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President's Message

By Morlane O'Donnell

We are now in the midst of the busiest time of the year for our society. The fair is underway with a fantastic display of amazing bromeliads. Many thanks go out to Nancy Groves and her crew for their long hours of hard work putting it all together. Thanks to those who lent their beautiful plants to create an array of stunning color producing a tranquil setting for the public to enjoy. News flash! This just in - fair awards were just given and the awesome display won several major awards! Congratulations to all involved!

Another major event will take place on the 8th and 9th of this month. It has been announced at all the recent meetings. Yes, it's our annual show and sale. Juliana Raposo has been busy planning what promises to be an eye-catching representation of

what collecting bromeliads is all about. Several members and a few commercial vendors will have bromeliad related items and plants



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for sale. If you wish to sell and you need the rules and guidelines, email me ASAP. Don't forget to bring some plants Friday (on loan of course) for

the display. There is still a need for volunteers. Please volunteer for a shift or two. Thanks to those who have already signed up. If you're not

sure what to do, show up and enjoy the company of fellow

bromeliophiles. Both the show and the fair are definitely on the must attend list. Come out and support your club.



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One more thing - Dan Kinnard, Eloise Lau, and Andrew Wilson did an outstanding job of organizing the garden bus tour in May. Those who went had the opportunity of bringing home some new additions and not many (if any) went home empty handed. There was no lack of snacks (kudos Eloise) and libation (thanks Steve) either. Thank you for a successful trip. Until next time, safe and happy growing.

May Highlights

Talk

We had the opportunity to critique the presentations that BSI is preparing as part of a knowledge base to be shared with affiliates.

Show and Tell

Al Evans

Assorted cultivars of *Tillandsia ionantha* mounted on rock:

T. ionantha

T. ionantha 'Peach'

T. ionantha 'Druid'

Dave Kennedy

Tillandsia vernicosa small form

Tillandsia ionantha Curly Giant

Giant blooming clump of *Tillandsia stricta* hybrid



Robert Kopfstein

Aechmea nudicaulis

Billbergia elegans

Don Nelson

Vriesea sp.

Dyckia Silver Nickel

Dyckia sp.

Lucia Velazquez

Tillandsia aeranthos clump

Tillandsia straminea deep purple

Nancy Groves

Tillandsia stricta hybrid clump

And more...



Garden Tour

The Orange County garden tour was a blast! It was so good to see how our 2 hosts enjoy their bromeliads.

Chris Lutz in Dana Point has an impeccable garden. Bromeliads galore dwell in every possible surface - mounted, hanging from trees and vertically in an interesting conic display built around palm tree trunks. Mature tropicals like towering euphorbia, rare palms, and a gargantuan *Ficus dammaropsis* provide structure and a stunning backdrop for the broms. And as a centerpiece, a historical olive tree was completely tropicalized with the addition of hundreds of bromeliads to its boughs. Chris received us with a spread of yummy snacks and fresh coffee, and lots of places to sit and enjoy his beautiful garden.

In going to Norm Nakanishi's property in Anaheim, it was expected that he would have "some" plants to sell. Well... we weren't expecting a nursery that goes well beyond what can be called a hobby. Norm cultivates a range of different tropicals, and the club went to town not only for his bromeliads, but also begonias, palms, cycads... It was a shopping frenzy, and he looked



pretty surprised with the reception that his plants had. I could not believe my eyes as we walked from shadehouse to shadehouse filled with the most amazing plants.

Thank you, Chris Lutz and Norm Nakanishi, for your hospitality! And thanks to Andrew Wilson and Eloise Lau for putting together this great garden tour.

Left, Charles Oelsen, Morlane O'Donnell and Kerry Nelson. Top, the olive tree at Chris Lutz's.

Upcoming Events

SDBS Meetings

July 13, 2019

SDBS Monthly Meeting

Balboa Park, Casa del Prado, room 104

www.sandiegobromeliadsociety.org

See you at the
Show and Sale! No
club meeting in
June.

SDBS Events 2019

SDBS Display at the San Diego Fair

Del Mar Fairgrounds

June 1 – July 4, 2019

SDBS Annual Show & Sale

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Monthly Meetings

1st Tuesday, 6:30 PM

San Diego Orchid Society

Balboa Park, Casa Del Prado, Room 101

www.sdorchids.com

2nd Saturday, 1 PM

San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society

Balboa Park, Casa Del Prado, Room 101

www.sdcss.net

2nd Wednesday, 7 PM

San Diego Epiphyllum Society

Balboa Park, Casa Del Prado, Room 101

www.SanDiegoEpi.org

2nd Monday, 5:45 PM

San Diego Horticultural Society

Congregation Beth Israel (CBI)

9001 Towne Centre Drive

San Diego, CA 92122

sdhort.org

SDBS Display at San Diego County Fair

By Nancy Groves

Great news!!! The display by the San Diego Bromeliad Society won multiple awards:

