



Pup Talk

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THE SADDLEBACK VALLEY BROMELIAD SOCIETY

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We Will Meet: Thursday, April 4, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

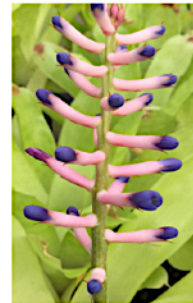
**At the Norman Murray Community & Senior Center
24932 Veterans Way, Mission Viejo, CA**

FEATURED THIS MONTH: “Bromeliads, Seed to Seed”



This month we will feature a Bromeliad Society International presentation by former BSI President Jay Thurrott. The program will discuss how to grow Bromeliads from seed, with information on which plants are good candidates, the proper soil, and other techniques to create good results. In addition, Jeff will bring some of his seed-grown plants and share some of his own growing techniques.

Several years ago, Cristy shared some seed from her *Aechmea weilbachii forma pendula* (photo left). The seeds had been pollinated by hummingbirds and so the pollen parents were unknown. Ed Voelker grew some of the seeds and it became obvious that the pollen parent was *Aechmea gamosepala* and there were many different color variations in the grex (see page 7 for definition). Growing Bromeliads from seed can be an adventure—you never know what you will develop.



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 30 — Plant preparation workshop for our Sherman sale (Patti's garden).

April 4 — Our meeting about growing Bromeliads from seed.

April 6-7 — Our Spring Garden Show and Sale at Sherman Gardens (see below).

April 7 — South Bay Bromeliad Associates meeting in Palos Verdes.

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



April Refreshment Signups: Rose Wakely, Tom Phillips, Mike Moody, Candy & Norm Nakahishi.
Thank you!

BROMELIAD PLANT SHOW & SALE

Saddleback Valley Bromeliad Society

Saturday & Sunday April 6-7, 2024, 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 March Show and Tell Featured:

Cristy Brenner

Aechmea 'Ebony Glow' X *Ae. racinae*

Aechmea 'Mona' #2

Aechmea ramosa var. *festiva*

Billbergia 'Muchacho' #1



#1



#2

Johanna Browne

Tillandsia tectorum #3

Tillandsia miniata? #4

Chris Bruce

Billbergia 'Diane' (dark clone)

Tillandsia somnians

Don DeBok

Aechmea 'Ensign'

Vriesea 'Christiane' #6

Sean Donlin

Billbergia 'Louise'

(cv. of *distachia*
v. *maculata*)



#3



#4

Patti Dunn

Billbergia 'Bellissima'

Tillandsia ionantha #7

Vriesea fenestralis #5



#5



#6



#7

March Show and Tell, continued

Kate Guerra-Hershey
Guzmania lingulata hybrid #8

Sue Goldberger
Neoregelia (Skotak hybrid?) #9

Mary Kermani
Tillandsia 'Houston' #12
Tillandsia recurvifolia
v. *subsecundifolia*
Tillandsia stricta #10
Tillandsia "aquarium" display
boxes #13

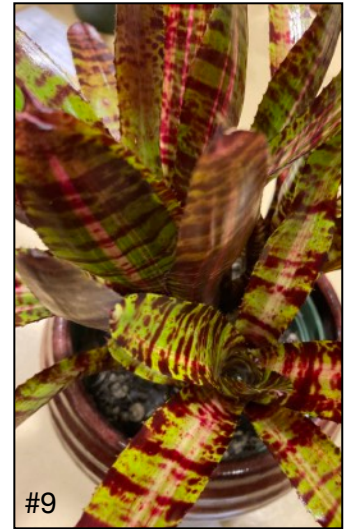
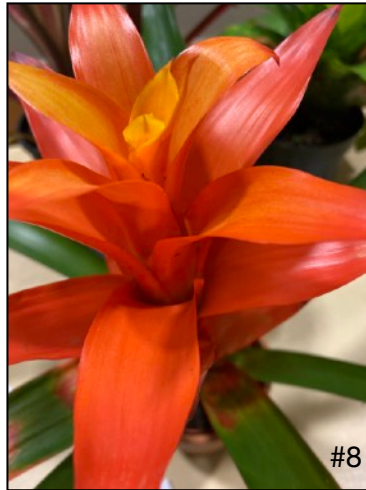
Michael McGuire
Billbergia amoena 'Red'
Nidularium? X *Wittrockia*
leopardinum

