



# *Pup Talk*

*August 2026*

## ***THE SADDLEBACK VALLEY BROMELIAD SOCIETY***

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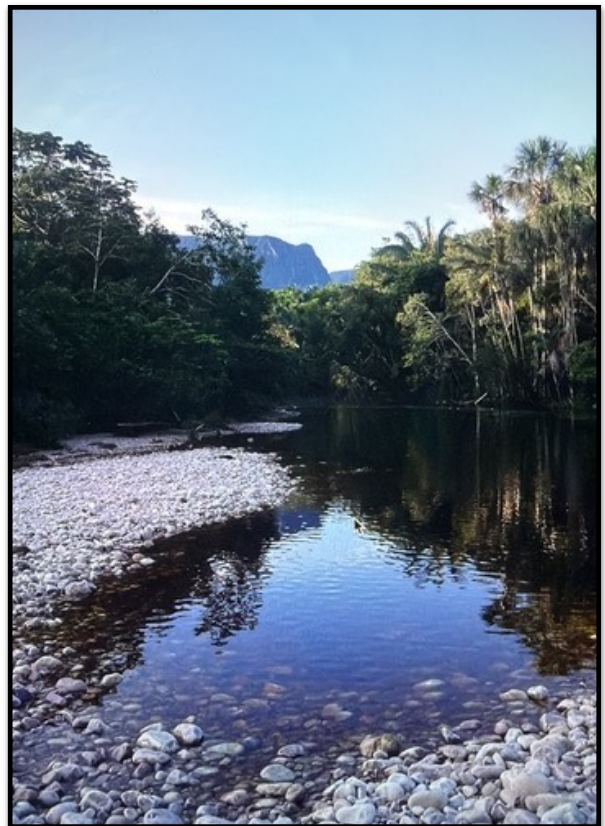
**We Will Meet: Thursday, August 6, 2026, 7:00 pm.**

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

### **Featured for August: Out to the Edge of the “Lost World”**

Dylan Zoller will share slides from his most recent expedition to the remote borderlands of Brazil and Venezuela, in search of rare bromeliads in the Guyana Shield. This region is scattered with flat-topped mountains called Tepuis, which are home to plants and animals that are found nowhere else in the world. Dylan is one of our youngest members, and at age 23, he has already done extensive bromeliad expeditions in Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, and Guatemala. He is only available to speak for our club during his summer vacation from college, so don't miss this chance to see one of his exciting presentations.

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.



**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):**



**August 6 — Our meeting in Mission Viejo.**

**August 8 — Annual South Bay Bromeliad Associates Sale in Palos Verdes (see page 8).**

**August 19 — Plant Mounting and Design Workshop (see page 7).**

**September 26 — Field trip to bromeliad garden and Bird Rock Tropicals nursery in Encinitas.**

**August Refreshment Signups:** Doug Nadasdy, Rose Wakely, Amy Uyemura, Zulima Storf, and Zora and Tien Lee. Thank you.

**Important Announcement: Our web address has changed to: [www.svbromeliads.org](http://www.svbromeliads.org)**



**Society News:** Since our last newsletter was a combination of June and July, our August *Pup Talk* will now include the show and tell plants for both of those months on pages 3-6. We have three important events in the near future: In August, it is well-worth the drive to Palos Verdes for the South Bay Bromeliad Associates annual show and sale on Saturday, August 8. Is is a non-judged show, but it usually features many beautiful and unusual bromeliads, as well as sale plants from a number of local growers and commercial vendors (see page 8); Also in August, Mary Kermani will open her garden in Huntington Beach for a special workshop showing how to use Tillandsias and other bromeliads in very special mounted designs (see page 7); The third event offers two wonderful bromeliad activities on September 26. First, we will visit a very special garden in Encinitas. It is relatively small, but exceptionally attractive, and packed with bromeliads and palms. From there, we will travel just a few minutes away to Bird Rock Tropicals, Pam Koide-Hyatt's amazing bromeliad nursery. Our members will receive a 25% discount and a special reward from SVBS, a \$25 coupon to spend at the nursery. More detailed information will be given at our next two meetings and in the September *Pup Talk*.

