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President's Corner

By Scott Sandel

Can you believe the summer solstice (June 20th) is just around the corner? Many of us who grow Neoregelias can tell by the formation of blooms that are visible this month. A few of them are blooming and will be well-timed for our SHOW this month.

Center: Neo kautskyi hybrid, Neo rosea lineata, Neo 'Vivacor', from Scott Sandel's collection

Plant Sale

Yes, indeed, it is that time of the year, and I hope that everyone in the SDBS is going to participate in this Show and Sale. So far, it looks like this is going to be a good one, too. Are some of you going to bring some unusual plants to sell? Please consider bringing at least a few, even if they are bare-root (wrapped in plastic wrap to avoid a mess).



I'm going to have some, including a couple nice offsets of the version of *Portea alatisepala* that has the reddish-purple foliage. This one:



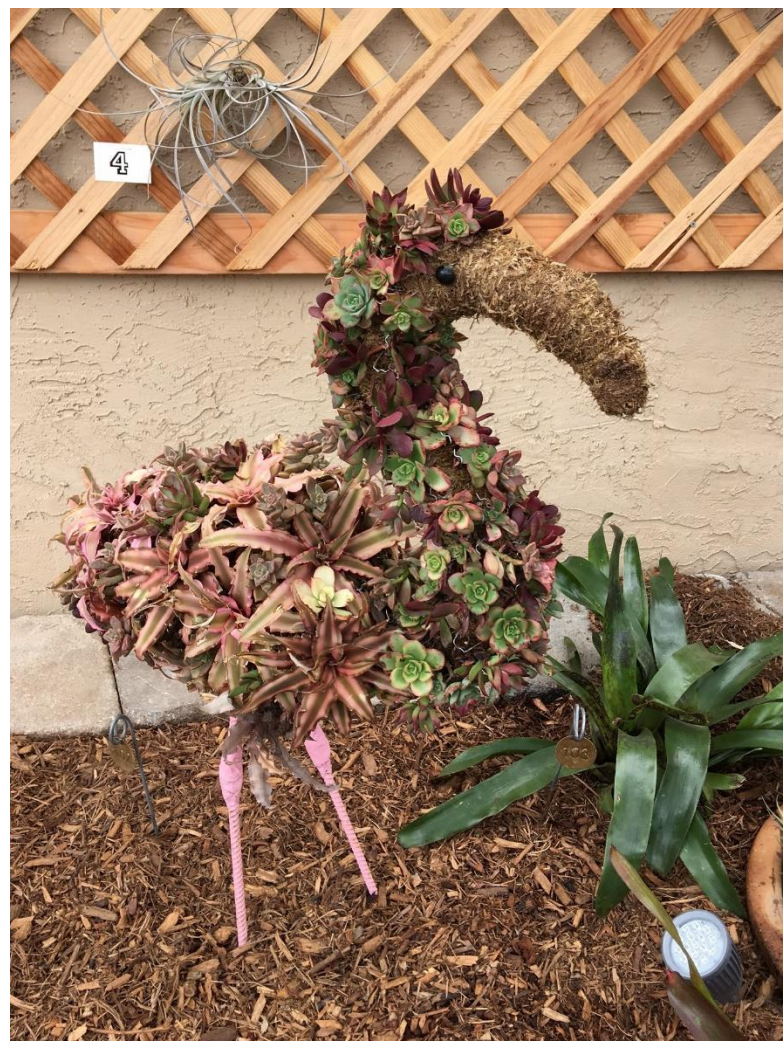
Don't forget to double-tag with both tags having your member number, full plant name and price. What are you going to bring?

Plant Show

I hope y'all are planning to bring a few plants to put in the show, as I am. Now is a good time to choose the plants you want to enter. Then go to our website, www.SanDiegoBromeliadSociety.org, to download and print the entry forms. Then bring them in this Friday, June 9th. Last month's Blade had a good article on preparing your plants. I know that I need to re-read it, because I have gotten judges' comments before on my lax cleaning. I appreciate seeing plants from different members, and I am always impressed at how well folks from our group can grow their bromeliads. Even you terrestrial growers.