Jeff Sorensen
Aechmea 'Covata' #11
Billbergia 'Mariposa'

Barbara Stewart
Tillandsia filifolia

Zulima Storf
Neoregelia 'Donger'
Tillandsias

Kerry Wakely
Assorted succulents in island
planter #14

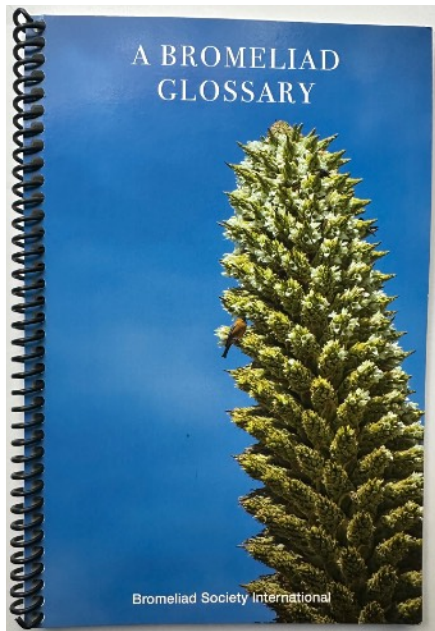


Plant Preparation Workshops: On Saturday, March 16, we met at Zulima's garden to prepare plants for our upcoming Sherman Gardens Show and Sale (photos below). We will have a second workshop at Patti's garden on March 30. Thank you to Zulima and Patti for hosting our workshops.



Evolution of a Zulima Tillandsia Masterpiece: Zulima creates amazing works of art with Tillandsias. One of my favorites has always been these discarded tree roots, mounted on the side of her house, that was first photographed in August, 2005. Each tiny Tillandsia was lovingly glued to the roots and she even hand-carved the little bird. As the plants grew over the years, she removed some to make other pieces. Today, nearly twenty years later, it looks quite different, but it is still very beautiful.





Do you know your Bromeliad Terms? Each month the East London Bromeliad Society of South Africa publishes a “Glossary of New Bromeliad Terminology” used at their meetings. They have a different meeting format than ours. It is a daytime meeting in someone’s garden where there is more emphasis on studying individual plants. At our evening meetings, we only have a small number of show and tell plants to discuss and we also have limited time. I am astounded at the number of terms that they use that most of us have never even heard. At our last meeting, we did use the term “discolor!” How many of the terms do you know on the list below? Perhaps we could learn a few new Bromeliad terms each month. For even more terms, we have *A Bromeliad Glossary* and many other wonderful books available in our library.

Aegeotropic	Ageotropic means growing in all directions ie not affected by gravity. <i>Tillandsia bulbosa</i> is an example of an ageotropic plant
Bigeneric	A plant that is the result of crossing two different genera. It will have an 'x' in front of its name, eg: x <i>Anamea</i> Scorpio. The bigeneric name will be a cross between the genera involved in the parentage, as in the above case: <i>Ananas</i> and <i>Achmea</i> = x <i>Anamea</i> .
Bract	This is a specialized leaf found below a flower or on the stalk of a flower cluster and sometimes brightly coloured
Caulescent	Stem-like growth
Compact inflorescence	Branched inflorescence.
Digitate inflorescence	'Finger-like' with 'branches' coming from one point. <i>Tillandsia disticha</i> has a digitate flower spike
Discolor	Having two different colours. In a bromeliad leaf it usually means a green leaf with red underside
Epiphyte	An epiphyte is plant that grows attached to another plant/tree but it is not a parasite
Flavo	Yellow margin on the leaves
Grex	A group of plants with the same parents
Hemiepiphyte	This is a plant that spends part of it's life cycle as an epiphyte
Inflorescence	Includes the flower stem and the flower head with usually small, sometimes insignificant flowers
Imbricate	Overlapping sections eg, on the inflorescence of <i>Tillandsia concolor</i>
Lanceolate	Large at the base then tapering to a point
Lithophyte	A plant that grows on and/or between rocks and crevices
Mesic	A growing habitat containing a moderate amount of moisture
Myrmecophyte	Ants inhabit the base of bulbous <i>Tillandsia</i> varieties. An example <i>T. bulbosa</i>
Novar	A variegated or albomarginated plant that has lost it's variegation
Pedicel	Flower stalk
Rupicolous	Living or growing on or among rocks
Semi sessile	Flowers on a short stem
Simple	A single un-branched inflorescence
Stolon	Long woody runner or stem from a mother plant that a new pup develops on
Stoloniferous	Pups/plants form at the end of a stolon
Saxicole	A plant that grows on and/or between rocks and crevices
Xeric	A growing habitat containing little moisture or very dry



