

Pup Talk

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THE SADDLEBACK VALLEY BROMELIAD SOCIETY

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We Will Meet: <u>Thursday, September 4, 2025, 7:00 pm.</u>
At the Norman Murray Community & Senior Center
24932 Veterans Way, Mission Viejo, CA

Featured for September: "The Art of Bromeliads"

This month we will be treated to a very special program. Juliana Raposo gave this presentation to the San Diego Society last March, where several of our members saw it and really loved it. Juliana wrote the following: "I am fascinated by traveling artists—people who journey to faraway lands to bear witness to different cultures and landscapes through their art. In this talk, I will highlight three incredible artists who travelled to South America to paint the flora and found themselves enchanted by

bromeliads. These women braved immense challenges and displayed an equal amount of curiosity and talent. And although they each lived in distinct centuries, their work forms a continuum that speaks to the fascination that bromeliads have exerted on us from the 16th century to the present day."

Please join us for this informative meeting and enjoy all of our other bromeliad activities such as show and tell, raffle, silent auction of unusual plants, and great refreshments.



<u>DIRECTIONS</u>: 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. <u>Visitors Welcome!</u> 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.
- * Silent Auction We usually have special plants for you to bid on.
- * <u>Library & Information</u> 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):

September 4 — Our meeting: "The Art of Bromeliads"

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

October 18 — Field trip to Bird Rock Tropicals in Encinitas, see page 5.

November 4-7 — Aussie Broms Conference, Brisbane, Australia.

April 14-18, 2026 — World Bromeliad Conference, Costa Mesa. See Page 6 and Conference Corner at bsi.org.

<u>September Refreshment Signups</u>: Kate Guerra-Hershey, Rose Wakely, Don & Judy DeBok, Zulema Storf, and Zora Lee. Thank you







We are happy to report that for the second month in a row, we have had more than fifty people at our meeting. And the meeting is at night! Also, we have more and more younger members, which is very important to the longevity of any society. At left, everyone is focused on which plant to pick when their raffle ticket number is called. In addition, silent auction plants are also available.

We are continuing to make good progress on our plans to host the World Bromeliad Conference in Costa Mesa next April. (Please see "Conference Corner" at <u>bsi.org</u>). Thank you to all of the committee members who are working hard and also attending Zoom meetings twice each month.

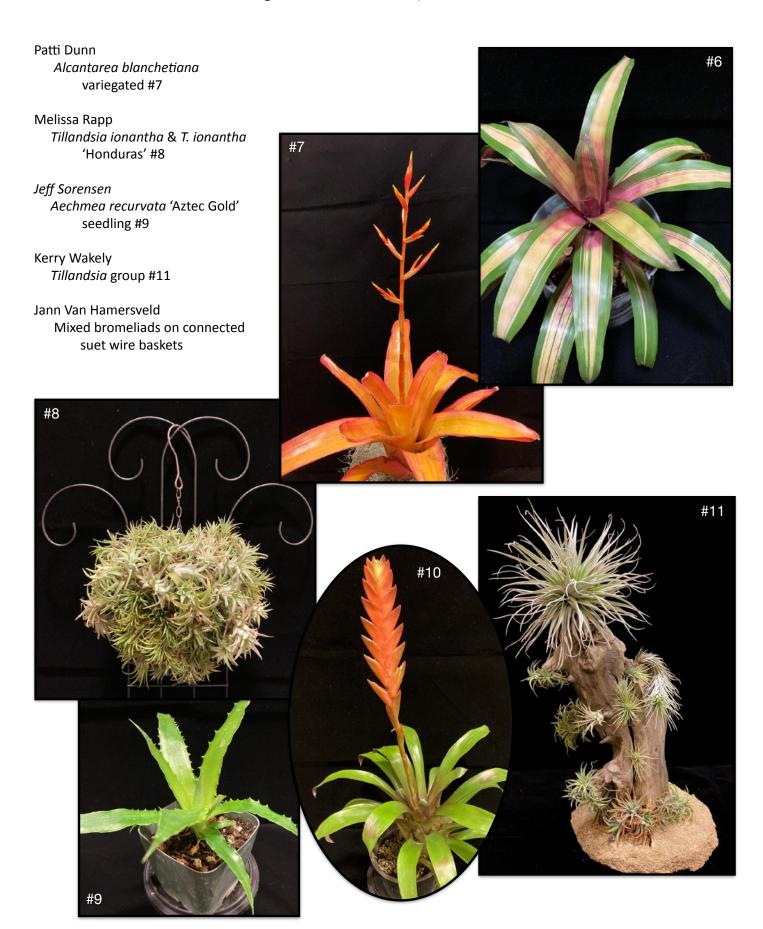
We have also set the date for our annual field trip to Bird Rock Tropicals in Encinitas (see page 5). Members who attend receive a special gift from SVBS, as well as a discount from the nursery.



