



Pup Talk

March 2023

THE SADDLEBACK VALLEY BROMELIAD SOCIETY

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We Will Meet: Thursday, March 2, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

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

Our March meeting will feature Pam Koide-Hyatt, who will present a slide program entitled: “The Tectorum Complex, Subgenus Viridantha”

This is a new presentation that Pam presented at the Australia Tillandsia Day Event in Brisbane this past November (via zoom).

She will discuss the different forms and varieties of *Tillandsia tectorum* and how to determine one from the other. She will also discuss the other eleven species in this complex which are found in Ecuador and Peru, and show how they grow in habitat.

Pam is a lifetime member of the San Diego Bromeliad Society, as well as a lifetime member of the Bromeliad Society International. She is a past president and past newsletter editor for the SDBS and the North County Bromeliad Society. She has served the BSI as a board member of the Bromeliad Society, Publications Chairman and International Accredited Bromeliad Judge. She is also the owner of Bird Rock Tropicals and an award winning breeder and grower since 1981.

Pam will also be bringing plants to sell and some for our raffle. You won't want to miss this special meeting.



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):

March 2 — Our monthly meeting with slides and plants from Pam Koide-Hyatt

March 19 — Plant preparation for our Sherman sale. Details at March meeting

April 1 & 2 — Sherman Gardens Show and Sale (Saturday and Sunday)

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

BROMELIAD PLANT SHOW & SALE

Saddleback Valley Bromeliad Society

Saturday & Sunday April 1-2, 10:30 am-4:00 pm

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.

Our February Show and Tell Featured:

Cristy Brenner

Aechmea araneosa

Alcantarea glaziouana

Tillandsia latifolia v. *divaricata*

Ursulaea tuitensis #1

Chris Bruce

Guzmania sanguinea #9

Tillandsia crocata

Tillandsia secunda

Don DeBok

Aechmea 'Lucky Stripes' cv. *Aechmea gamosepala*

Guzmania lingulata hybrid (albomarginated) #5

Patti Dunn

Aechmea orlandiana

Tillandsia ionantha

Tillandsias (several on Quikrete molds) #2

Tillandsias on loofahs (shown for Amy Uyemura) #7

Kathy Jones

Exotica book

Carolyn Parsons

Tillandsia brachycaulos

Tillandsia 'Houston' (*stricta* X *recurvifolia*) #8

Jeff Sorensen

Aechmea recurvata hybrid #3

Aechmea 'Sueños' (*recurvata* v. *benrathii* X
cylindrata v. *micrantha*?) #6

Tillandsia montana (purple)

Tillandsia stricta 'Green'

Kerry Wakely

Deuterocohnia brevifolia in handmade ceramic bowl #4



Show and Tell Plants



The Big Event: Our Annual Spring Show and Sale

Thank you to Norm Nakanishi for arranging our show and sale at Sherman Gardens this year. The address, dates, and times are included in the announcement on page 2. If any of your friends are interested, please print a copy of the flier for them. Even without our show, Sherman Gardens is a wonderful place to visit in the Spring (see below). Admission to the gardens for the show and sale is free to our members.

The set up time is from 2:00 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, March 31. Members are encouraged to bring entries for both the show and sale during these hours. If not possible, entries will also be accepted from 8 to 9:00 a.m. on Saturday. All show plants must be named and stay in place until the show closes on Sunday. This is not a judged show, but a display show instead, so we would like as many diverse and interesting plants displayed as possible. If you are bringing plants for either the show or the sale, please make sure that they are clean and free of any diseases or pests. Members will also be able to sell plants or donate them to the society (see page 6).

We will need as many volunteers as possible to spend time at the show to help with sales, security, and to answer questions. Beginners are encouraged to volunteer—you will learn so much about Bromeliads by helping the experienced members. Don't forget to wear your badge. Cristy will be doing a talk and demonstration on Bromeliad culture on Saturday and Sunday. There will also be a plant preparation workshop on Saturday, March 19 (more information at our meeting).





2021 Show

Masks no longer required!