INTERESTED IN SELLING YOUR BROMELIADS AT SHERMAN GARDENS?

Our Club Board reminds sellers that plants must be exceedingly clean and disease free to reflect the high quality of our Show and Sale plants. If a seller wishes to receive 75% of the sales price, each plant should have two tags. One tag will be cut off by the cashier to record its sale. Do not use wooden sticks which are so firmly affixed that it is very difficult to remove them. Tag the plants securely to prevent "tag switching" before the customer pays for them. Identify the plant name, write your initials, and write the price in whole dollars with no cents. Writing must be legible. You may drop off plants on Friday during setup. Or you may arrive as early as 9:00 a.m. on Saturday and have your plants completely ready by opening at 10:00 a.m. (Show and Sale open at 10:30 a.m.)

Remove any remaining plants by 4:30 p.m. on Sunday. If you are selling plants, be prepared to assist at the Show and Sale in any area: Friday setup, Show Room, Sales floor and cashier assistant, including bagging and assisting customers to their cars. Also, be prepared to discuss your plants with customers. On Sunday at 3:00 p.m., unsold plants may be reduced to 50% off. If you do not wish to participate in that, you must be there at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday to remove the plants. You may accompany any buyer to the cashier if you wish to sell it at full price. Left-over plants will be used for future plant tables at our meetings. Any plants you wish to donate to the club do not need double tags. Club members will staff the cashier area. Payment will be in cash, our Square credit card device and checks only from a member's account. Our treasurer will tally all sales. Sellers earnings will be computed as 75% less 75% of the sales tax. Payment will be issued by the treasurer.

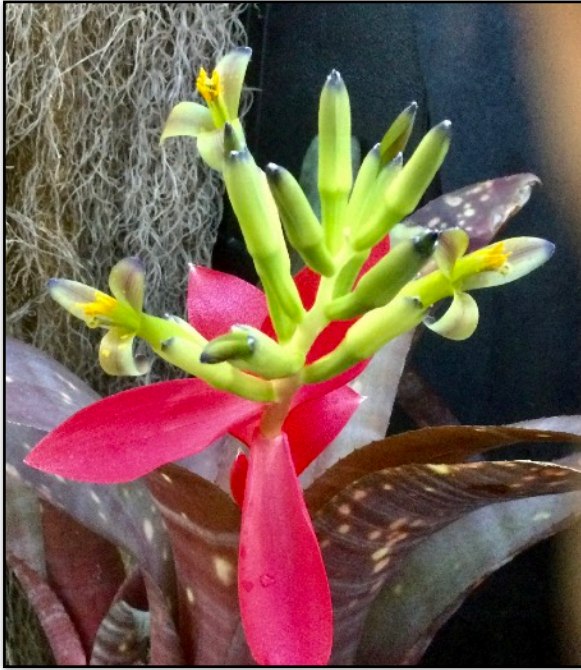
Please note that Bromeliad sales at Sherman Gardens are restricted to Club members only. Please wear your name tag to gain free entry to the Gardens and in the Show Room and Sales area. The Sales area will be in the Tea Garden in front of the Gift Shop and the restrooms. The limited sales space is to be shared courteously among sellers. The Show Room will be in the large meeting room behind the restaurant.

Questions? Bring them to the April meeting!

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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

Billbergia 'Miz Mollie'. Photo by Ed Voelker



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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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The Saddleback Valley Bromeliad Society next meets Thursday, April 4, 2024, at 7:00 PM.

Festivities include a:

- * **Program:** Presentation on Growing Bromeliads from seed.
- * **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, Jeff Sorensen, and Ed Voelker.

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