

Pup Talk

October 2025

THE SADDLEBACK VALLEY BROMELIAD SOCIETY

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We Will Meet: <u>Thursday, October 2, 2025, 7:00 pm.</u>
At the Norman Murray Community & Senior Center
24932 Veterans Way, Mission Viejo, CA

Featured for October: "Preparing Your Plants for the World Bromeliad Conference"

It's time to look around in your garden to see which plants that you might wish to show at the World Bromeliad Conference (WBC) that we are organizing in Costa Mesa next April. Long-time members,

George Long and Jeff Sorensen (both official BSI Judges), will give us information on how to select and prepare your plants now, so that they will be ready for the show. The beautiful Vriesea at right was an award winner at the 2024 WBC in West Palm Beach, Florida.

Even if you don't plan to show plants, many of the techniques that they present will be applicable to general bromeliad cultivation. There will also be additional information about other conference activities.

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):

October 2 — Our meeting: "Preparing for the World Bromeliad Conference."

October 5 — South Bay Bromeliad Associates meeting in Palos Verdes.

October 18 — Field trip to Bird Rock Tropicals in Encinitas, see page 5 and 6.

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

April 14-18, 2026 — World Bromeliad Conference, Costa Mesa. Please see Conference Corner at bsi.org.

October Refreshment Signups: Jerry Messer, Dale Palas, Patti Dunn, Diane Pennica, and Doug Nadasdy. Thank you





Society News:

We are happy to report that for the third month in a row, we have had more than fifty people at our meeting. And the meeting is at night! We had a huge raffle table and great plants for silent auction (thank you Ray Vanveen for providing so many plants). The photo at left shows that one of our newer members did very well in the raffle (foreground) and silent auction (in the large wagon).

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> and it is <u>time to register</u> for the conference). Thank you to all of the committee members who are working hard and also attending Monday night Zoom meetings twice each month.

This month we will have our annual field trip to Bird Rock Tropicals in Encinitas (see page 5 and 6). Members who attend will receive a special gift from SVBS, as well as a discount from the nursery. Don't miss this special event.



Our September Show and Tell Featured:

Cristy Brenner

Portea petropolitana hybrid? #3 Hohenbergia leopoldo-horstii Neoregelia 'Bloodspot' Neoregelia 'Crimson Tide' #1



September Show and Tell, continued

Kate Guerra-Hershey xCryptbergia #7 Tillandsia capitata #8

Michael McGuire

Neoregelia cruenta 'Silver'? #9

Carolyn Parsons

Aechmea 'Alvarez' cv. of leuddemanniana #10
Aechmea 'MEND' cv. of leuddemanniana (name derived from (M) Mildred Merkel, (E) Edward Ensign, (N) Julian Nally, and (D) Ralph Davis)

Aechmea leuddemanniana seedling #11





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 (see page 6), 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.

Pamela Koide Hyatt: If you are a newer member of our society, you may not know how important Pam is to the bromeliad world. Below is a copy of Pam's biography from the program of the 2022 World Bromeliad Conference in Sarasota, Florida, where she was a speaker. At right, she was telling us about the development of her spectacular nursery at our visit last year. You will be amazed at the huge selection of Tillandsias and many other bromeliads that are on display and available for sale.





Pamela Koide Hyatt, Bird Rock Tropicals Since starting Bird Rock Tropicals in 1981, Pamela has traveled extensively throughout Mexico, Central and South America in search of tillandsias. During these travels she has discovered more than a dozen species new to science as well as many natural hybrids.

Pamela soon began growing from seed and hybridizing tillandsias. Of the more than 3000 hybrids that were made, many have bloomed for the first time over the past five years. One of her early hybrids, Tillandsia Samantha, won the

FloraHolland 'Glass Tulip Award' (2013) one of the most prestigious awards in Horticulture.

Additionally, Pamela is an Internationally Accredited Bromeliad Master Judge, past President and Newsletter Editor of both the San Diego Bromeliad Society and the North County Bromeliad Society. She has served as a Director of the Bromeliad Society International, Publications Chairman for the BSI, and currently on the Editorial Advisory Board for the *Journal of the Bromeliad Society*.

In 1992 she contributed to the revision of the BSI Cultural Manual and in 1998, she revised and compiled A Bromeliad Glossary, published by the BSI, and is currently working on an updated version of the Glossary which should be available at the WBC in June 2022. Pamela has been a frequent speaker at bromeliad conferences in the US, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Singapore, and many different plant societies throughout the United States.







Spotlight on Hohenbergia:

Several *Hohenbergia* species grow well as landscape plants in Southern California. The majority of the plants in this genus are native to Brazil, and several grow in Venezuela, Colombia, and some Caribbean Islands. Of the 58 species in the genus, only a few of the most attractive ones are commonly grown in our gardens.

Hohenbergia leopoldo-horstii (left), is grown terrestrially and will form a cluster of vase-shaped plants. If grown in full-sun, the leaves will turn purpleblack. The plant at lower left is growing in partial shade on rocks in Bahia, Brazil and is lighter in color.

Hohenbergia stellata (below right) is one of the most beautiful species in the genus. The long-lasting bright red inflorescence produces tiny purple flowers. I have never grown this species epiphytically, but I have photographed one high up in a tree in Trinidad, so it should also do well without soil if placed in a tree.







Hohenbergia correia-araujoi (left) is probably the most popular Hohenbergia species in collections. It is native to Bahia, Brazil. Even though it is a species, it has been given the names "Fudge Ripple" and "Chocolate Tiger" in the bromeliad trade. It should be grown in filtered light and may reach a height of three feet. The color varies greatly depending on the amount of light. It will be dark green in shade, brown if grown in more light, and even a deep reddish-brown under the best lighting conditions. It is the intricate patterns of white marbling that add to its popularity.

Hohenbergia rosea (below right) is also from Bahia, Brazil. It is usually grown terrestrially, but it also grows epiphytically in large trees in habitat. Recently, Michael Wisnev of the San Fernando Bromeliad Society published the photo of his blooming *H. rosea* (center left) that is grown in full sun. Over a year ago, Dylan

Zoller suggested that I move my plant that had been growing in partial sun into the shade, since





that is how it grows epiphytically in Brazil. I don't have a photo of it, but it now looks exactly like the *Hohenbergia* (unknown species) in the forest of coastal Brazil shown at left. It is almost as large, with each dark green leaf measuring over four feet long! The ideal lighting conditions would probably be filtered sun, which would produce a moderately-sized plant. Most people have no idea that many *Hohenbergias* grow in trees and it is very interesting to see them in habitat.

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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.

Our Web Address:

bromeliadsociety.org

Tillandsia 'Mystic Haze' Photo by Ed Voelker.



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- * 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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