

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 Van Veen

Membership/Secretary—**OPEN**

Auctioneer—Ted Johnson (with Don Debok)

Newsletter Editor—Katherine Poehlmann

Refreshments—Pat Powers & Mallory Hart

SBBA May 4th Meeting: “Bromeliads in Interior and Exterior Settings”

Our speaker will be Larry Tabeling, the owner of Live Art Plantscapes, a large interior and exterior landscape company. Larry opened his first plant shop in Illinois in 1975. Although his local nursery features all kinds of plants for the So Cal garden (succulents, cacti, and shrubs) his greenhouse reflects his passion for bromeliads. Treat yourself to some bromie eye candy at Live Art Plantscapes, 1323 West 130th Street in Gardena. <https://www.liveartplantscapes.com> has details about the nursery with lovely photos. Please call first to schedule an appointment. Staff may not always be available to assist shoppers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

► **Planning for the BSI Show in April, 2026.** It may seem like far, far away, but a major event like this takes many months to organize. The Saddleback club (SBVBS) is coordinating the event. They need funding, publicity, plants to show and sell, and volunteers for all kinds of roles. In future newsletters you will see schedules, opportunities to help, logistical details, and much more. For more information, contact: saddlebackvalleybrom@gmail.com

► **Meeting refreshments.** Thanks in advance to Sherry Faust, Nada Chatwell, Pat Powers, Jerry Messer, Lori Watson, 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 Treasurer leaving town.** Don't worry! The funds will stay here safely in the bank. Ray Van Veen will take over the office from Katherine Poehlmann, but KP will continue as newsletter editor, publishing monthly from 400 miles away. That is, until a volunteer steps up to do the job. KP bought a house in Pleasant Hill, CA and will settle in sometime in early June. The hardest part is saying goodbye to good friends here in So Cal, but with Karl gone, KP has no family members here. The new house will be ½ hour away from son Roger and sister Mary. Although she will take many of her plants, flowerpots, and accessories with her (Mary is also a bromeliad addict) KP will schedule a sale sometime in mid-May. Items will be cheap or free. Look for an announcement in mid-May with details in an email to the SBBA membership.

► **Volunteer needed.** The Secretary/Membership Chair position is now open. Sherry Faust is unable to continue. She has a busy work schedule and her computer is being capricious. If you know Excel, have a reliable computer, and can attend meetings regularly, please contact SBBA President Nada Chatwell for this very important job. Nada was the previous office-holder and she will mentor you patiently.

► **Rest in peace, dear SBBA friend.** It is a sad task to report the passing Uri Urmacher on April 10th, two weeks before his 90th birthday. Uri was a Holocaust survivor as a young child in war-torn Poland. He lost his mother at six years old and was responsible for his four-year-old sister's survival. He thrived in all ways when he got to Israel.

After the war, while working as a first officer aboard the SS Jerusalem, he met Glenda during a stopover in New York. Their marriage, after a very brief courtship, lasted 64 years. After living in Israel for a few years they emigrated to the U.S. and Uri built a long career at Honeywell and the Aerospace Corporation.

Engineers among the SBBA membership will recall conversations with Uri that revealed his brilliant mind and grasp of space technology issues. Uri had a wonderful sense of humor. He enjoyed volunteering for security duty at our annual SBBA Show/Sale. He insisted that the hat with "SECURITY" embroidered on it was meant for him because his name (URI) was in the middle of the word.

Uri's extraordinary life was characterized by love, generosity, a deep religious faith, and incredible resilience. He leaves behind a treasure trove of memories for Glenda, their two daughters, three grandchildren, and a wide circle of friends.

If you would like to send a card or letter to Glenda, the address is P.O. Box 2125. Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274.

► **Plant Sale May 3rd.** Cal State Fullerton will hold a plant sale from 9-3 but you may also order plants online for later pickup. Visit <https://arboretum.fullerton.edu/sales-events/> for details and lists of plants for sale. Click on "visit" for directions, garden hours, and special events. Their "end of season" plant sale will be June 7th.

► **PV Library Book Sale.** Friends of the Library oversees the sale of books of all kinds on all topics. These are displayed by category (Dewey Decimal System) in the parking garage during regular library hours. Payment is by the honor system. Pay envelopes are provided (follow the signs). The inner sale room has higher quality and specialty books. Sales in that room are held on the first full weekend of each month. See the library's calendar for various community events: <https://www.pvld.org>

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On page 3 is an excerpt from the SVBS newsletter "Pup Talk" with a nifty chart worth sharing.

BROMELIADS		Primary Genera of Bromeliaceae in Cultivation													
CATEGORY	AECHMEA	ANANAS	BILLBERGIA	CANISTRUM	CRYPTANTHUS	DYCKIA	GUZMANIA	HECHTIA	HOHENBERGIA	NEOREGELIA	NIDULARIUM	ORTHOCHRYTUM	QUESNELIA	TILLANDSIA	VRIESEA
LIGHT															
Full sun		X						X						X	
Indirect bright	X		X						X	X	X	X	X	X	
Indirect medium				X	X										X
Full shade							X								
MOISTURE/NUTRIENT															
Foliar	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Cup	X		X	X			X		X	X	X		X	X	X
Soil	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MINIMUM TEMPS															
20-30 degrees						X				X				X	
30-40 degrees				X		X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X
40-50 degrees	X	X	X		X							X	X	X	X
TYPE															
Epiphytic	X		X	X			X		X	X	X		X	X	X
Terrestrial		X			X	X	X	X	X		X	X			
PUPS															
Basal	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Inflorescence		X										X		X	X
Stoloniferous	X		X		X				X	X		X	X	X	X
Non-basal					X		X			X		X		X	X

If more than one check per category, the classification depends on the specific species.