



Pup Talk

June 2023

We Will Meet: Thursday, June 1, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

At the Norman Murray Community & Senior Center

24932 Veterans Way, Mission Viejo, CA

Our June meeting will feature a presentation entitled “Bromeliads of Peru: Land of the Incas.”

The talk by Guillermo Rivera will cover a wide area of the country of Peru; from the dry, deciduous forest in the north near the cities of Chiclayo and Jaen; to the lower slopes of the Andes and into the Amazon region. We will explore the habitats around Huaraz, a beautiful town nestled in the valley between the Cordillera Blanca and Cordillera Negra. At the end we will cross the Andes once again, heading towards the Sacred Valley of the Incas to finish our voyage in Machu Picchu. We will see amazing Tillandsias in flower, high elevation Puyas, spectacular Vrieseas and the most incredible Bromeliad, Puya raimondii growing at 14,000 feet, with its inflorescence over 20 feet tall! (Shown at right) He will be speaking from Florida via Zoom, but this presentation will be in-house only.



Guillermo Rivera was born in Argentina, and currently lives in Florida. He has a PhD in botany and is the owner of Plant Expeditions, a company that organizes botanical tours (cacti and bromeliads) throughout South America (Chile, Argentina, Brazil, Peru, Colombia, Bolivia, and Ecuador). He also leads tours to Mexico, Namibia, South Africa, Madagascar, and Socotra Island. (www.plantexpeditions.com)

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):

June 1 — Our monthly meeting with a presentation on Peru

June 10 & 11 — San Diego Bromeliad Society Summer Show and Sale (see pg. 8)

June 24 — Plant preparation workshop at Amy's home (see below)

July 15 & 16 — Sherman Gardens Plant-O-Rama (our summer sale)

August 12, 2023 — South Bay Bromeliad Associates Show and Sale (see page 8)



Bromeliad Workshop for Sherman Gardens Plant-O-Rama



We will be holding a workshop on Saturday, June 24 to prepare plants for the Plant-O-Rama summer sale at Sherman Gardens on July 15 and 16.

Plan to come to Amy's house in Corona Del Mar and join the fun. Please see your SVBS roster for her address or get more information at the June meeting. There are many different activities that take place including cleaning plants, gluing, wiring, and mounting Bromeliads, especially Tillandsias. If you have been wondering about how to prepare your plants for display in your yard, come to this workshop and you will learn from many skilled people. We will gather at 1:00 p.m. and remain until about 5:00 p.m.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn new techniques and also visit with all of your Bromeliad friends. We hope to see you there. Photos are of our April workshops at Zulima's garden (above) and at Amy's (below).



Our May Show and Tell Featured:

Lee Brandt

Aechmea caudata # 1



Cristy Brenner

Aechmea gamosepala (Bill Paylen hybrid)

Aechmea racinae v. *tubiformis* # 2

Billbergia 'Cobre' # 3

Billbergia 'Diane' (dark form)

Billbergia 'Perriams's Pride'

Tillandsia recurifolia hybrid # 6

Launi Cory

Aechmea 'Bert' # 4

Aechmea recurvata



Patti Dunn

Nidularium sp.

Tillandsia disticha

Vriesea 'Golden Dragon'



Mary Kermani

Tillandsia caulescens # 5

Tillandsia dura

Tillandsia recurifolia

Tillandsia straminea



May Show and Tell, continued

Larry Marks

Brocchinia acuminata

Brocchinia reducta

Michael McGuire

xNeomea hybrid

Norm Nakanishi

Tillandsia rotundata # 7

Carolyn Parsons

Dyckia choristaminea # 8

Tillandsia ionantha X *schiedeana*

Tillandsia minasgeraisensis 'Blood Orange' # 9

Jeff Sorensen

Aechmea fulgens 'Vin Rose'

Aechmea hybrid

Ed Voelker

Aechmea gamosepala X *Ae. recurvata*? # 10

Kerry Wakely

Tillandsia recurvifolia &

Tillandsia capitata? # 11



June Favorites in Our Gardens:



Patti's *Vriesea* 'Fairy Queen', a John Arden hybrid that she acquired at the June South Bay auction.



Cristy's *Billbergia* 'Titan', a very large Bill Baker hybrid.

