



Pup Talk

February 2023

THE SADDLEBACK VALLEY BROMELIAD SOCIETY

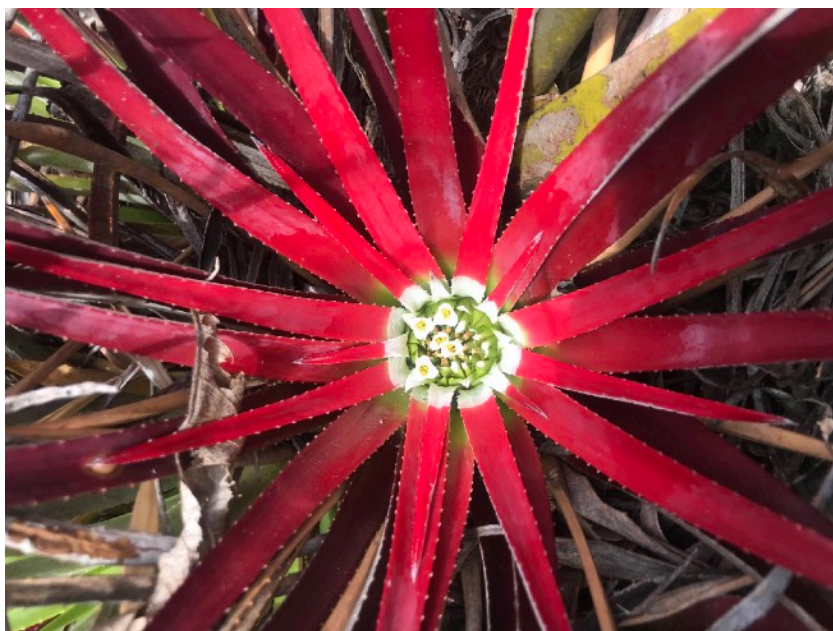
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We Will Meet: Thursday, February 2, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

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

Our February meeting will feature Dylan Zoller, who will present a slide program entitled: “Bromeliaceae and Associated Flora of Eastern Brazil.”

Dylan will feature Bromeliads from Minas Gerais and Bahia states, such as the beautiful *Sincoraea albopicta* shown at right. He grew up in Laguna Beach with a strong interest in exotic cultivated plants, starting with palms, cacti and succulents. At the age of six his father gave him his vintage copies of Alfred Graf's *Exotica*. For those not familiar, the two volumes served as pictorial encyclopedias for multiple tropical plants. In these books he was introduced to the great diversity in the Bromeliad family. Since then he began to grow and appreciate the plants himself.



Now working at Sherman Botanical Gardens, he maintains a collection of approximately 300 species in the Bromeliad family, both in the garden's naturalistic displays and in off-display greenhouses.

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):

January 29 — Board meeting at Carolyn's house at **12 noon** (new time)

February 2 — Our monthly meeting with slides of Bromeliads in Brazil

March 2 — Our March meeting

April 1 & 2 — Sherman Gardens Show and Sale (Saturday and Sunday)

July 15 & 16 — Sherman Gardens Plantorama (our summer sale)



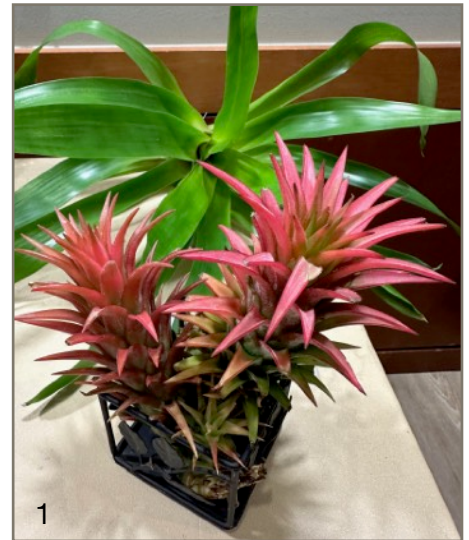
Patti Dunn sent me this beautiful photo of her *Aechmea orlandiana*. It grows on the side of her large pine tree. Note that the offsets (pups) are stoloniferous and are climbing up the tree. Stoloniferous means: "Sending out or propagating itself by runners or stolons which are disposed to root."* If you acquire a stoloniferous Bromeliad try putting it in a tree. We never have enough horizontal space, so go vertical!