A special event that occurred at our June meeting was the celebration of Ed Voelker's 97th Birthday, shown at right. Ed is proof that gardening is "the fountain of youth." Some years ago, Ed acquired an I-Pad, which he has used ever since to photograph his beautiful garden of bromeliads, orchids, and many other plants. For many years, we have saved a place each month on page 9 for one of Ed's special photos (a good reason to read the entire newsletter). Also, every few days, Ed posts one of his beautiful photos on FaceBook. How many 97-year olds do you know who do that? Thank you and congratulations Ed!



## June Show and Tell

Cristy Brenner

*Billbergia Pipeline*

*Hohenbergia stellata* #1

*Portea* hybrid #2

*Tillandsia flabellata*

*Aechmea weilbachii* forma *pendula* seeds

Chris Bruce

*Tillandsia* Curly Slim (*intermedia* X *streptophylla*) #5

*Tillandsia* Queen's Fiesta (*flabellata* X *subteres*) #4

*Tillandsia* ? #3

Launi Cory

*Tillandsia flabellata*

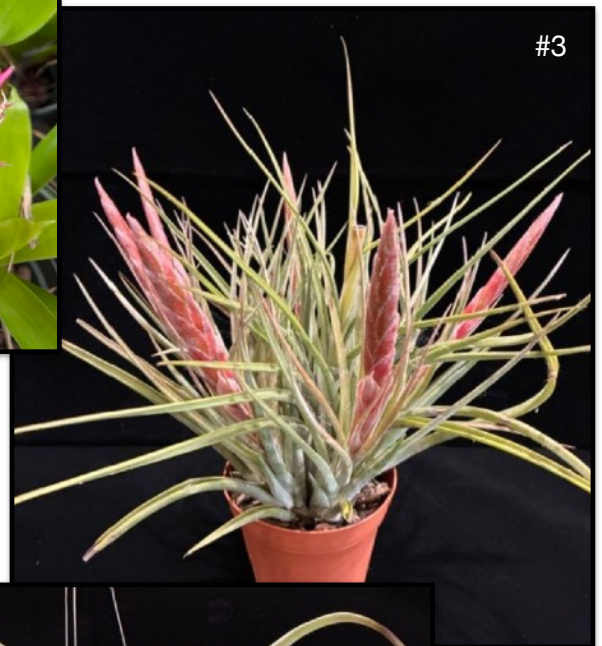
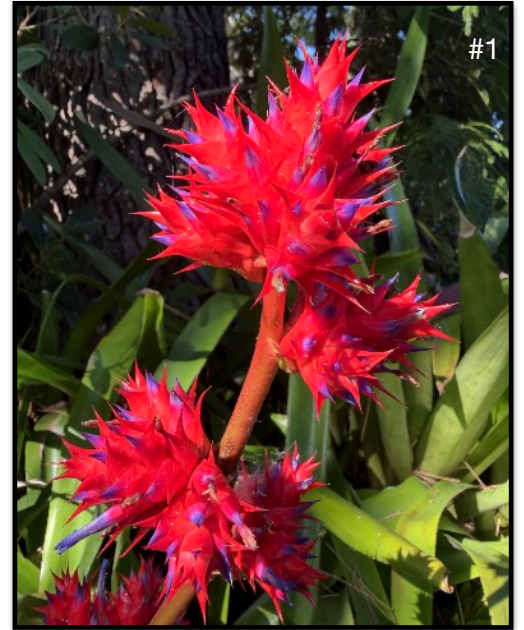
Don DeBok

