botany. He is very talented and was given the opportunity to completely renovate a small portion of the garden. His goal was to re-create the landscape of Brazil that he found so fascinating. The photo at right was taken by Patti Dunn, one of our members who volunteers at Sherman Gardens. It captures just a small portion of this very beautiful and truly unique rock garden. Please join us for our annual Plant-O-Rama sale and also enjoy "Dylan's garden."



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. We are in room Sycamore B.

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):

July 4 — No monthly meeting: **HOLIDAY—Happy Fourth of July!**

July 7 — South Bay Bromeliad Associates (SBBA) **picnic** (Rolling Hills Estates).

July 20-21 — Sherman Gardens Plant-O-Rama Sale (See below).

August 10 — South Bay Bromeliad Show and Sale (see page 8).



Important: Our summer sale is this month and we need your help to provide plants and assistance at the sale. We will set up the sales booth at Sherman Gardens on **Friday morning (July 19)** and sale plants may be brought there beginning at **12 noon**. If you are selling plants, please read the instructions on page 7, as there are some changes. Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you there.

SHERMAN GARDENS PLANT-O-RAMA BROMELIAD SALE

Saturday & Sunday July 20-21, 2024, 10:30 am-4:00 pm
Saddleback Valley Bromeliad Society

Sherman Library & Gardens
2627 Pacific Coast Highway
Corona Del Mar, CA 92625

Admission \$5.00



Meetings 7:00 p.m on the first Thursday of the month @ Norman Murray Center in Mission Viejo

bromeliadsociety.org



Come and see our lovingly home-grown **BROMELIADS**, including **Tillandsias (air plants)**, and also receive growing information.

Our June Show and Tell Featured:

Cristy Brenner

Aechmea maculata (red form) X *Aechmea pineliana miniata*

Aechmea warassii #2

Billbergia 'Hallelujah' X B. 'Sangre'

Neoregelia macwilliamsii

Neoregelia 'Mariachi' #1

Johanna Browne

Tillandsia ionantha on *Agave americana*
stalk #4

Chris Bruce

Aechmea species

Charles Buckner

Tillandsias on wood #3

Nada Chatwell

Neoregelia 'Treasure Chest' #5



June Show and Tell, continued

Don DeBok

Tillandsia divericata (formerly
T. latifolia v. *divericata*) #9

Sean Donlin

Bromelia sp. berries (edible)

Kate Guerra-Hershey

Cryptanthus hybrid

Mary Kermani

Guzmania hybrid #6

Michael McGuire

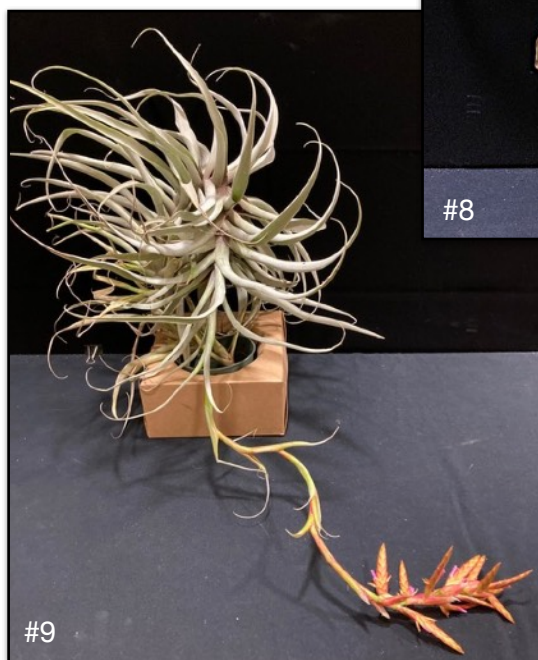
Aechmea nudicaulis v. *flavomarginata* #8
Billbergia 'Theodore L. Mead' #7

Jeff Sorensen

Aechmea blanchetiana variegata

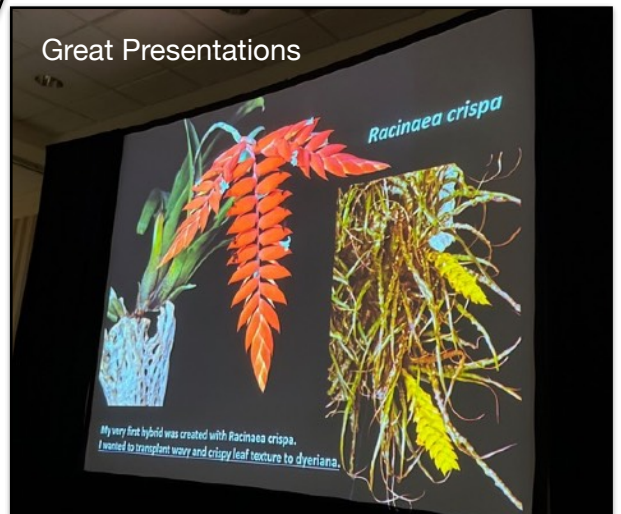
Yvonne Wilson

Aechmea nudicaulis
Aechmea 'Bert' (*Ae.*
orlandiana X *fosteriana*) #10



World Bromeliad Conference 2024

At the end of May, six of our members traveled to West Palm Beach, Florida, for the fantastic BSI International Conference. We had a wonderful event-filled week and learned a great deal about how to organize our own WBC conference in Costa Mesa in 2026. Nada participated in a Judge's training class and Nancy attended the BSI Board meeting. Shown below enjoying the Mounts Botanical Garden: Mary, Chris, Patti, and Cristy.



