

# Pup Talk

*October 2022*

## ***THE SADDLEBACK VALLEY BROMELIAD SOCIETY***

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**Next Meeting: Thursday, October 6, 2022, 7:00 PM**

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

**FEATURED THIS MONTH: Kelly Griffin on “Now and then. An update on the Yemeni island of Socotra.”**

Kelly is a succulent plant hybridizer, propagator and avid plant explorer. Like many of us, his interest in plants, started at a young age.

Kelly has traveled to 20+ countries searching for plants, visiting Madagascar 5 times, South Africa 5 times and Mexico 25 plus times to name a few. He worked as the Curator of Succulents at Rancho Soledad Nursery for 11 years and for the past 10 years he has been Altman’s Plants Succulent Plant Development Manager.

He is well known for hybridizing and is responsible for over 100 succulent hybrids now in the trade, including Aloes, Agaves and Echeverias. His specialties are his Aloe hybrids that are 30 years in the making (Pink Blush, Delta lights, Christmas Sleigh and Coral Fire etc.) and Agave hybrids and selections too (Blue Glow, Snow Glow, Cubic, Black and Blue, Dragon toes, Spawn, and Crème Brûlée to name just a few).

Kelly has been a member of the San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society since 1992. He has been on the board of Directors for the SDCSS, he served 4 years as that club’s President and 2 years as Vice-President. He was very honored to be named a Fellow of the San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society. He currently serves as a director on the board of the Cactus and Succulent Society of America.

He will be bringing some of his hybrids and some seed grown plants for sale.



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**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 the Sycamore B!



## September's Show & Tell featured:

Cristy Brenner	Aechmea fendleri (Photo P. 6 Left) Billbergia 'Casa Blanca' Quesnelia testudo albo-marginated Tillandsia aff. sagasteguii
Chris Bruce	Tillandsia disticha (Photo P. 4 Middle)
Don Debok	Aechmea 'Burning Bush' Vriesea 'California Gold'
Patti Dunn	Tillandsia capitata 'Peach' (Photo P. 4 bottom) T. 'Tabasco' (capitata rubra X concolor) Vriesea 'Arden Amour'
Mary Kermani	Tillandsia xerographica on wire frame T. xerographica on palm
Mark Nichols	Tillandsia brachycaulos in frame
Carolyn Parsons	Hechtia prediosa (Photo P. 4 Top) He. lanata?
Jeff Sorensen	Vriesea 'Golden Roi' X V. 'Grandiose' Photo P. 6 Top Right)
Kerry Wakely	Tillandsia sculpture (Photo Right) T. in wood frame





*Hechtia prediosa*  
Carolyn Parsons

*Tillandsia disticha*  
Chris Bruce



*Tillandsia capitata*  
'Peach'  
Patti Dunn

## Visiting Pam

The amazing Bromeliad display, (shown at right), was created by Pam Hyatt for the 2018 BSI Conference in San Diego. Pam has invited us to visit her nursery in Encinitas where these beautiful plants were grown. Pam is a world-renowned Tillandsia expert and a visit to Bird Rock is always a wonderful Bromeliad adventure (photo from our last visit below). There will be a huge selection of Tillandsias and other Bromeliads, plus a special benefit for our Saddleback members.

We are invited to visit from 9:00 a.m. until noon on Saturday, October 15, (221 Princehouse Lane in Encinitas). Come to our meeting for more information and to arrange carpools with your friends. Leave early to avoid traffic. Please bring a lunch or snacks if you plan to visit other nurseries in the area. Pam will provide coffee, tea, and cookies. Don't miss this chance to see and purchase some spectacular plants and visit with all of your Bromeliad friends.



Cristy



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A special thank you goes to George and Marilyn Long, for the many plants they donated to the club, especially for the Dyckias and Hechtias. The next two meetings will also feature plants from their wonderful collection.

Vriesea 'Golden Roi' X V. 'Grandiose'  
Jeff Sorensen



*Aechmea fendleri*  
Cristy Brenner

Framed *Tillandsia*





*Tillandsia xerographica*  
Mary Kermani

*Vriesea* 'California Gold'

*Aechmea* 'Burning Bush'

Don DeBok

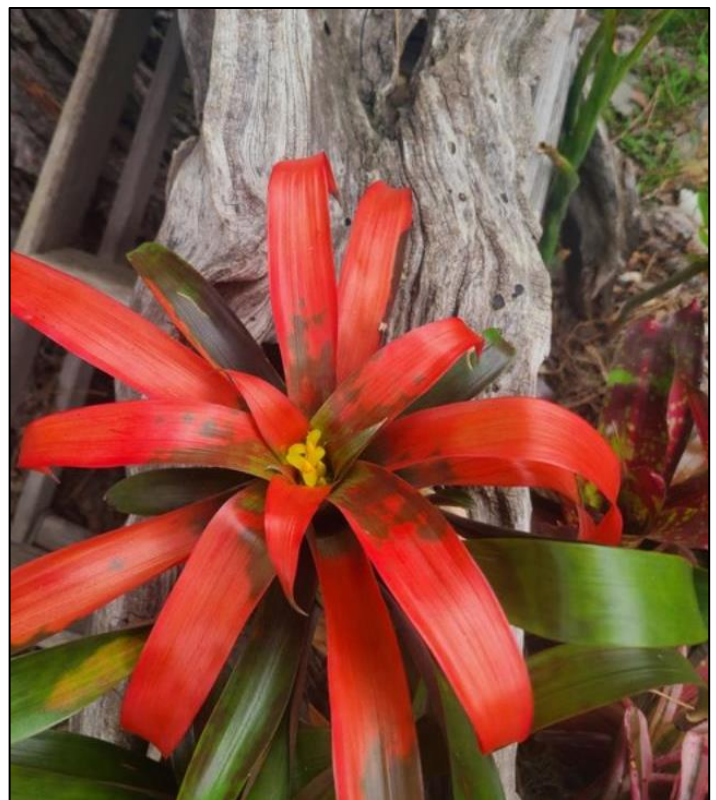


**Pam Koide Hyatt writes:** “Someone got promoted to SPECIES status! *Tillandsia ionantha* var. *vanhyningii* was first described by Mulford B. Foster in 1957. Foster discovered the now *Tillandsia vanhyningii* (pronounced van-HIGH-nin-gee-eye) in the Sumidero Canyon of Chiapas, Mexico, growing along steep limestone cliffs in large formations. At first glance, Foster was sure it was a new species, but after blooming and observing the plant, it appeared they have the same composition as many other forms of *ionantha*. In a paper published last year, Carlos Beutelspacher and Roberto Garcia Martinez argued for the reclassification of *Tillandsia ionantha* var. *vanhyningii* by elevating it to species status due to the caulescent growth habit not observed in other varieties or cultivars of *ionantha*. The name change was accepted, and so *Tillandsia vanhyningii* is born. The name, which can be difficult to say honors long time Tillandsia collectors, the Van Hynings.”



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*Guzmania sanguinea* from Patti  
Dunn



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Festivities include a:

- \* **Program** on Socotra plants then and now by Kelly Griffin;
- \* **Plant raffle** (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;
- \* **Goodies, Friendship; and Information.**

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