Launi's *Neoregelia* 'First Prize' (right) and *Billbergia amoena* 'Red form' (below)

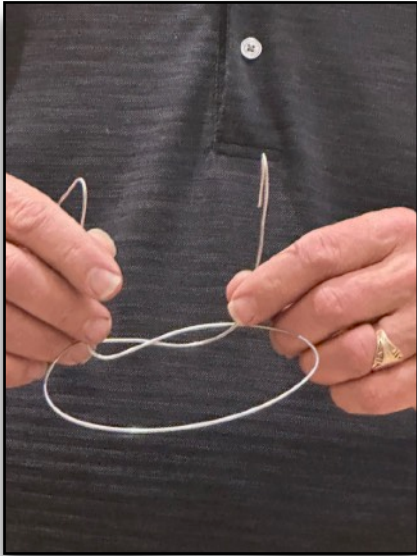


Cristy's *Aechmea warasii*



Ideas for your Bromeliad Garden:

Don DeBok is one of the most important members of our society. Not only is he our supply chairperson, but he also designs and constructs all of the framework for our shade structures and other areas for hanging the plants for our sales. He is always thinking of new ideas and ways to save money on things that we need for our Bromeliads. Recently, he has been doing short demonstrations as part of our meeting show and tell. At our May meeting he demonstrated how to make various types of wire pot hangers. A detailed description of some of his techniques will be posted on our website: bromeliadsociety.org



Two of Don's pot holder styles



Can anyone identify with this photo? (See poem on page 7)



The photo below and those on page 7 were taken by Patti Dunn at the Bromeliad conference in Auckland, New Zealand, last March. Patti was on her way to Australia to visit with her daughter and grandchildren.





While at the BSI World Conference in Sarasota, Florida, several of us really wanted to go to the New Zealand conference when we saw the list of speakers. It included many of the world experts on Bromeliads: The authors of many of the books in our library such as Benzing, Manzanares, and Takizawa (shown below). Unfortunately, we decided that we couldn't attend because it was just one week before our annual Sherman Gardens show and sale.



New Zealand Bromeliad growers are famous for their beautiful Vrieseas, shown above and at left. (Photos by Patti)



Husband vs. Plants: (The following poem by Charles Craig is from the February, 1995 *Pup Talk*.)

My wife is in the cellar
Working on her plants,
While I'm sitting in the kitchen
Sewing buttons on my pants.

The sink is full of dishes
And the house is full of dust,
These things are unimportant
But the plants, they are a must.

She used to mix up cakes and pies
That made me idolize her,
But now I eat those TV meals
While she mixes fertilizer.

In our house there is no chatter
Or stimulating talk,
She has no time for things like that
She has to go repot.

And then to cap the climax
And add to my lonely woe,
She calmly said as I bowed my head,
"I'm going to work on the Spring Flower Show."

Summer Bromeliad Shows and Sales

SHERMAN GARDENS PLANT-O-RAMA BROMELIAD SALE

Saturday & Sunday July 15-16, 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



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

We'll have Tillandsias and other bromeliads for sale from a variety of vendors and from our members. Plus, we'll have tools, supplies, and experts on hand for all your questions.

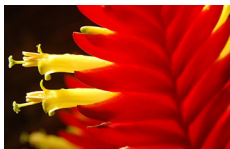
Come to Balboa Park for the San Diego Bromeliad Society's

Summer Bromeliad Show + Sale



Saturday & Sunday
June 10-11, 10:00-4:00

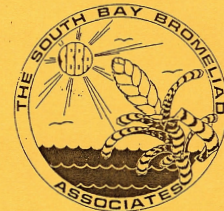
Balboa Park Casa del Prado Room 101



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BROMELIAD SHOW & SALE

PRESENTED BY



FREE ADMISSION
FREE PARKING
 Sales from members private collections and commercial vendors
SATURDAY
AUG 12, 2023
 AT
Palos Verdes Art Center
 5504 Crestridge Road
 Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

SHOW and SALES 10:00 AM-4:00pm
 It is recommended that those not COVID vaccinated wear a mask at the show

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Plant Table:	John Marzolino	Webmaster and Zoom	John Marzolino



Tillandsia 'Inca Gold' (possible natural hybrid from Peru).
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 Web Address: bromeliadsociety.org

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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Costa Mesa, CA 92626

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The Saddleback Valley Bromeliad Society next meets Thursday, June 1, 2023, at 7:00 PM.

Festivities include a:

- * **Program** “Bromeliads of Peru”;
- * **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, Don DeBok, Launi Cory, and Ed Voelker.

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