



Pup Talk

May 2023

We Will Meet: Thursday, May 4, 2023, 7:00 p.m.
At the Norman Murray Community & Senior Center
24932 Veterans Way, Mission Viejo, CA

Our May meeting will feature a video entitled “The Green Planet—Water Worlds.”

The program for the May Meeting will be another BBC video called "The Green Planet - Water Worlds," (the last video that Jeff selected on the origin of plants was fantastic). This video includes many water-loving plants and habitats, including some Bromeliads. This biography of water adapted plants took over a year to produce and is narrated by Richard Attenborough. There are many interesting segments, with some that include the Tepuis of Venezuela and the Pantanal of Brazil, Bolivia, and Paraguay. This will be an educational as well as an entertaining program.



Brocchinia reducta, a carnivorous Bromeliad, on Auyán Tepui, Venezuela. (Photo by Cristy)

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):

May 4 — Our monthly meeting (see below)

May 6 — La Ballona Valley Bromeliad Show and Sale (see page 8)

June 10 & 11 — San Diego Bromeliad Society Summer Show and Sale (Balboa Park)

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

May 22-25, 2024 — World Bromeliad Conference (BSI) in West Palm Beach, Florida



Thinking of attending a meeting for the first time?

Here's what you'll find: Lot's of friendly Bromeliad lovers enjoying a slide presentation or video; a beautiful display of show and tell plants; plenty of different raffle plants each month; special Bromeliads for silent auction; and refreshments. Please come and join the fun!



Our April Show and Tell Featured:

Cristy Brenner

Aechmea gamosepala v. *nivea*

Billbergia 'Baraccho' #1

Neoregelia 'Lorena Lector' #5

xSincoregelia 'Red'? (*Neoregelia carolinae*
X *Sincoraea navioides*)

Nada Chatwell

Neoregelia 'Donger'

Tillandsia fasciculata

Carolyn Parsons

Aechmea apocalyptica

Aechmea recurvata v. *recurvata* #2

Canistropsis billbergioides #4

Jeff Sorensen

Aechmea recurvata 'Aztec Gold' #3



Thank you to Sherman Library and Gardens for providing a wonderful venue for our very successful show and sale. After weeks of rainy weather we were fortunate to have a beautiful weekend for our event. Thank you to all of our volunteers who worked so hard preparing plants to show and sell and to those who worked long hours, especially our cashiers. Our show is shown below and our great volunteers and sale are on page 5.





I've been searching for articles that will be especially beneficial to our newer members. Rather than using an article from a far away Bromeliad society in Florida or Australia, I have been enjoying looking through our newsletters from many years ago. I was delighted to find a great article by Jeff Sorensen, our current vice-president, in the August, 2005 edition of *Pup Talk*. Thank you to Jeff for a very good article. (Billbergia 'Diane' shown at right)



What's In a Name

by Jeff Sorensen

When the botanist Carl von Linneaus conceived the early form of the modern system of plant and animal classification, he could have chosen to use his native Swedish for the language used for their description. Instead he chose to use a binomial system (genus name and species name) with a "Latinized" naming convention. This should not be construed to mean the names are all in Latin, just that the word endings are Latinized. Latin was the language used for scientific publications, as it is used today to describe a new species (See the BSI journal for examples).

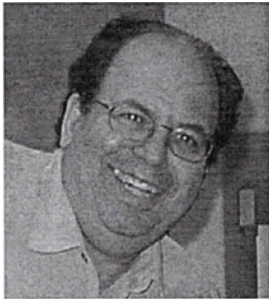
In the world of Bromeliad culture we are all familiar with the genera names (the first name in the binomial), at least the more commonly collected ones such as *Tillandsia* and *Aechmea*, and we can usually guess the genus it most likely belongs to when we see a bromeliad. But what about that second name, the species name that sometimes looks sort of familiar, but usually is not?

The species name can come from a number of different sources.

