



Pup Talk

February 2024

THE SADDLEBACK VALLEY BROMELIAD SOCIETY

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We Will Meet: Thursday, February 1, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

At the Norman Murray Community & Senior Center

24932 Veterans Way, Mission Viejo, CA

FEATURED THIS MONTH:

We will have an encore presentation of a PBS program on the first flowers. This is a beautiful and fascinating video and well-worth seeing again. Please join us for this informative presentation and enjoy all of our other Bromeliad activities such as show and tell, a raffle, silent auction of unusual plants, and great refreshments.



The photo at right is very special because it is *Tillandsia hansonii*, which is named after Jon Hanson, a former SVBS member. We searched for this plant in Ecuador last year, but were unable to locate it. We were surprised to find it in January, growing at about 10,000' in Colombia. This photo was taken by Dylan Zoller, our youngest member, who climbed a tree to capture this unusual view.



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):

February 1 — Our meeting with a video on the first flowers.

February 3 — Board meeting via Zoom.

February 4 — South Bay Bromeliad Associates meeting in Palos Verdes.

April 6-7 — Our Spring Garden Show and Sale at Sherman Gardens.

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



February Refreshment Signups: Zulima Storf, Rose Wakely, Kayla & Dana Leahy, and Sue Goldberger.
Thank you!



Message from the Editor:



This month's *Pup Talk* is shorter than usual because I just returned from my "Plant Expeditions" adventure in Colombia. We had a wonderful tour of Bromeliad and orchid habitats that ranged from hot environments near sea level to the cold Páramo above 11,000 feet. We often traveled by four-wheel drive and usually walked several miles each day to observe and photograph the incredible variety of unusual plants. It was an amazing experience!

Thank you to Carolyn Parsons for managing the show and tell information and to Hank Bruce for his wonderful photography each month.

Now it is time to concentrate on our Sherman Gardens Spring show and Sale, followed by the World Bromeliad Conference in West Palm Beach, Florida. There's always something exciting happening in the world of Bromeliads!

Cristy

Pitcairnia kniphofioides in the tropical forest of Colombia.

Our January Show and Tell Featured:

Johanna Browne

Tillandsia neglecta on wreath #1

Tillandsia xerographica #3

Nancy Groves

Tillandsia crocata 'Copper Penny' #2

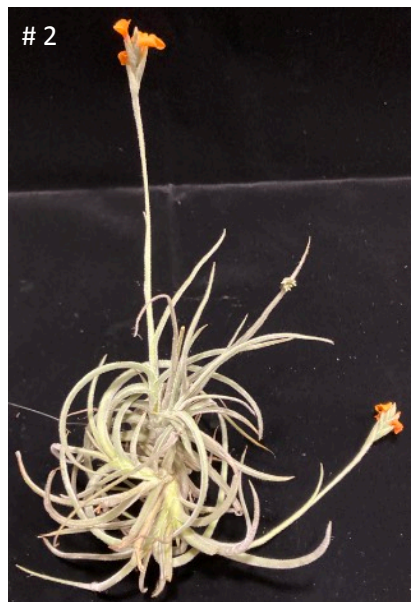
Bruce Jeske

Billbergia #5

Mary Kermani

Tillandsia capitata (red) #4

Tillandsia capitata (pink) #6



January Show and Tell, continued

Michael McGuire

Aechmea blanchetiana 'Orangeade'

Wittmackia ?

Norm Nakanishi

Tillandsia 'Aztec Flame' # 7

Tillandsia fasciculata # 8

Carolyn Parsons

Aechmea alopecurus

Aechmea distichantha #9

Kerry Wakely

Tillandsia 'Pelican' # 10



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Tillandsia compressa. 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.

Our Web Address: bromeliadsociety.org



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Festivities include a:

- * **Program:** Presentation on the first flowers.
- * **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.**

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