

# The Bromeliad Blade

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## President's Message

By Scott Sandel

### Let's all take a breather!

The World Bromeliad Conference in San Diego was a success. It could not have been done without the cooperative efforts of many, many members of our society. As with any huge endeavor, I may forget to mention someone; if I forget to mention you, it is surely from oversight and not intentional slight. First and foremost, I would like to recognize and thank co-chair Nancy Groves. Nancy's energy and contagious enthusiasm saw us through. Plus, we had a committed organizing committee with Vendor Co-Chair Morlane O'Donnell, Speakers Chair Ed Doherty, WBC Sales Treasurer Al Evans, WBC Treasurer Kerry Nelson, Show Chair Robert Kopfstein, Food & Beverage Chair Stephen Zolezzi, Tour/Welcome Desk

Chair Ruth Contino, PR Chair Juliana Raposo, Tammy Harmon, Charles Oelson, Don Patterson and others. Debbie and David Kennedy gave of their time to make the show a huge success. Much appreciated are the show judges (including Cristy Brenner and others from outside of San Diego) and show clerks (Robert Walters, Lee Baker and Pam Peters among them). We surely appreciate our tour hosts, Dan Kinnard, Eloise

Lau, Jim Bishop, Scott Borden, Jim Marich and Roberts and Karen Kopfstein. A special thanks goes to Julian Duval of the San Diego Botanic Garden for hosting us on Thursday. Our exhibits were amazing, so thanks goes to many, including those from Saddleback, the teams from Birdrock Tropicals, Davis Farms and Rainforest Flora. And finally, I would like to thank all of our many, many members who

graciously gave of their time to volunteer at the venue. I hope you enjoyed it as much as Nancy and I.

Be on the lookout in the next couple of editions and on our Facebook page for photos of plants that were in the show. There were some beauties in there!

We are lucky to have a presentation in June by Lisa Rini. She is a fantastic photographer and fine landscape designer, so we will be both entertained and inspired with ideas on how to use bromeliads in the landscape.



*Won at auction. Donated by David Fell,  
Vriesea 'Jamie Smethie'*

# Editor's Notes

By Juliana Raposo

*Below: the SDBS display and the Show's head table*



The WBC was a lot of work, but it's not all over now – I need your help. I am compiling a photo album of the conference, and I need more photos. We specially need pictures of the speakers, the auction, and the Thursday bus tour. Email pictures to [julianadraposo@gmail.com](mailto:julianadraposo@gmail.com)

Extended coverage of the conference will start to come out in the following months. I'm still sorting all the information, but here's a taste to you all. Don't forget to send your photos if you can.

## More Thank You's, of course!

Adding to Scott's list, we'd like to send a special thanks to our wonderful members Monica Mroz, Lisa Rini and Tammy Harmon for the incredible display they created for SDBS. The people who loaned plants are also greatly appreciated. The display was not only beautifully crafted, but it reflected the range of

plants that we grow in our region and it made our club look gooooood!

Lots of love to Tony Godfrey and Olive Hill Greenhouses for supplying hundreds of guzmanias for room decoration plus the colorful table

centerpieces in the Saturday banquet and the speaker's stage arrangements. You can see Tammy posing next to one:)

We so appreciate Pam Koide-Hyatt for creating a blockbuster display



with every shape and color of Tillandsia. The Bird Rock Tropicals display was unforgettable. Thanks Pam for allowing me to pose next to T. eizii without going to Mexico.

Thanks to Bob Waters for hauling that massive Deuterocohnia brevifolia to the Show! Represent! He won the Mulford Foster Prize.

Thanks to our new member Xiang Li for the photos from the Show & Sale. Xiang is a great photographer. You are in luck if he happened to take your picture! He shared 2 photo albums on Flickr:

<https://www.flickr.com/gp/157539845@N08/HGCwdj>

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A heartfelt Thank You to our sales team who worked an insane amount of hours and went far above what you can ask of a volunteer. We love you!

To our speakers Peter Waters, Jeffrey Kent, Paul Isley, Jose Manzanaras, Ivon Ramirez, Li Ping, Pam Koide-Hyatt and Dennis Cathcart we thank you for your wonderful lectures. We certainly learned more about the world of bromeliads! Thanks for slicing and dicing your subject in a

way that we all can understand. The presentations were amazing! And thanks to Martin Siaw, from China, who suddenly became our audio and video wizard and for your introduction on your incredible bromeliad outreach in China.



*SDBS President Scott Sandel posing in front of our club display. Below, a detail of the Bird Rock Tropicals display*





*In this page: Pam Peters and Eloise Lau at the trolley garden tour; WBC Co-chair Nancy Groves with a show entry; David Fell and his vrieseas; Monica Mroz and Lisa Rini working on the SDBS display; Tammy Harmon looking pretty next to one of the Olive Hill arrangements; BSI President Lynn Wegner, directly from South Africa, and Juliana Raposo.*

# May Meeting

Looks like it was eons ago, but here's the recap of the SDBS monthly meeting in May. The conference coverage will start to come out in the July newsletter. Our speaker was SDBS Andrew Wilson who presented a slideshow of the 2006 World Conference, which was hosted by SDBS.

## Show and Tell

Here are a few of the entries. Many people forgot to fill their show and tell card and therefore cannot be mentioned.

### Tammy Harmon

Guzmania hybrid, Kent



**David Kennedy**  
*Fosterella albicans* (plant and inflorescence detail)  
*Tillandsia seleriana* (middle right)



### Lucia Velazquez

*Tillandsia baileyi*  
*Tillandsia ionantha* var. *vanhuyningii*  
*Tillandsia ionantha* 'Druid'



### Don Patterson

x*Neosincoraea* unknown  
 (right)



### Steve Salley



*Tillandsia australis* (Wow!)

### Bob Wright

*Billbergia* 'La Vie en Rose'



## June Meeting

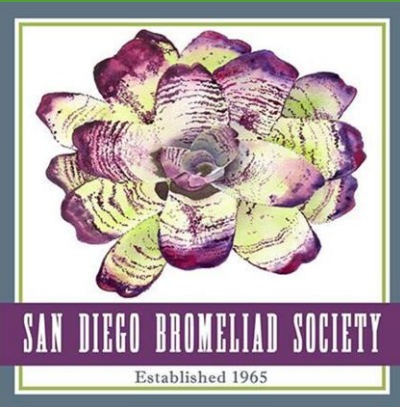
Our June speaker is SDBS member Lisa Rini. She worked in Balboa Park as Training Manager in the Parks and Recreation Dept for 20 + years. Retired from City, she started her own landscape design business, San Diego Garden Concierge, in 2010. Her presentation will be about her experience in using bromeliads in landscaping. It will be super fun!

In Lisa's own words: "I've been collecting tillandsias and bromeliads over 35 years. My garden is in a constant state of flux – it is more of a learning lab."

Here's a sample of the photos of her garden. See you there!



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contribution before the 20<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.sandiegobromeliadsociety.org)

## Now Blooming

Magnificent!  
*Hohembergia stellata*, Al Evans.



Cute little *Aechmea* species.  
Stoloniferous and regular bloomer.  
Unfortunately lost plant tag.  
Juliana Raposo



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