- It may be named after an admired person (it is considered bad form to name a plant after yourself), such as *fosteriana* after Mulford B. Foster, the American bromeliad researcher.
- It may be named after the place in which it was discovered, as with *Tillandsia chiapensis*, named for the Mexican state of Chiapas.
- But often the name is a clue to some characteristic of the plant. Sometimes it is easy to figure out what it is, but when a Latin or Greek word base is used, it can be challenging to recognize. Since English vocabulary is largely based on Latin, many names are easy to realize.
 - Sometimes it is a reference to color as with *rosea* or *roseum* (red), *purpureo-rosea* (purplish pink), *caerulea* (sky blue), *caesia* (grey-blue), *lutea* (yellow) or *cyanea* (cyan).
 - The shape of the leaves can also be the root of the name, like *filifolia* (thread-like leaves), *brevifolia* (short-leaved), *flagelliformis* (whip-like leaves), *flexuosa* (twisted leaves) *zebrina* (banded like a zebra), and *horrida* (terrible, referring to the leaf spines).
 - Quite often it is a reference to the flower form: *penduliflora* (hanging inflorescence), *capitata* (head-like inflorescence), *disticha* (double rows of flowers on the spike) *caput-medusae* (the head of Medusa), *biflora* (having two flowers) and *albiflora* (white flowers).
 - Finally, the name may indicate the growing habit of a plant, such as *cacticola* (growing on cactus), *stolonifera* (having runners or stolons), *cauligera* (having a stem), *fasciculata* (growing in clusters) and *imperialis* (imperial or great).

This is obviously a very short list from the large variety of names that have been used to describe bromeliads, and other plants as well. The Baensch book "Blooming Bromeliads" has a section that is a good reference if you are interested in the origins of bromeliad names, and was largely used as a reference for this article. Knowing the reason plants were given the names they have is a good way to remember what they are called. Some of us need all the help we can get!

Bromeliad Puzzle: Someone recently suggested that we might include some Bromeliad puzzles in *Pup Talk*. I found this word puzzle that Jerry Krulik had created for our March, 2007 edition. Jerry was a very active member for many years and he frequently gave slide presentations and wrote articles for *Pup Talk*. He eventually moved away, but Joe Wujcik has kept in contact with him. Joe asked him for permission to use his articles, and the good news is that he is now back in Southern California. We hope that he will visit one of our meetings sometime in the near future.



Here is some of what he wrote: “Many people have only a fuzzy knowledge of the correct spelling of genera. Some puzzles should help make learning genera and spelling them correctly more fun. The word searches follow the standard rules. The words may be spelled backwards or forwards, up or down, or even diagonally. Letters might be shared between two words. The solution is elsewhere in the newsletter. You are on your honor not to peek!” What a great way to learn Bromeliad genera. Good luck!

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 BROCCINIA
 CRYPTANTHUS
 NEOREGELIA
 QUESNELIA

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 BROMELIA
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Bromeliad Show and Sale

Presented By
Bromeliad Society of La Ballona Valley

Saturday
May 6, 2023



Plant Sale: 10am - 5pm
Plant Show: 12pm - 5pm

Culver City Veterans Memorial Center
Multipurpose Room & Patio
4157 Overland Ave
Culver City, 90230
Free Admission & Parking

For information: 310-487-3367

Club Meetings held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Veterans Memorial building in Culver City..
 New Members receive a free plant at the May Meeting

“Two birds with one stone.” It may be a long drive to the La Ballona show and sale in Culver City. But, considering that there are two shows at the same venue, it might be a great way to spend a Saturday (The Bromeliad show is Saturday only).

CACTUS & SUCCULENT SHOW & SALE

MAY 6 & 7
 ... free admission and parking ...

SPECIAL: LA BALLONA BROMELIAD SOCIETY SHOW & SALE
 MULTI PURPOSE ROOM - Same Location
 Saturday Only

Information: 310/822-1783

PLANT SALE: SATURDAY 9 - 4
 SUNDAY 9 - 4

SHOW: SATURDAY 12 - 4
 SUNDAY 9 - 4

Club Meetings: 1st Tuesday of each month (except July & August) at 7:00 PM
 Burton W. Chace Park
 13650 Mindanao Way
 Marina del Rey

teen center, veteran's memorial bldg.
4117 overland (at culver), culver city

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Answers to page 7 puzzle.

2023 Society Officers/Committee Heads

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	Michael McGuire		



Tillandsia recurvifolia, 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

Membership Name(s): _____

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

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The Saddleback Valley Bromeliad Society next meets Thursday, May 4, 2023, at 7:00 PM.

Festivities include a:

- * **Program** “The Green Planet—Water Worlds”;
- * **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, Jeff Sorensen, and Jerry Krulik.

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