



Pup Talk

May 2025

THE SADDLEBACK VALLEY BROMELIAD SOCIETY

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We Will Meet: Thursday, May 1, 2025, 7:00 pm.
At the Norman Murray Community & Senior Center
24932 Veterans Way, Mission Viejo, CA

Featured for April: “Favorite Bromeliads”

Cristy Brenner will share photos of some of her favorite bromeliads from her garden, member garden tours, nurseries, BSI conferences, and bromeliad travels. This will be a non-technical presentation (no long Latin names to frighten beginners!), since we may have some new people from our recent Sherman Gardens event.

Audience participation will be welcomed and the slides will be followed by a question and answer period and information about bromeliad culture. This will be a fun presentation for our experienced members and a great introduction to the amazing variety of bromeliads for those who are just discovering this unique plant family.

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.



Tillandsia punctulata

DIRECTIONS: 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. **Visitors Welcome!** 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.
- * Library & Information – 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):

April 24-27 — Spring Garden Show at South Coast Plaza. (you might get this on time).

May 1 — Slides and information about beautiful bromeliads.

May 4 — South Bay Bromeliad meeting in Palos Verdes.

May 8 — **Bus trip to Huntington Gardens (see page 7).**

November 4-7 — Aussie Broms Conference, Brisbane, Australia (see page 8).

April 14-18, 2026 — World Bromeliad Conference, Costa Mesa.

April Refreshment Signups: Mary Kermani, Kathy Jones, Zulema Storf, Candy Nakanishi, and Diane Pennica.
Thank you!



Society News: At the beginning of April, we had a very successful show and sale at Sherman Gardens (see page 5 & 6). Thank you to Sherman Gardens for providing such a spectacular venue for our annual event. Also, thank you to all of our volunteers, especially Norm Nakanishi who set up our show, and Don DeBok who engineered our sales area.



On April 12, several of our members attended the UC Master Gardeners of Orange County Expo and Plant Giveaway & Sale. Chris Bruce (our President) and Hank Bruce (our club photographer), set up an information table to advertise our society. (Photo at left by Melissa Rapp). We hope to see some new members from both of these events at our May meeting.

Very sad news: During our show at Sherman Gardens we learned of the passing of long-time member Tony Cory. For many years, Tony and his wife Launi have set up the refreshments at our meetings. We will miss Tony and send our condolences to Launi.

Our April Show and Tell Featured:

Cristy Brenner

Aechmea ramosa v. *festiva* #2
Alcantarea odorata
Billbergia 'Diane'
x *Neomea* (*Neo. johannis* X *Ae.*
recurvata v. *benrathii*) #1

Chris Bruce

Tillandsia aeranthos nigra #3
Tillandsia bergeri

Don DeBok

Tillandsia hybrid
Vriesea 'Outstanding Orange'? #4

Patti Dunn

Quesnelia marmorata 'Tim Plowman'
Quesnelia 'Rafael Oliveira' #5



April Show and Tell, continued

Mary Kermani

Tillandsia chiapensis #7

Tillandsia tectorum major #6

John Marzolino

Billbergia 'Diane'

Tillandsia 'Queen's Trinket' #8

Caroline Parsons

xSincoregelia 'Galactic Warrior' #9

Jeff Sorensen

Tillandsia ixioides

Tillandsia sprengeliana #11

Kerry Wakely

Tillandsia recurvifolia v.

subsecundifolia #10



Sherman Gardens Show and Sale



Our two-day non-judged show was designed to educate the public about the beauty and diversity of bromeliads.



Thank you to our Saturday morning volunteers shown at left and to all of the many other members who helped throughout the show.





Sales area in the Tea Garden (left).



Cristy Brenner's Bromeliad Lecture

People's Choice Winners (below left): x sincoregelia 'Galactic Warrior' #1 (Carolyn Parsons); *Tillandsia tectorum* v. *major* #2 (Mary Kermani); and *Tillandsia raackii* #3 (Dylan Zoller).



Racinaea 'Dr. Suess' (right) in the Sherman conservatory.

Carolyn and Jann enjoying the Brazil/Mexico bromeliad garden designed by Dylan (below right).



Huntington Gardens Bus Trip

It's Not Too Late! Come to the May 1 meeting to sign up.

We will have a SVBS sponsored bus trip to Huntington Gardens in San Marino on Thursday, May 8. The cost to our members is ONLY \$30.00, which includes transportation, garden admission (\$23), and a boxed lunch in the Celebration Garden (\$24). Don't miss this chance to visit this amazing Southern California garden gem. Registration will begin at the April meeting and payment is required when you register. Space is limited. Additional information will be available at the meeting.



The cactus garden at the Huntington is filled with many bromeliads such as Puyas, Dyckias, and Hecthias. May is the perfect time of year to see them in full bloom and the photos below were taken in May, 2005. Don't miss this chance to tour this amazing garden.



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Bromeliad Conference in Australia:

There will be a very exciting bromeliad conference in Australia next November. Why are we advertising it? Because at least three of our members are planning to attend and one is even a conference speaker (Dylan Zoller). Patti Dunn attended the bromeliad conference in New Zealand last year and said it was fantastic. Cristy Brenner attended the World Bromeliad Conference in Australia in 2008, and it was a very special bromeliad experience (photo of conference display below). The Aussies are brimming with enthusiasm for their bromeliads and have exceptional knowledge and beautiful gardens. The list of conference speakers from around the world is amazing (see their website).

Have you always wanted to visit Australia? Maybe next November is the perfect time, starting with a wonderful bromeliad conference and then continuing on to enjoy all of the other beautiful destinations that Australia has to offer.



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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.

Our Web Address: bromeliadsociety.org

Tillandsia 'Mystic Flame'
Photo by Ed Voelker.



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Festivities include a:

- * **Program:** Cristy Brenner will speak about "Favorite 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 and Patti Dunn, Chris & Hank Bruce, Jeff Sorensen, Ed Voelker, and Melissa Rapp.

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