*Tillandsia diaguitensis*

Patti Dunn

*Aechmea nudicaulis*

*Tillandsia caerulea*



## June Show and Tell, Continued

Michael McGuire

*Aechmea fasciata* hybrid #6

Jeff Sorensen

*Tillandsia* Tawny Yellow (*crocata* X *mallemonitii*) #7

*Tillandsia straminea* seeds

*Tillandsia* hybrid #8

*Vriesea philippo-coburgii* seeds

Dylan Zoller

*Racinaea undulafolia* #9



## July Show and Tell

Chris Bruce

*Cryptanthus* Ruby #1

*Tillandsia* Capitata Peach

*Tillandsia tenuifolia* Amethyst X *T. negelecta* Rubra #3

*Tillandsia* hybrid

*Tillandsia* plaque

Charles Buckner

*Aechmea fosteriana* #2

Kate Guerra-Hershey

*Acanthostachys pitcairnioides* #4

*Orthophytum* #5

*Tillandsia ionantha* Druid

*Tillandsia purpurea* X *T. caerulea*

*Tillandsia stricta* #6



## July Show and Tell, Continued

Susan Fortune

*Tillandsia diaguitensis*

*Tillandsia mallemonitii* #9

Jeff Sorensen

*Billbergia Bravo*

Mary Kermani

*Tillandsia lorenziana* #7

Yvonne Wilson

*Vriesea* hybrid #8



## Special Event



### 🌿 Garden Club Plant Mounting & Design Workshop 🌿

Join us for a fun and creative morning as we learn techniques for designing and mounting plants together!

📅 Wednesday, August 19

🕒 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

📍 Mary Kermani's Home

Bring a plant or decorative item you'd like to mount or enhance and if you want bring needle nose pliers.

Whether you're a beginner or experienced, everyone is welcome!

💧 Water and light snacks will be provided.

🍷 If you'd like a full lunch, please bring your own.

Please RSVP: 714-747-1451

We look forward to seeing you for a morning of creativity, learning, and gardening fun!



Don't miss this chance to learn about the versatility of Tillandsias and other bromeliads in designing artistic arrangements for your garden. More information will be available at the August meeting.

## South Bay Bromeliad Associates Show and Sale



**BROMELIAD  
SHOW & SALE**

PRESENTED BY  
**THE SOUTH BAY BROMELIAD  
ASSOCIATES**

*Join us for a  
celebration of  
bromeliads!*

- SHOW**  
Stunning bromeliad displays
- SALE**  
Find unique plants from members and vendors
- CONNECT**  
Meet fellow enthusiasts and learn more

**FREE ADMISSION  
FREE PARKING**  
*Sales from members' private collections and commercial vendors*

**SATURDAY  
AUGUST 8, 2026**  
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

**Palos Verdes Art Center**  
5504 Crestridge Road  
Rancho Palos Verdes,  
CA 90275

**MAP**  
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PCH  
PALOS VERDES DR NORTH  
SILVER SPUR RD  
CRENSHAW BLVD  
PV AC  
Crestridge Rd  
Traffic Lt

**QUESTIONS:**  
Call Ted Johnson 310-850-2824

Join many of your SVBS friends on August 8th at the South Bay Bromeliad Associates show and sale in Palos Verdes. The sale (shown below) offers numerous bromeliads grown by members and also several commercial growers such as Rainforest Flora and Live Art Plants. Please arrange carpools at our August meeting for this great event.



## 2026 Society Officers/Committee Heads

|                                 |                        |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>President:</b>               | <b>Chris Bruce</b>     |
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| <b>Plant Table:</b>             | <b>Michael McGuire</b> |

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|                                | <b>Mary Kermani</b>        |
| <b>Supplies:</b>               | <b>Amy Uyemura</b>         |
| <b>Webmaster and Zoom</b>      | <b>John Marzolino</b>      |
| <b>New Member Liaison:</b>     | <b>Patti Dunn</b>          |



*Aechmea nudicaulis*  
v. *aequalis*.  
Photo by Ed Voelker.

## 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. Rosters are available from Nada at the meetings.

**Our New Web Address:**  
**www.svbromeliads.org**



## SVBS 2026 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:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number(s):** ( ) - ( ) -

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Pup Talk, August, 2026**  
**Saddleback Valley Bromeliad Society**  
**1068 Santa Cruz Circle**  
**Costa Mesa, CA 92626**

## **FIRST CLASS PLEASE!**

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The Saddleback Valley Bromeliad Society next meets Thursday, August 6, at 7:00 p.m.

Festivities include a:

- \* **Program:** “Out to the Edge of the Lost World”
- \* **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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