Sherman Gardens Plant-O-Rama 2024

Please join us for our annual summer Bromeliad sale at Sherman Gardens on July 20-21. We will not be alone. There will also be booths from other plant societies such as begonias, orchids, ferns, and carnivorous plants. If you are a member, you may sell or donate plants for the sale (see page 7 for details). Our sales space is limited (about 10 x 20 feet and much smaller than at our spring sale in the Tea Room). If you bring a large number of plants to sell, be prepared to store some under the tables until sales space becomes available.



Please share our flyer on page two with your friends, local garden clubs, Nextdoor, etc. Also, please volunteer to help at our sale. Since we will not have a July meeting to sign up, just come and offer to help. If you are a new member, it is a great opportunity to learn more about Bromeliads by listening to long-time members talking to customers. Please bring water, snacks or whatever else you will need for your time at the gardens and don't forget to wear your badge. Many of us will be there for most of both days because it's so much fun!

Bromeliad artwork by Amy at left.



We are sorry to report that one of our long-time members will be moving out of state. Lee Brandt has rarely missed a meeting and has been an active participant in our silent auction (both bidding on and selling plants). Lee (in the black shirt above) was always looking for unusual Bromeliads to add to his collection and he provided many rare plants for our sales. He will not be able to grow Bromeliads in his new home up north and we want to thank him for donating many of his plants to our society. Lee—enjoy your new home. We will miss you.





2021 Plant-O-Rama Sale

INTERESTED IN SELLING YOUR BROMELIADS AT PLANT-O-RAMA?

Our Club Board reminds sellers that plants must be exceedingly clean and disease free to reflect the high quality of our sale plants. If a seller wishes to receive 75% of the sales price, each plant should have two tags. One tag will be cut off by the cashier to record its sale. Tag the plants securely to prevent "tag switching" before the customer pays for them. Identify the plant name, write your initials, and write the price in whole dollars with no cents. Writing must be legible. You may drop off plants on Friday during setup. Or you may arrive as early as 9:00 a.m. on Saturday and have your plants completely ready by opening at 10:30 a.m. (The sale is open from 10:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday).

Remove any remaining plants by 4:30 p.m. on Sunday. If you are selling plants, be prepared to assist at the sale in any area: Friday setup, sales, cashier assistant, bagging, and assisting customers to their cars. Also, be prepared to discuss your plants with customers. On Sunday at 3:00 p.m., unsold plants may be reduced to 50% off. If you do not wish to participate in that, you must be there at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday to remove the plants. You may accompany any buyer to the cashier if you wish to sell a plant at full price. Left-over plants will be used for future plant tables at our meetings. Any plants you wish to donate to the club do not need double tags. Club members will staff the cashier area. Payment will be in cash, our Square credit card device and checks only from a member's account. Our treasurer will tally all sales. Sellers earnings will be computed as 75% less 75% of the sales tax. Payment will be issued by the treasurer.

Please note that Bromeliad sales at Sherman Gardens are restricted to Club members only. Please wear your name tag to gain free entry to the Gardens and the sales area. The limited sales space is to be shared courteously among sellers.



Scholarship Recipients: Each year our society awards two \$500 scholarships to Saddleback College horticulture students. On May 17, our President, Chris Bruce (center) and Secretary, Carolyn Parsons (second from right) attended the Scholarship ceremony at the college. Our recipients were Hanna Charnova (far right) and Eva Ramirez (not present). The two students at left received scholarships from the San Clemente Garden Club. Hopefully, Hanna and Eva will join us at a meeting someday or they will attend one of our Sherman Gardens events.

BROMELIAD SHOW & SALE

PRESENTED BY

**FREE ADMISSION
FREE PARKING**

Sales from members private collections
and
commercial vendors

**SATURDAY
AUG 10, 2024**
AT
**Palos Verdes
Art Center**
5504 Crestridge Road
Rancho Palos Verdes,
CA 90275

SHOW and SALES 10:00 AM-4:00pm

South Bay Bromeliad Associates Show and Sale: Don't miss the last show and sale of the summer season. Many of our members regularly attend the SBBA meetings and we want to also support this society.

In addition to the non-judged show, SBBA members and nurseries will be selling plants. The plants shown below are from Live Art Plants and Rainforest Flora will also be selling Tillandsias and other Bromeliads. This event is well-worth the drive to Palos Verdes on a Saturday morning and you can carpool with some Bromeliad friends.



2024 Society Officers/Committee Heads

President:	Chris Bruce	<i>Pup Talk</i> Editor:	Cristy Brenner
Vice President/Programs:	Jeff Sorensen	<i>Pup Talk</i> Team:	Pete and Patti Dunn
Secretary:	Carolyn Parsons		John Marzolino
Treasurer:	Mary Kermani	Refreshments:	Launi & Tony Cory
Fundraising:	Yvonne Wilson		Kate Guerra-Hershey
Librarian:	Paul Selzer	Supplies:	Amy Uyemura
Membership	Nada Chatwell	Webmaster and Zoom	John Marzolino
Plant Table:	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. If you are a member, be sure to keep your membership roster that has all of the contact information.

Our Web Address: bromeliadsociety.org

Quesnelia liboniana—red, white and blue for the Fourth of July. Photo by Ed Voelker.



SVBS 2024 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

Membership Name(s): _____

Newsletter via: [] email (dues \$15/year) or [] USPS (Dues \$20/year) or [] **Both (Dues \$20/year)**

Street: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

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Pup Talk, July, 2024
Saddleback Valley Bromeliad Society
1068 Santa Cruz Circle
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

FIRST CLASS PLEASE!

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The Saddleback Valley Bromeliad Society **will not meet on Thursday July 4th.**

Festivities include a: **(Sorry—you'll have to wait until next month for these wonderful activities).**

- * **Program:** Presentation on "Bromeliads A to Z (Part 2)"
- * **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 Cristy Brenner (Ed.), John Marzolino, Patti & Pete Dunn, Chris & Hank Bruce, and Ed Voelker.

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