

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 Christmas/Holiday Party*

2025 SBBA OFFICERS

President—Nada Chatwell

VP/Programs—Ted Johnson

Treasurer—Ray Vanveen

Membership/Secretary—Sherry Faust

Auctioneer—Ted Johnson (with Don Debok)

Newsletter Editor—Katherine Poehlmann

Refreshments—Pat Powers & Mallory Hart

SBBA April 6th Meeting: “Not Your Mother’s Neoregelia”

Jeff Sorensen will put his inimitable, personal touch to a BSI program. The topic of this one is neo hybrids and their development. The program was originally produced and narrated by Keith Smith. Jeff invites attendees to interrupt the presentation at any time for comments or questions. Jeff is an avid, long-time bromeliad collector and a member of the Saddleback Valley Bromeliad Society in Mission Viejo.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

► **Saddleback Valley Bromeliad Society (SVBS) show and sale April 5 & 6.** Hours 10:30-4 both days. Sherman Library & Gardens, 2627 Pacific Coast Highway, Corona Del Mar, CA 92625. Event and parking are free, but there is a \$5 admission charge to the Gardens.

► **Meeting refreshments.** Thanks in advance to Don Vaverka, Nancy Geisel, Lori Watson, Jerry Messer, Pat Powers, and Katherine Poehlmann.

► **SBBA Plant Auction.** Please let Ted Johnson know a week before the meeting how many plants you wish to sell. There is a limit of 50 (fifty) on the total number of auction plants so that we can vacate the library’s community room before the maintenance man comes to clean up at around 4:40 p.m. Ted’s contact data is in the roster.

► **SBBA Auction Protocol.** No payments will be accepted before the end of the auction. (See rule #8 on page 2). Please, first pack up your belongings and make sure the area around your sitting area is cleaned up, then pay. It’s prudent to count your plants and calculate the amount due. That will be another way to assure that no mistakes are made.

► **Perks of SBBA membership.** One of the benefits of membership is the ability to auction your plants. Rules are shown on page 2. Another perk is a roster showing contact data for all club members. The roster is available from Secretary/Membership Chair Sherry Faust. Ask her for a printed copy at any meeting. For privacy and security purposes, the roster is not emailed. When it’s time to dispose of your outdated roster, please shred or destroy it responsibly as you would any sensitive personal data. Yet another perk is a \$2 birthday coupon to be used toward auction purchases. Available when you pay or renew your dues to Sherry.

SBBA Auction Rules

1. Any member may bring nicely groomed bromeliads for sale at our monthly meeting auction.
2. Library closing time constraints require a limit on the total number of plants auctioned to 50.
3. Each seller must contact the auction coordinator* **No Sooner** than the Sunday before the meeting by email or phone to check auction space availability. No long-term commitments will be made. If the 50 plant limit has already been reached, you will be asked to either bring plants to the next meeting or double-tag them for private sale. (See Rule 6, below).
4. Under certain circumstances, a single member may supply all 50 plants for an auction. These circumstances include, but are not limited to, the inability of a member to care for his/her plants for health reasons or moving or serious downsizing.
5. Most of the plants should be bromeliads. 1 or 2 plants other than bromeliads are acceptable. To avoid a mess, please empty broms' cups before setting plants out on the auction/sale table. Check that plants are not infested with spiders, ants, mites, or black spot.
6. We are not always able to satisfy the wishes of members wanting to bring plants for auction. Depending on table space available, members (and speakers) can double-tag their plants to sell at a side table at the meeting. For each plant purchased, buyer keeps one tag, gives one with payment to the treasurer at the end of the meeting. Non-members who are program presenters may sell plants and keep 100% of the proceeds.
7. The money split for the auction and the double-tagged plants is the same. That is, 80% to the seller and 20% to the club. For private sales by club members, the treasurer will tally the tags and send each seller a check for 80% of total sales within 7 days.
8. Buyers must not interrupt the auction by paying for purchases before the end of the auction. This is very disruptive to those keeping track of active bidding. If you need to leave early, entrust cash or a check to a fellow member to pay for your plants later, after the close of the auction.
9. Seller is responsible for reporting sales tax to the Board of Equalization. Sellers should have a resale permit.

* Currently Ted Johnson, assisted by Don Debok. See the roster for contact information.