



Pup Talk

August 2023

THE SADDLEBACK VALLEY BROMELIAD SOCIETY

We Will Meet: Thursday, August 3, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

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

In May, the La Ballona Valley Bromeliad Society had a show and sale in Culver City. For the following meeting their Vice President, Ken Simpson, did a presentation for any possible new attendees. Their newsletter had the following description: "VP Ken Simpson will discuss and demonstrate bromeliad care and culture. He will go over watering and fertilizing, potting media, light, useful tools, and more. Please join the discussion and share your experience, tips and tricks, and learn from your friends! If you are new to bromeliads, this is a great chance to learn how to keep your plants healthy and happy -- the plant tables, club sales, and plant auctions at our meetings will help you grow your collection, too."

"Ken has been collecting since 1961 and met many of the early orchid and bromeliad collectors. A past president of our club in the 1970s, Ken spent a month in Peru during the early 1980's through the UCLA Extension course "Tropical Ecology: The Amazon" and remains enthusiastic about our hobby."

Ken will not be with us in person, but instead he generously offered to download his entire presentation when Cristy toured his garden and spoke to the LBVBS in June. Much of his presentation has written information, but it will also be narrated by Jeff, since Cristy will be in Ecuador. Please join us for this very informative talk that also features many photos of Ken's beautiful garden (shown at right).



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; buy lots of tickets!
- * **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):

- August 3 — Our monthly meeting with a presentation about Bromeliad culture.
- August 12, 2023 — South Bay Bromeliad Associates Show and Sale (see page 6).
- May 22-25, 2024 — World Bromeliad Conference (BSI) in West Palm Beach, Florida.



Message for the Editor: This month’s *Pup Talk* has fewer pages than usual. This is out of necessity because I am leaving on a Bromeliad trip to Ecuador, just two days after our Plant-O-Rama sale at Sherman Gardens. There just isn’t enough time since our last meeting to get plants ready for sale, pack for the trip, get house and garden ready, and finish a complete newsletter. Also, because of the timing, the photos of our sale will have to wait for the September edition. I will even miss our August meeting, but other members will provide me with the show and tell photos and plant names for our next newsletter.

Thanks to John Marzolino for including *Pup Talk* on our website (bromeliadsociety.org). In the last few months, we have had visitors from the following countries: Australia, Brazil, France, Germany, Mexico, Poland, Russia, and South Africa. We are known around the world!

Enjoy the summer with all of your wonderful Bromeliads.

Cristy

Equipment Show and Tell:

Don DeBok, our Supplies Chairperson, shared information about his new rechargeable spray bottle. He is using it to spray mosquito retardant in his Bromeliads. The company website for mosquito treatment can be reached by Googling AQUABAC xt. The active ingredient is *BacillusThuringensis* subspecies *Israelenses*, which is nontoxic to pets and fish, etc. Many of us now have smaller rechargeable sprayers, but this two-gallon capacity sprayer is perfect for larger jobs. He usually only fills the sprayer half way to make it easier to carry, but that is much better than our one liter small sprayers. It is also perfect for fertilizing *Tillandsias*.

Sherman Gardens conservatory:
Come see it at our sale.



Our July Show and Tell Featured:

Cristy Brenner

- Aechmea nudicaulis* variegated # 1
- Billbergia* 'Titan' X (*B.* 'Afterglow' X *B.* 'Diane'), (Bill Baker hybrid) # 2
- xSincoregelia* 'Microdot' # 3

Lee Brandt

- Vriesea* 'Midnight' # 4

Patti Dunn

- Billbergia* 'Dark Side of the Moon'
- Neoregelia ampullacea* variegated # 5
- Vriesea* 'Sunset' # 6



July Show and Tell, continued

Mary Kermani

Tillandsia tenuifolia (dark form) # 12

John Marzolino

Tillandsia subteres # 11

Carolyn Parsons

Canistropsis burchellii # 7

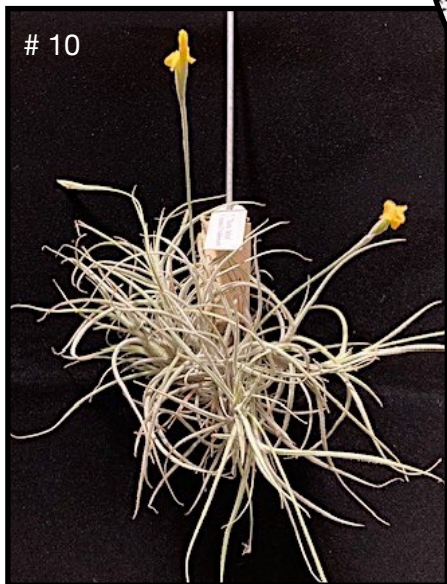
Quesnelia liboniana #9

Jeff Sorensen

Tillandsia straminea (large form) # 8

Tillandsia 'Tawny Yellow' ('*T. crocata*

X *T. mallemonii*) # 10



Very Sad News:

We are sad to report that our longtime member, Eva Heuser, died recently at the age of 90. Eva was born in Poland, and left with her family during World War II. Eva was the only woman in her graduating class from Queen's University School of Medicine in 1956, and became a Medical Doctor specializing in pathology. She moved to the U.S. from Canada in 1959, and divided her professional career between pathology of children's illnesses and forensic pathology. Two daughters and three grandchildren survive her. Studying and collecting plants became her hobby and passion. She focused on Bromeliads, Orchids and Succulents and transformed her backyard into a tropical paradise filled with plants. Shade cover, lattice work, benches, plant hangers and stands, and ceramic containers became parts of her collection. Along the way she gathered many books pertaining to these subjects.

Shortly after her death, her family contacted the Saddleback Valley Bromeliad Society via our website. We were asked if we wished to have any of her collection. A small group of Board Members removed much of her collection. We are now utilizing her plants for our sale at Sherman Gardens. We will also be embellishing our plant table and silent auction table with her plants and pots. Some of her books will be added to our library, others will also be offered to members.

We are grateful to the family of Dr. Eva Heuser for sharing her collection and love of plants with us. Generosity such as this is what helps the Saddleback Valley Bromeliad Society thrive and grow.

Chris Bruce




Eva Heuser in our South Coast Plaza sales area in 2009, with Ron Storf. Her plants will live on in our collections.


Photos from previous South Bay Shows:

BROMELIAD SHOW & SALE

PRESENTED BY



THE SOUTH BAY BROMELIAD ASSOCIATES



FREE ADMISSION
FREE PARKING
Sales from members private collections and commercial vendors
SATURDAY
AUG 12, 2023
AT
Palos Verdes Art Center
5504 Crestridge Road
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

SHOW and SALES 10:00 AM-4:00pm
It is recommended that those not COVID vaccinated wear a mask at the show



Neoregelia 'Donger'



Tillandsia jalisco-monticola



Deutercohnia brevifolia



Guzmania sanguinea

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Tillandsia seleriana. Photo by Ed Voelker

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



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The Saddleback Valley Bromeliad Society next meets Thursday, August 3, 2023, at 7:00 PM.

Festivities include a:

- * **Program** on Bromeliad culture;
- * **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, Patti & Pete Dunn, Chris & Hank Bruce, Jeff Sorensen, and Ed Voelker.

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