

The 2023 BSLBV Bromeliad Buying Bus Trip

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On Saturday, October 14, bromeliad and plant enthusiasts from the Bromeliad Society of La Ballona Valley, four other local clubs, and their guests boarded a bus and headed north to the Carpenteria area.



We all had visions of seeing wonderful bromeliads and other plants, and we weren't disappointed. Phil Kwan organized this wonderful trip to visit five great nurseries: Cal-Orchids, AirPlant Alchemy, Ambriz Kingdom of Plants, Manny's Plants and Island View Nursery.



The highlight of the trip was AirPlant Alchemy with Brian Kollenborn and his superb bromeliads, Tillandsias, and orchids.





By day's end, the bus' cargo area was loaded with orchids, Platyceriums (staghorn ferns) and succulents in addition to bromeliads.



This was really a very enjoyable trip and a memorable opportunity to socialize with friends who share our love of bromeliads and other plants.



By the end of the trip, we all added wonderful plants to our collections, with wallets that were a bit lighter.



We all eagerly look forward to our next bus trip!

