



Pup Talk

January 2025

THE SADDLEBACK VALLEY BROMELIAD SOCIETY

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We Will Meet: Thursday, January 2, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

**At the Norman Murray Community & Senior Center
24932 Veterans Way, Mission Viejo, CA**

FEATURED FOR JANUARY: “Don Beadle’s *Billbergia* Hybrids”

Don Beadle is known as “Mr. *Billbergia*.” Before Don began hybridizing *Billbergias*, most were just plain green-leaved plants. If you own a *Billbergia* with attractive leaves, such as the pink spotted leaves shown below, there is a good chance that it is a Don Beadle hybrid.

Jeff will show slides of Don’s numerous hybrids and discuss his impact on the bromeliad world.

Shown at right is *Billbergia* ‘Hallelujah’, one of Don’s most famous hybrids, (Photo by Don Beadle from the FCBS website).

Please join us for this informative presentation and enjoy all of our other bromeliad activities such as show and tell, plant raffle (from Cuffle Farms this month), silent auction of unusual plants, and great refreshments.



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):

January 2 — Our meeting with slides of Don Beadle *Billbergias*.

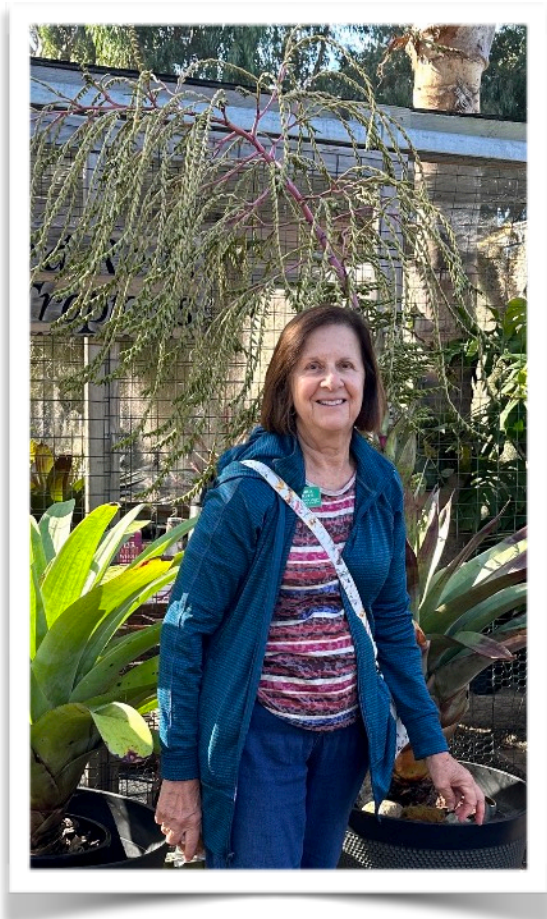
January 5 — South Bay Bromeliad meeting in Palos Verdes.

February 1 — Board meeting at 1:00 p.m. at Patti Dunn's home.

April 5-6 — Our Spring Garden Show and Sale at Sherman Gardens.

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

January Refreshment Signups: Wendy Grande, Carolyn Parsons, Patti Dunn, and Don & Judy DeBok.
Thank you!



HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE PRESIDENT

A New Year always brings

New Opportunities

New Experiences

New Learning

New Challenges

New Solutions

New Friends and Acquaintances

New Bromeliads in the Garden

**I wish everyone in my Bromeliad World a year of
Health, Happiness, Peace, and Safety.**

**May you have success and satisfaction
in all that you do in 2025**

Chris Bruce, President

Our November Show and Tell Featured:

Cristy Brenner

Aechmea 'Big Stuff' #2

Aechmea ramosa hybrid #4

Billbergia 'Kyoto' cv. of *pyramidalis*

Portea 'Candy' #1

Don DeBok

Billbergia 'Pink Champagne'? #3

Patti Dunn

Billbergia 'Bellesima' #6

Neoregelia ampullacea hybrid

Wallisia cyanea #5



November Show and Tell, continued

Sue Goldberger

Tillandsia crocata (growing on a pickle ball) #9

Carolyn Parsons

Aechmea organensis #7

Jeff Sorensen

Billbergia 'Beadleman' #8

Billbergia 'Hallelujah'