Our August Show and Tell Featured:

Cristy Brenner Neoregelia 'Inkspot' #1 Portea hyrid Portea petropolitana v. extensa Tillandsia lorenziana #2 xSincoregelia (Neoregelia carolinae X sincoraea navioides) #3 **Chris Bruce** Nidularium procerum 'Stripes' #5 Vriesea 'Kent's Sunset' #4 & #6 Vriesea hybrid #10 Sue Campbell Tillandsia ionantha & T. ionantha 'Honduras' #3 #2 #4

August Show and Tell, continued



Field Trip to Bird Rock Tropicals: We are invited to tour Pam Koide Hyatt's amazing nursery in Encinitas on Saturday October 18. Pam is a world-renowned Tillandsia expert, and a visit to her nursery is always a wonderful bromeliad adventure. We will receive a 25% discount on a huge selection of Tillandsias and other bromeliads, plus there will be a special benefit from SBVS for our members.

We will visit from 9:00 a.m. until noon (Address: 221 Princehouse Lane, Encinitas). Come to our meeting for additional information and to arrange carpools with your friends. Parking is located in front of the shade house and the greenhouse. Leave early for best selection and to avoid heavy traffic heading to San Diego. Don't miss this chance to see and purchase some spectacular plants and visit with all of your bromeliad friends.



Pam in front of her award winning hybrid *Tillandsia* 'Samantha'.

Shopping area with a huge selection of *Tillandsias* and other bromeliads.



Pam's private garden behind the greenhouse.



Spotlight on Deuterochonia brevispicata:

Apparently, this *Deuterochonia* is rare in collections, judging by the lack of information and photos on the internet. It is a native of Bolivia and grows well in my drier rock garden. This is a very unusual bromeliad for several reasons: The red and green flowers are amazing, but unfortunately they are less than an inch long. If you look carefully, you will see the second unusual feature: The flowers bloom on the same rachis (stalk) year after year. That dried-up old stalk is at least five years old and the plant re-blooms on it annually.

Thank you to Bob Wright, who told me not to remove the stalks on my *Deuterochonia*s many years ago. He had a wealth of bromeliad information, and unfortunately no one in Southern California knows what happened to Bob and his spectacular *bromeliad* collection.

Save the Date:

BROMELIAD PLANT SHOW & SALE

Don't miss the first World Bromeliad Conference in the greater Los Angeles area since 1984!

When: April 14-18, 2026

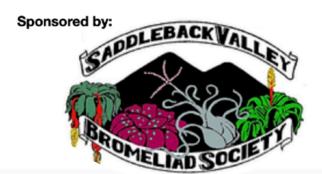
Where: Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa

What: Judged Bromeliad Show Huge Bromeliad Sale

Seminars by speakers from around the world

Garden and nursery tours

Rare plant auction





South Bay Bromeliad Associates Show and Sale

On August 9, the South Bay Bromeliad Associates held their annual show and sale in Palos Verdes. It was very well-attended, especially by our club members, many of whom are active in both societies. There was

a great assortment of bromeliads for sale from private growers, as well as from nurseries such as Rainforest Flora and Live Art Plants. There were also many beautiful show plants on display (see page 8). Thank you all for attending and if you missed it, be sure to attend this great show and sale next year.



Mary and Patti assisted with the checkout of a large purchase.



Norm sold his beautiful *Neoregelias, Tillandsias,* and *Vrieseas* (Norm is not pictured).

South Bay Bromeliad Associates Show and Sale, continued

The non-judged show featured a large variety of beautiful bromeliads. The show is similar to our spring show at Sherman Gardens, where the purpose is to educate the public about the great diversity and beauty of bromeliads. Judged shows are no longer held by any of the Southern California societies because they are very complicated and a huge amount of work just to have competition ribbons on the tables. Recently, several of the Florida societies have also discontinued judged shows. The World Bromeliad Conference in Costa Mesa next April will feature a judged show. Thank you to the South Bay society for presenting the beautiful show and sale shown below.



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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. Rosters are available from Nada at the meetings.

Neoregelia 'Magnifica Madness'. Photo by Ed Voelker.

Our Web Address: bromeliadsociety.org



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Festivities include a:

- * Program: "The Art of Bromeliads"
- * 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, Pete & Patti Dunn, Chris & Hank Bruce (our show and tell photographer), Jeff Sorensen, and Ed Voelker,

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