



Pup Talk

September 2024

THE SADDLEBACK VALLEY BROMELIAD SOCIETY

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We Will Meet: Thursday, September 5, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

At the Norman Murray Community & Senior Center

24932 Veterans Way, Mission Viejo, CA

FEATURED THIS MONTH: "Highlights of the World Bromeliad Conference, 2024"

The Bromeliad Society International (BSI) held its world conference in West Palm Beach Florida last May. Several of our members attended this exciting conference. Cristy Brenner will share her slides showing the varied activities that were available. In addition to a judged bromeliad show and huge plant sale, there was a tour to Grant's Farm Nursery and the owner's private home and garden. The seminars were exceptional, with speakers from Australia, New Zealand, Japan, and Brazil, as well as our own favorites of Dennis Cathcart and Terrie Bert. A highlight was the presentation by Dr. Hiroyuki Takizawa on his amazing Tillandsia hybridizing program. Cristy will share some slides of these very interesting presentations. If you have never attended a World Bromeliad Conference because it was too far away, get ready for 2026, when it will be hosted locally by our Society in Costa Mesa.

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



Goudea ospinae gruberi 'Streaker'

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):

September 5 — Our meeting with slides of the World Bromeliad Conference.

September 8 — South Bay Bromeliad meeting in Palos Verdes.

October 26 — Field trip to Bird Rock Tropicals in Encinitas. More information at meetings.

September Refreshment Signups: Kate Guerra-Hershey, Dana and Kayla Leahy, and Wendy Grande. Thank you!



Spotlight on Supplies: Years ago, John Allen was our supply chair, but when he moved away, no one volunteered to take on the job. For a few years, our society did not provide inexpensive pots and other supplies at our meetings. After several short-term supply chairs, Don DeBok stepped up and did a great job of finding bargains on the supplies that we needed.



After many years, Don had to retire from the position and Amy Ujemura tackled the job of supply chair. She will not be bringing the heavier items that Don provided, but she has added an exciting new facet to the position by finding many different items that are very helpful to our hobby. Each month she comes in with a new assortment and she even designed two stickers for our society (above and on page 6). Thank you Amy!

Our August Show and Tell

Cristy Brenner

Aechmea fendleri

Billbergia 'Titan' X (B. 'Afterglow' X B.

'Diane') #1

Portea silveirae

Sincoraea burle-marxii v. *seabrae* #2

Chris Bruce

Tillandsia espinosae #3

Don DeBok

Vriesia 'Grandiose' #5

Bruce Jeske

Tillandsia secunda #6

Mary Kermani

Tillandsia disticha #4

Tillandsia purpurea



August Show and Tell, continued

Michael McGuire
xVrieslutheria 'Kent's
Sunset' #11

Carolyn Parsons
Hechtia oaxacana #8
Tillandsia concolor
Tillandsia didisticha #9
Tillandsia latifolia 'Murorum'
Vriesea saundersii #10

Cary Serklew
Tillandsia roezelii
Tillandsia streptophylla
hybrid #7

Jeff Sorensen
Acanthostachys pitcairnioides
Acanthostachys strobilacea #12
Tillandsia albida





Sherman Gardens Plant-O-Rama: We enjoyed beautiful weather for our very successful annual July sale. Thank you to all of our volunteers who helped throughout the weekend (Saturday morning crew shown below). It was wonderful to see so many of our newer members enthusiastically helping and learning more about bromeliads. A special thank you to Don DeBok who engineered our small booth (only 10 X 20 feet) so that it could accommodate a large number of plants.

Above all—thank you to Sherman Gardens for providing our society with a wonderful venue that enables us to earn money, but even more importantly, it is the source of so many of our wonderful new members.



More Plantorama



We hope that you had time to tour all of Sherman Gardens, including the newly renovated conservatory with its beautiful *Luteria splendens*.



One of our hardworking cashier crews: Rose, Mary, and Chris.



Loading up a large purchase for transport to the car.



Amy's WBC sticker.



Very sad news: We have lost another one of our regular members. Sean Donlin's daughter reported to us that he had passed away. She had visited with him on July 31, and he was excited about attending our meeting on Thursday night, August 1. When his daughter was notified of his passing on Friday, she contacted us on Facebook to ask if he had attended our meeting. Unfortunately, he had not, and probably passed away on the day of our meeting.

Sean had recently moved from Westminster to San Marcos. Some of our members assisted in moving his plants. He was very excited about his new Bromeliad garden and we wish that he could have had a longer time to enjoy it. We will miss him at our meetings and other activities.

South Bay Bromeliad Associates Show and Sale

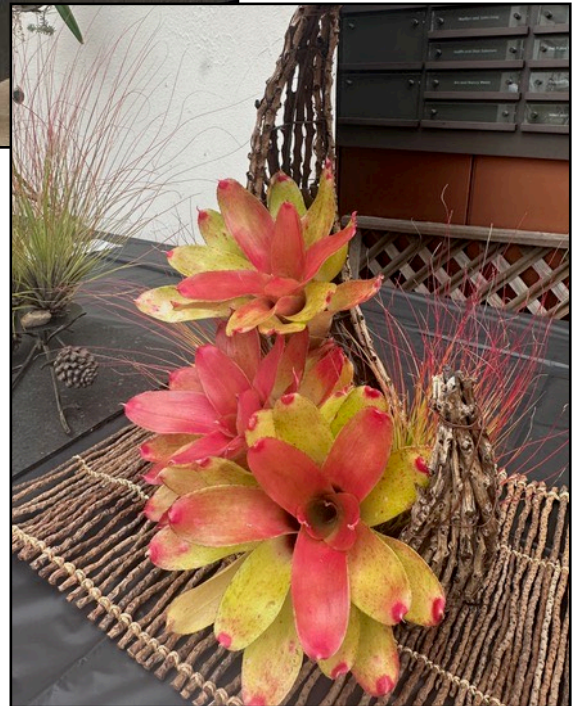


On August 10, the SBBA held its annual show and sale in Palos Verdes. It was very well-attended, especially by our club members. I made a list of twenty of our members that I saw and their club really appreciated that we came. There was a great assortment of bromeliads for sale from private growers, as well as from nurseries such as Rainforest Flora and Live Art Plants. 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



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Plant Table:	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.

Our Web Address: bromeliadsociety.org

Tillandsia fasciculata. Photo by Ed Voelker.



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The Saddleback Valley Bromeliad Society next meets Thursday, September 5, 2024, at 7:00 PM.

Festivities include a:

- ***Program:** Presentation on the 2024 WBC Conference in West Palm Beach, Florida;
- * **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, Jeff Sorensen, Ed Voelker, and Melissa Rapp.

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