Jann Van Hamersveld

Aechmea 'Aztec Gold' #10

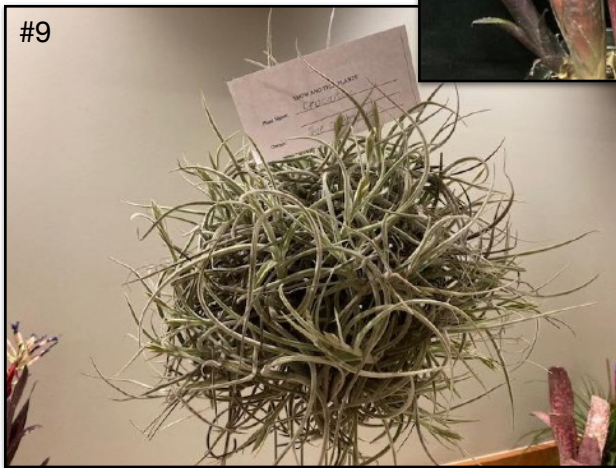
Tillandsia clump

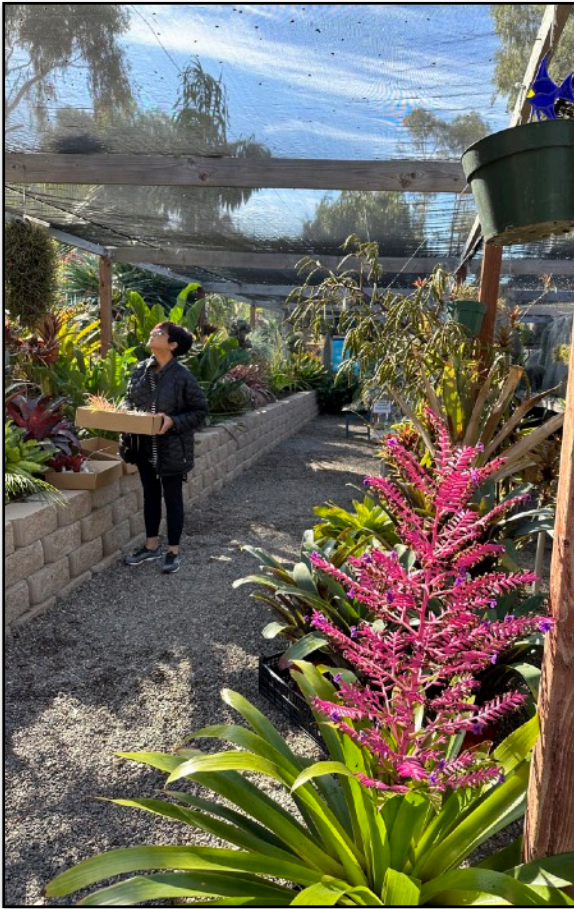
Ed Voelker

Deuterocohnia brevifolia #11

Kerry Wakely

Tillandsia ionantha #12





Fall Nursery Tour: On Saturday, October 26, about twenty-five SVBS members visited Bird Rock Tropicals in Encinitas. It was a gorgeous fall day, and everyone enjoyed the tour by Pam Koide Hyatt, owner and world renowned expert on *Tillandsias*. We had a great time buying bromeliads, especially with Pam's discount and our society's special "member appreciation voucher."

A very unusual treat was seeing the beautiful pink *Barfussia moorei* in full bloom (left). We had a wonderful tour—thank you Pam!



After purchasing plants in the newly expanded shade house we toured the growing area in the very large greenhouse. We also enjoyed Pam's private garden between the greenhouse and her residence, which includes an amazing koi pond, rare palm trees, and many larger landscape bromeliads.



Holiday Party



Wonderful Dinner with three tables full of food.

Chatting after dinner.



Receiving our tickets to pick a gift.



Selecting a gift.



"Stealing" someone's gift in the second round.



Opening and showing off the gifts.

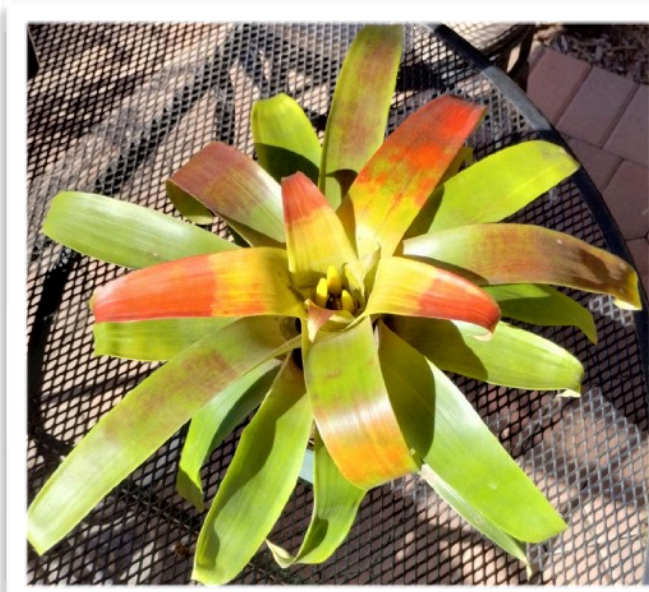


Admiring one of the special gifts created by Kerry Wakely.



Society News: We now have a date for our Spring Show and Sale at Sherman Library and Gardens in Corona del Mar. It is scheduled for April 5 & 6, so mark your calendars and begin to pamper your best bromeliads for the show. We also have a board meeting scheduled for Saturday, February 1, at 1:00 p.m. at Patti Dunn's house in Newport Beach.

The sad news is that two more of our long-time members passed away this Fall: Lorraine Ferguson in October, and and Mike Moody in November. We will miss them. We will also miss the members who have moved away this year: Lee Brandt retired in Oregon; Gail Burgess moved to Utah; Barbara Stewart to Nevada; and Glenn Vitek to Camarillo.



The good news is that we have a delightful and enthusiastic group of new members. We are so thankful to Sherman Gardens for providing a venue where we can meet new people who are interested in bromeliads. We have our Spring show and sale in April and the Plant-O-Rama sale in July to introduce the public to our unusual plants.

Thank you to everyone who has attended meetings and supported our society throughout the year. We look forward to another year of wonderful bromeliad activities.

Guzmania sanguinea. Photo by Carolyn Parsons.

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Membership	Nada Chatwell	Webmaster and Zoom	John Marzolino
Plant Table:	Michael McGuire		



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

Wallisia cyanea. Photo by Ed Voelker.



SVBS 2025 DUES/MEMBERSHIP

Dues are \$15 per membership (for one person or for two or more at the same address). Please send a check & info to: Saddleback Valley Bromeliad Society 24891 Camberwell Street, Laguna Hills, CA, 92653

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The Saddleback Valley Bromeliad Society next meets Thursday, January 2, 2025, at 7:00 PM.

Festivities include a:

- * **Program:** Slides on Don Beadle Billbergias:
- * **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, Carolyn Parsons, and Ed Voelker.

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