



Pup Talk

September 2026

THE SADDLEBACK VALLEY BROMELIAD SOCIETY

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We Will Meet: Thursday, September 3, 2026, 7:00 pm.

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

Featured for September: “Nursery Techniques for Handling Bromeliads”

James Livingston is an experienced horticulturist and avid orchid grower from Santa Ana, CA. He has spent time with Ecuagenera CA, Verdant Vivariums, Tropical Exotique and Live Art Plantscapes. In addition to a personal practice selling plants and growing them outdoors, in greenhouses, and in terrariums, he also has a love of travel to the tropics. He possesses a well-rounded knowledge of orchids and tropical plants in general. He prefers species orchids and will gladly admit to being an orchid snob. James will give a lecture on nursery-scale practice and technique for handling bromeliads, as well as practical tips for all epiphytes and the intersection of various products and practices applied in their culture.

Please join us for this informative meeting and enjoy all of our other bromeliad activities such as show and tell, raffle, silent auction of unusual plants, and great refreshments.



Orchids and bromeliads often grow together. (Photo: Cristy Brenner, Ecuador)

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.

Upcoming Events (mark your calendars):



September 3 — Our meeting in Mission Viejo.

September 6 — South Bay Bromeliad Associates meeting in Palos Verdes.

September 26 — Field trip to bromeliad garden and Bird Rock Tropicals nursery in Encinitas, (see page 5 and 6).

September Refreshment Signups: Ann Schwenk, Marilyn and George Long, Dave and Tami Stancil, Susan Fortune, and Laura O'Brien. Thank you.

Important Announcement: Our web address has changed to: www.svbromeliads.org



Society News:

As we head towards Fall, we will travel south for our annual tour of Bird Rock Tropicals and an additional private garden tour (see page 5 and 6). The annual tour to Bird Rock nursery began many years ago when we decided to present each SVBS member with a Holiday gift coupon. The tour used to occur in late November or early December, but we have gradually moved away from the hectic Holiday season. The date is also subject to Pam Koide-Hyatt's schedule, and the year that she wasn't available, we visited Andy Siekkinen's nursery in San Diego instead.



Why you should attend local bromeliad shows and sales:

Aechmea Blue Tango (*Ae. dichlamydea* var. *trinitensis* X *Ae. fendleri*), shown above at left, has been in our collections for many years. At the August South Bay Bromeliad show, a “sport” (mutation) of Blue Tango was available from Live Art Plantscapes. It is called *Aechmea* Pink Tango and it is very popular with my hummingbirds.

August Show and Tell

Cristy Brenner

Neoregelia Mariachi #1

x*Neomea* Popcorn #2

x*Vriecantarea* Inferno

Inflorescences of: *Aechmea fendleri* X *Ae. dichlamydea*

trinitensis; x*Portea kermisina* X *Aechmea blanchetiana*

X *Portea orthopoda*; *Portea* X *Aechmea*?

Chris Bruce

Aechmea Roberto Menescal

Neoregelia Maggie #4

Neoregelia Margaret #5

Neoregelia Puppy Love

Neoregelia ?

Vriesea Kent's Sunset #3



August Show and Tell, Continued

Patti Dunn

Canistrum triangulare #6

Sue Goldberger

Neoregelia Raphael #8

Neoregelia miniatures #9

Tillandsia straminea #7

Mary Kermani

Tillandsia crocata #10

Ramilla Lewis

Billbergia Hallelujah?

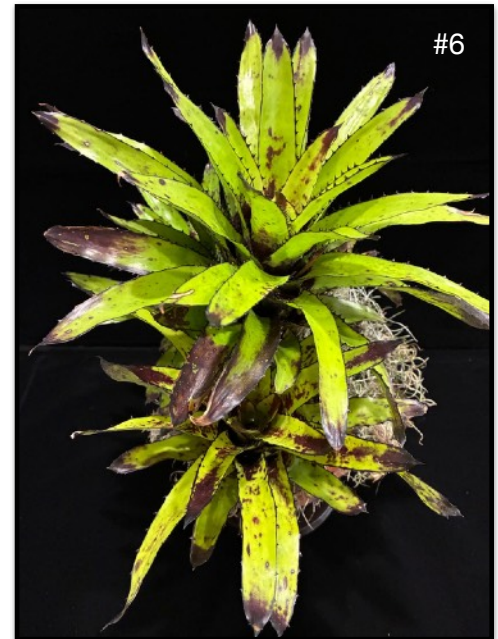
Tillandsia elephant #11

Jeff Sorensen

Aechmea emmerichiae



#7



#6



#8



#9



#10



#11

Special Event, Saturday, September 26 : Bird Rock Tropicals Nursery and private garden tour.



Don't miss this chance to visit two wonderful bromeliad venues that are located close together in Encinitas. First, we will tour Tyrone's beautiful collection of rare palms, bromeliads, succulents, and numerous other plants. He has owned his property for over fifty years and the garden is amazing.

Do not go to Bird Rock nursery first. Tyrone's address will be given at the September meeting and also in online announcements. Bird Rock information is on the following page. We will visit Tyrone's garden from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Keep in mind that south-bound traffic on Saturday mornings may be very heavy, so please leave home early. Carpools should be arranged at the September meeting.



Bird Rock Tropicals: After visiting Tyrone's garden, it is just a short drive to Pam Koide Hyatt's nursery. Pam is a world-renowned Tillandsia expert (shown at right), and a visit to her nursery is always a wonderful bromeliad adventure. We will receive a 25% discount on a huge selection of Tillandsias and other bromeliads, plus there will be a special benefit of a \$25 coupon from SVBS to our members.

The nursery will be open for us from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. (Address: 221 Princehouse Lane, Encinitas). For those who can stay a little longer, you may bring lunch and a folding chair or picnic blanket to eat in Pam's beautiful park-like yard behind the nursery (below).

Come to our meeting for additional information and to arrange carpools with your friends. Parking at the nursery is located in front of the shade house and the greenhouse. Don't miss this chance to see and purchase some spectacular plants and visit with all of your bromeliad friends.



South Bay Bromeliad Associates Show and Sale

On Saturday, August 8, the South Bay Bromeliad Associates held their annual show and sale in Palos Verdes. It was very well-attended, especially by our club members, many of whom are active in both societies. There was a great assortment of bromeliads for sale from private growers, as well as from nurseries such as Rainforest Flora and Live Art Plantscapes. There were also many beautiful show plants on display (see page 8). Thank you all for attending, and if you missed it, be sure to attend this great show and sale next year.



South Bay Bromeliad Associates Show and Sale, continued

The non-judged show featured a large variety of beautiful bromeliads. The show was similar to our spring show at Sherman Gardens in Corona del Mar, where the purpose is to educate the public about the great diversity and beauty of bromeliads. Thank you to the South Bay society for presenting this great show and sale.



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Tillandsia fasciculata
Photo by Ed Voelker.



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The Saddleback Valley Bromeliad Society next meets Thursday, September 3, at 7:00 p.m.

Festivities include a:

- * **Program:** "Nursery Techniques for Handling Bromeliads"
- * **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, Pete & Patti Dunn, Chris & Hank Bruce (our show and tell photographer), Jeff Sorensen, and Ed Voelker,

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