San Diego County Fair

Another HUGE shout-out goes to those in the group who made the San Diego County Fair exhibit such a big success. Nancy Groves again has led a small team to create an awesome display that will be seen by hundreds in the next few weeks and will introduce them to the Society and to bromeliads in general. Our exhibit space is on a prominent corner. Special credit goes out to Don and Mary Nelson and their daughter Andrea; Mary, in particular, helped with an attention to detail! And thanks to the following for lending us plants—Birdrock Tropicals, Pat Hammer from Samia Rose Topiaries for the topiaries, Dave & Debbie Kennedy, Dan Kinnard, Eloise Lau, Robert Kopfstein, Scott Sandel, and Nancy Groves. Check out the display at the Fair, which runs through July 4th. s almost show time. Please visit the website and download the show schedule and the show classes.



The SD County Fair display, above; and detail of exhibit.

News on the World Bromeliad Conference San Diego

By Scott Sandel

May 29 - June 3, 2018

We continue to receive a few more registrations for the conference, even though the event is officially now a year away. That's good news. In addition, Ed Doherty, our Speakers Committee boss, has gotten us a great line-up of speakers who are just now being confirmed.

Look for an article or two on the conference in your BSI Journal, which will be out in a few weeks. If you haven't yet registered, please consider it. I went to the Houston conference in 2016 and had not been to one before. I met new people and was introduced to new perspectives in the world of broms. You'll get to

meet the big names in the bromeliad world, meet hybridizers and growers, and get to chat with folks from other countries. And if you would like to volunteer either for just a few hours or for a day or two – we could use your help in putting together displays, the show, the sale or on one of the tours. Just give me a shout at sandel-marich@cox.net and I will put you on our list.

Last Minute Reminders About the Show this Weekend

Boxes & Bags

Please save and bring boxes and bags to the show and sale on Friday or Saturday morning for use during the sale. If you are selling plants, please be sure that each plant has two tags and that ideally, BOTH tags have the name of the plant, your member number and the price clearly visible on them. If the name of the plant is long and tedious to write, be sure that BOTH tags have, at a minimum, your member number and price to insure that you are given credit for the sale.

Do the Paperwork at Home

Fill in your Check-In Form before you come on Friday, June 9, with your show plants! Find the Show Schedule, Entry Classes and the Registration Form for the SDBS Annual Show & Sale in our website. Don't forget that the new taxa will be used, and many of us are not very familiar with the name changes. It may take longer to get those new names down.

Visit

sandiegobromeliadsociety.com



May Meeting

The plant prep demonstration was so 2017! Morlane O'Donnell showed us how it's done and led the hands-on presentation. Kudos for Andrew Wilson and Dan Kinnard for providing the real-time video screening of the demo so everyone could see and hear all the details.

The auction plants were 3 massive specimens from Chris Poulsen's collection.

Show and Tell

Another nice spread of curious plants this past month!

Bob Wright

Hechtia glomerata

Hechtia tillandsioides x *lundelliorum*

Hechtia lundelliorum

Billbergia 'La Vie en Rose'

Hohembergia rosea hybrid

Don Patterson (below)

Orthophytum lemei x *gurkenii*



Auctioned: immense basket of Orthophytum 'Copper Penny'



Tillandsia fasciculata x *ionantha* 3 ways: brought by David Kennedy, always educational



David Kennedy

Tillandsia fasciculata x *ionantha*: an Arden hybrid, 'El Camaron' and 1 more cross with the same parentage.

Pam Peters



Aechmea roberto seidelii (photo)
Aechmea pineliana var. *minuta*



Joanne Dossett
Tillandsia novakii

Ed Doherty
Tillandsia stricta clump
Tillandsia bergerii

Nancy Groves
Tillandsia chlorophylla

Robert Kopfstein
Hechtia glomerata, stoloniferous
Hechtia pretiosa

Bob Vitacco
Aechmea nudicaulis



SAN DIEGO BROMELIAD SOCIETY
BOUNTIFUL BROMELIADS!