INTERESTED IN SELLING YOUR BROMELIADS AT SHERMAN GARDENS?

Here are the particulars:

Carolyn Parsons has volunteered to run the sales desk to take cash and check purchases and other members will accept credit card purchases using our Clubs' Square. She will pull and collect all double-tagged items for those who wish to earn a little cash back. To assure accurate member sales earnings, it is strongly suggested that sellers wire their two tags securely together to prevent "tag switching" before checkout. Plant inventory sheets need not be completed but may be prepared at the sellers' discretion. First and Last Initials of the seller will be used for plant tag identification. Please label legibly with price in whole dollars. Have the sales plants ready for the public by 10 a.m. on Saturday, and removed by closing time (4:30 p.m.) Sunday. Please plan on setting up at 9 a.m. and with ALL plants priced. On Sunday at 3 p.m. all unsold plants will become 50% off. Each seller will be responsible for pulling plants not to be discounted, or accompany a buyer to the cashier with plant in hand if it is to be sold at full price. Left-over plants will be used for future plant tables at our meetings.

Following the two-day sale, Carolyn will combine sales info. from the Square with cash and check purchases to account for total sales, sales tax and seller earnings (75% less 75% of the sales tax). Carolyn will provide cash and member sales accounting to our Club Treasurer for payments to sellers.

Please note that bromeliad sales at Sherman Gardens are restricted to Club members only. Our Club Board would like to remind sellers that all plants be exceedingly clean and disease free to reflect the high quality of our Show Plants on display. This year the location of our sales tables will be in a new location: The Tea Garden near the Garden Shop. The limited sales space is to be shared courteously between sellers. Sellers should be prepared to offer information and answer questions about their plants for sale. And as always, donated sales plants are welcome and need not be double tagged. Questions? Contact Carolyn by email: pacorocko2@aol.com



Bromeliad Care Basics: (Reprint from *Pup Talk*, February 2016)

We have many new members over the past few years so bromeliad care basics may be of interest.

First of all, are there any “rules” that apply to most if not all bromeliads? Yes, a few are found: They almost all hate copper. Avoid using treated wood or copper wire.

Almost all seem to do better with air movement. Crowding plants together is another no/no. They grow and expand – you will need more room than you think.

Almost all die after blooming but the mother plant usually provides the next plant generation.

But how do we water them? How much sun do they need? How much cold can they take? Can they be mounted on a background or do they need a pot? All these are good questions and the answers vary by genus. The Bromeliad Society of Houston developed a simple chart to answer these questions.

BROMELIADS	Primary Genera of Bromeliaceae in Cultivation														
	AECHMEA	ANANAS	BILLBERGIA	CANISTRUM	CRYPTANTHUS	DYCKIA	GUZMANIA	HECHTIA	HOHENBERGIA	NEOREGELIA	NIDULARIUM	ORTHOPHYTUM	QUESNELIA	TILLANDSIA	VRIESEA
CATEGORY															
LIGHT															
Full sun		X						X						X	
Indirect bright	X		X						X	X	X	X	X	X	
Indirect medium				X	X										X
Full shade							X								
MOISTURE/NUTRIENT															
Foliar	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Cup	X		X	X			X		X	X	X		X	X	X
Soil	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MINIMUM TEMPS															
20-30 degrees						X				X				X	
30-40 degrees				X		X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X
40-50 degrees	X	X	X		X							X	X	X	X
TYPE															
Epiphytic	X		X	X			X		X	X	X		X	X	X
Terrestrial		X			X	X	X	X	X		X	X			
PUPS															
Basal	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Inflorescence		X										X		X	X
Stoloniferous	X		X		X				X	X		X	X	X	X
Non-basal					X		X			X		X		X	X
If more than one check per category, the classification depends on the specific species.															

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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. 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

Billbergia violeta
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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Festivities include a:

- * **Program** on *Tillandsia tectorums* by Pam Koide-Hyatt;
- * **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 Dunn, Chris & Hank Bruce, Ed Voelker, and Amy Uyemura.

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