*Source: *A Bromeliad Glossary* published by the Bromeliad Society International and available in our library.

Our January Show and Tell Featured:

Cristy Brenner

Aechmea 'Sueños' X *Ae. recurvata* v. *benrathii*
Billbergia horrida (black)
Billbergia 'Wee Man'
Hohenbergia magnispina cv. 'Karla'
Neoregelia 'Hannibal Lector'
Tillandsia vanhyningii (giant) (# 1)
Vriesea 'Arden's Comet'



Chris Bruce

Guzmania sanguinea (# 3)

Don DeBok

Vriesea 'Christiana' (# 9)

Patti Dunn

Quesnelia edmundoi v.
rubrobracteata
Tillandsia ehlersiana (# 5)
Tillandsia tectorum
Wallisia cyanea (# 10)



Norm Nakanishi

Tillandsia fasciculata (# 7)

Carolyn Parsons

x *Sincoregelia* 'Burgandy Hill' (# 4)
Wallisia cyanea

Jeff Sorensen

Aechmea apocalyptica (?) hybrid



Dylan Zoller

Billbergia eloiseae (# 8)
Guzmania garciaensis (# 2)
Tillandsia confertiflora. (# 6)
Tillandsia raackii



Show and Tell Plants



New Member Creativity:

One of our newest members, Amy Uyemura, is very creative. Last month we featured her hand-made mushroom and Tillandsia gift that she made for our Holiday party. This month, she made gifts for a Sherman Garden's event, (see following page), where she is a docent. She used home-grown loofahs, (seeds will be available at a future meeting), and metal kitchen scrubbers. She didn't have her usual steel metal scrubbers, and used copper instead. Oops—since she is a new member, she didn't know that copper can be toxic to Bromeliads, but they actually aren't touching the copper, so the Tillandsias may be alright. This is a good reason to join a Bromeliad society—to learn the “do's” and “don'ts” of your favorite plants.



New Bromeliad Display at Sherman Library and Gardens

A new garden area that features terrestrial Bromeliad species from Mexico and Brazil, was inaugurated on January 17. At age 19, our youngest member, Dylan Zoller (far right), was in charge of this project! Inspired by a trip to Brazil with several of our members last summer, he set out to duplicate some of the beautiful limestone landscapes that he had seen. He searched rock companies in Southern California with no success and eventually arranged for perfect limestone rock to be trucked in from Texas. He purchased plants from various sources and also arranged for many plant donations. Thank you to our former president, Robert Kopfstein, for donating many *Hechtias* and other plants for the display.

It will take several years for the plants to grow and multiply before this new area reaches its full beauty. It features the following Bromeliad genera: *Aechmea*, *Alcantarea*, *Dyckia*, *Encholirium*, *Fernseea*, *Forzzaea*, *Hechtia*, *Hohenbergia*, *Neoregelia*, *Orthophytum*, *Sincoraea*, and *Ursulaea*. It also features orchids, several palms, and other plants that are native to rocky regions of Mexico and Brazil. Come see this special new garden when we have our spring show and sale at Sherman Gardens on April 1-2.

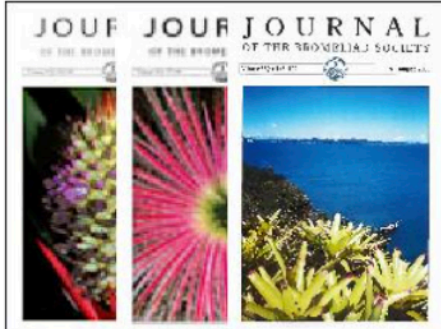




BROMELIAD SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL

Your membership is important!