- **SATURDAY & SUNDAY** June 10th & 11th
- **10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.**
- **BALBOA PARK - CASA DEL PRADO, ROOM 101**

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for details, go to: www.sandiegobromeliadsociety.org



Upcoming Events

Highlighted Meetings

June 10 & 11 2017 10 AM to 4 PM
 SDBS Annual Show & Sale
 Balboa Park, Casa del Prado, room 101
www.sandiegobromeliadsociety.org

July 8, 2017 @ 10 AM
 SDBS Monthly Meeting
 Balboa Park, Casa del Prado, room 104
www.sandiegobromeliadsociety.org

World Bromeliad Conference
 2018 - San Diego

May 29 - June 3, 2018

Early Bird Rates Extended to
 End of May! Register at:

<http://www.bsi.org/new/conference-corner/>

Monthly Meetings

1st Tuesday, 6:30 PM
 San Diego Orchid Society
 Balboa Park, Casa Del Prado, Room 101
www.sdorchids.com

2nd Saturday, 10 AM
 San Diego Bromeliad Society
 Balboa Park, Casa Del Prado, Room 104
www.sandiegobromeliadsociety.org

2nd Saturday, 1 PM
 San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society
 Balboa Park, Casa Del Prado, Room 101
www.sdcss.net

2nd Monday, 5:45 PM
 San Diego Horticultural Society
 Congregation Beth Israel (CBI)
 9001 Towne Centre Drive
 San Diego, CA 92122
www.sandiegohorticulturalsociety.org

Too Big to Bring In

Happening now, in Pam Peters garden: A stunning *Tillandsia latifolia* var. *divaricata*, with multiple spikes. It is all one plant!

Pam's yucca tree is the host for many other tillys and orchids and broms, but we will save those for a later date...



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Save the Date

South Bay Bromeliad Associates is celebrating 50 years with a Show and Sale in August, at Paul Isley's Rainforest Flora in Torrance.

See flyer below.

BROMELIAD SHOW & SALE

PRESENTED BY

South Bay Bromeliad Associates

50th anniversary!

REDONDO BEACH BLVD
ARTESIA BLVD
405 SAN DIEGO ERWY
182 ND ST
Bromeliad Show & Sale 190 TH ST
Rainforest Flora Inc
19121 Hawthorne Blvd
Torrance CA, 90503
HAWTHORNE BLVD
CRENSHAW BLVD

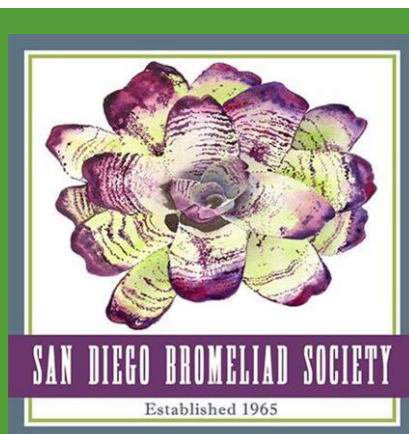
**FREE ADMISSION
FREE PARKING**
Sales from members private collections and commercial vendors

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY
AUG 5 & 6, 2017**
AT
Rainforest Flora Inc
19121 Hawthorne Blvd.
Torrance CA 90503

SHOW HOURS SAT. NOON-4:30
SUN. 10:00-4:30

SALES HOURS SAT. 10:00-4:30
SUN. 10:00-4:30

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Make sure to submit your contribution before the 20th of the month for inclusion in the next newsletter.

SDBS MEETING

The club meets on the second Saturday of the month at 10am in Balboa Park, Casa del Prado, room 104.

SDBS WEBPAGE

www.sandiegobromeliadsociety.org