

SOUTH BAY BROMELIAD ASSOCIATES NEWSLETTER

REGULAR CLUB MEETING: 1:30 p.m.

First Sunday of the month*

Peninsula Center Library

701 Silver Spur Road, Rolling Hills Estates, CA

Website: www.bsi.org/webpages/sbba/

**Exceptions: July Summer Picnic, August Show/Sale, December Holiday Party*

2024 SBBA OFFICERS

President—Barbara Smiley 310-337-7710

VP/Programs— **OPEN** xxxxxxxxxxxx

Treasurer—Katherine Poehlmann 310-308-0048

Secy/Roster—Nada Chatwell 949-463-0637

Auctioneer— **OPEN** xxxxxxxxxxxx

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SBBA November 3rd Meeting: “Bromeliads and Their Companions in Columbia”

Dylan Zoller returns to give us another “WOW” presentation. Last April, he took the audience (vicariously) to Brazil. This time, he will treat us to images of the rare and beautiful plants that live in Columbia. Dylan has had a strong interest in exotic plants since he was six years old. He now works at Sherman Gardens where he maintains a collection of over 300 bromeliad species.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

► **Meeting refreshments.** Munchies will be provided by Mallory Hart, Madeleine Worries, and Pat Powers. If you’d like to add leftover Halloween treats to the table, that’s great. Thank you!

► **SBBA Plant Auction.** Please let Ted Johnson know a week before the meeting how many plants you wish to sell. There is a limit on the total number of plants by all sellers so that we can vacate the library’s community room before the maintenance man comes to clean up at around 4:45. Call Ted at 310-850-2824 or send email to: tedjohnsonyh@yahoo.com

Plants that you wish to sell directly or give away should be placed on the table near the entry door. Please put a tag with your name and price (or “FREE”).

► **2025 Election Time.** Looking for volunteers to take on next year’s responsibilities. Barbara Smiley, Nada Chatwell, and Katherine Poehlmann comprise the Nominating Committee. For the last few years, it has become customary for officers to continue into the following year. For 2025, it’s different. Barbara has served three terms. Per the by-laws, that’s the limit. The VP/Programs slot remains open. Katherine will be moving to northern CA next Spring, leaving the treasurer and newsletter editor slots open.

The Committee is putting together a list of duties for each office so volunteers will know exactly what they are signing up for. Some offices could be held by two people as a team or in rotation, so it’s not so time-consuming. That list of duties per office will be available to all members very soon so the club can plan for next year with a new set of volunteers.

Ted Johnson has been coordinating pre-auction arrangements, but he may wish to hand off that task to someone else. We haven’t had an auctioneer for many months, and sellers have been auctioning their own plants. Ted may also want to delegate the jobs of Bus Trip Coordination and Show Chairman and Librarian to others. We greatly appreciate his taking over these responsibilities for a very long time, and it’s time to give him a break. All retiring officers would be available in an advisory role to those taking their places.

It’s too easy to come to meetings, enjoy the shows and food, but the same volunteers can’t be expected to do all the work. If more people pitch in to help, the club can continue to provide interesting programs, exciting shows, social interaction with fellow brom addicts, fun-filled bus trips to unusual nurseries, tipoffs to plant sales in the So Cal area, opportunities to buy and sell plants at our sales and auctions, and much more.

In any club, when officers burn out or move away, and nobody steps up to fill the gap, the organization folds. “Fear of the Unknown” may prevent you from signing up right now, but when the list of duties appears, please read it carefully. Consider taking on a job, at least for a year, and/or discuss sharing the responsibilities with a fellow member. SBBA is YOUR club. Don’t let it fold.