How many of you are members of the BSI? Online membership only costs \$15 (the same as SVBS), although membership with the wonderful printed *Journal* costs more (go to BSI.org for information). It is currently very important that you join the BSI. Why? Because the number of board members in each region is determined by the number of members. In recent years, California membership has declined and when my board term expires in June, I will not be replaced. We will drop from three board members in the Western region to only two members. The COVID crisis has caused membership in many societies to dwindle, especially if they couldn't have ZOOM meetings (thank you John Marzolino for keeping us going). Three affiliate societies have recently disbanded: Chicago, New York, and Dallas. Overall BSI membership has declined and it is of great concern to the organization. BSI membership offers you many advantages, some of which are shown below and their conferences are absolutely wonderful!!!



The BSI Journal Archive is available (recent ones, see members only).

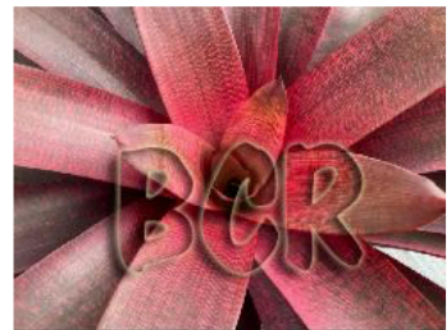


A central platform to share photographs, literature and discussion on Bromeliaceae.

[Bromeliad Species Database](#)



new Facebook group



The Bromeliad Cultivar Register is on the BSI Website!

Blast from the Past:

Recently, I talked to our former editor, Joe Wujcik, and I asked him if it would be all right to use articles from previous issues of *Pup Talk* that he and his wife Carol had created many years ago. He was very happy about this idea, especially because it would honor his dear wife Carol.

It's a month late, but here are some Bromeliad-related New Year's resolutions that I believe were written by

NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS

Many make New Years resolutions many others consciously decide not to make them. Here are a few Bromeliad-related ones you might consider making for 2006:

- To learn about at least one new species each month. Where is it from? What conditions does it grow in nature? How will it do best here?
- To finally learn how to spell the name of that plant I have to look up each time I do a tag for it.
- To read a bromeliad book. Don't have a book to read? No problem, see the large number we have in our library for you to check out!
- To bring at least one plant to show & tell each meeting. It's OK if it is to demonstrate what not to do!
- To prepare and exhibit at least one plant at our show if the club should have one this year.
- To try to get one a friend to attend one of our meetings with me. Many people are shy about approaching strangers and may need a little push. This friendly group is bound to win them over.
- To divide my plants in a timely manner.
- To help at the club's sale this spring.
- To get up the nerve to ask one of our club's "experts" that question about a plant that has been bothering me. After all, they love to share their knowledge!
- To enjoy the meetings and plants regardless of resolutions.



After the San Diego Bromeliad sale in Balboa Park last December, we had a special treat: We were invited to have lunch in Scott Sandel's beautiful garden. Scott has spoken at our society on several occasions and he is an exceptional grower of large Vrieseas such as those in the foreground. It was a cool afternoon and we had lunch around a delightful fire pit while discussing our favorite plants and our many South American plant expeditions.

2023 Society Officers/Committee Heads

President:	Chris Bruce	Publicity:	Kathy Jones
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Membership	Nada Chatwell	Supplies:	Don DeBok
Plant Table:	John Marzolino	Webmaster and Zoom	John Marzolino
	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. This will be a major topic of discussion at our upcoming board meeting. If you are a member, be sure to keep your member list that has all of the contact information.

Our Web Address: bromeliadsociety.org

Aechmea 'Bert'
photo by Ed Voelker



SVBS 2023 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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Costa Mesa, CA 92626

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The Saddleback Valley Bromeliad Society next meets Thursday, February 2, 2023, at 7:00 PM.

Festivities include a:

- * **Program** on Bromeliads of Brazil;
- * **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 John Marzolino, Patti & Pete Dunn, Chris & Hank Bruce, Ed Voelker, and Amy Uyemura.

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