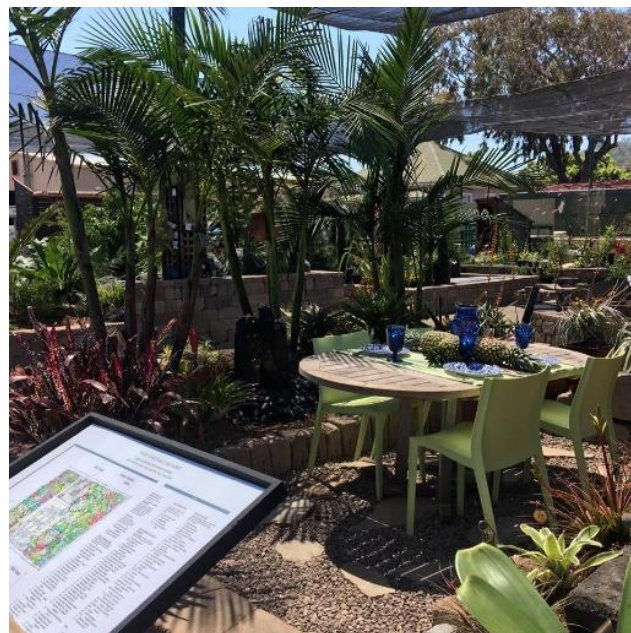
1. \$2,500———We got a PERFECT score of 500 points worth \$5 each!!!

2. \$500———We got the Don Diego Award—extra surprise!!!

3. \$100———We got the Bill Teague Award from the Horticultural Society

4. And a noteworthy plant award for the tree Agonis 'After Dark'

All this is due to everyone's contributions——especially Debbie Kennedy and Bob Walters who dug holes, planted 5 trees, shoveled gravel, moved rocks, hauled mulch, cleaned plants and some of everything. Big thanks to Ronee for hooking up and installing all of the lighting which looks awesome! Stephen got the fountain hooked up, brought the table settings, and hung the tillandsia wall with Bob W. whose height we really needed. Thanks to Ruth for cleaning and burnishing all 70 of the metal plant tags; crazy that we had exactly 70 terrestrials. Well, in addition we had 73 tillandsias! Thanks, Don Nelson, for picking up and hauling Greg and Wanda's beautiful bird houses to the site. Thank you, Al, for picking up and driving the truck and thanks to Bob Vitacco, Debbie, Bob Walters, and Dave for loading and unloading. Kudos to Juliana for adjusting Scott's landscape plan at the last minute. Scott, your table and chairs were the perfect fit and



color. And of course the piece de resistance was all the plants borrowed from Dave Kennedy, Scott Sandel, Bob Walters, Nancy, Robert Kopfstein, Dan & Eloise. Ok, so I did contribute the bench, beehive, wild bee-bug-butterfly house, the lighted fountain, and the bat. When you come to see the display, see if you can find Sonja's birds and butterfly and extra points to those who see the bat! And thanks in advance to all of you who have volunteered to person information tables and booths on June 1,2 and 5—Mary Lee, Sandy Valone, Nell McChesney, Stephen Zolezzi, Ronee Kozlowski, Al Evans, Debbie Kennedy, Tammy Harmon, Tassie Irwin. (Still have 2 more opportunities available: Sat. June 1 from 2-5 and Wed. June 5 from 2-5.)

ADDED BONUS; June 5 at 1:00 and 2:30 Pam Koide-Hyatt will speak on the Garden Stage. Hope I didn't leave anyone out. Thanks so much everyone for all your help; it really takes a team effort and it really was fun.

2019 SDBS Bromeliad Show and Sale

By Juliana Raposo

The Annual Bromeliad Show and Sale is upon us! Have you told your friends? Your neighbor who keeps asking what those “succulents” are? Did you invite that person in your life who is always asking if you have cuttings to spare? Please do!

Scott and I are planning a cool display that will give everyone bromeliad fever. It includes a video showing bromeliads growing around the world. I’m so glad that we got material submissions from our club members and from fellow



bromeliophyles as far as New Zealand and Brazil! But hey, only a few folks registered plants for the show online. Last day to do this is June 1st. Not inspired to fill out a form? Nevermind! Please bring plants for the show even if you haven’t registered them. Remember, first 10 people to bring 10 or more plants get a \$10 off coupon for the sale. And yes, you don’t want to miss the bromeliad sale for that once-a-year opportunity to shop at so many cool bromeliad vendors under the same roof.

I know everybody is exhausted with so much activity – but we still need help in the show. Thanks to those who already volunteered to help. If you still want to join the effort, go to our [volunteer signup and register](#). Among other things, we still have a critical need for security /greeters on Saturday and Sunday, and we need a few more tag pullers at the sale.

See you all next Saturday and Sunday.

Left: Vriesea sceptrum in Araucaria forest habitat, Brazil. Photo by Orlando Graeff.

Top: Bromelizing in New Zealand: Northland Group members look after a special bromeliad area in the large Whangarei Quarry Gardens. The 24-acre site was developed in the early 1990s in an old abandoned quarry. It has come about through the efforts of sponsors, contractors, businesses and lots of voluntary labor. The local bromeliad group is proud to take care of the thriving bromeliad area.

SDBS 2019

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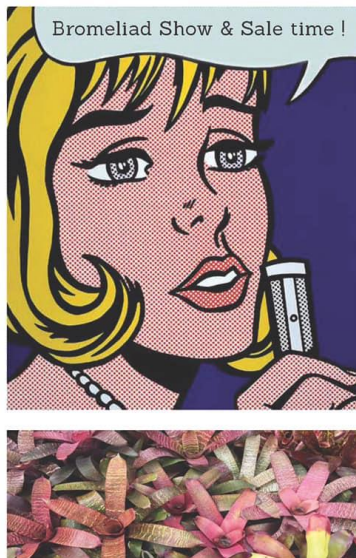
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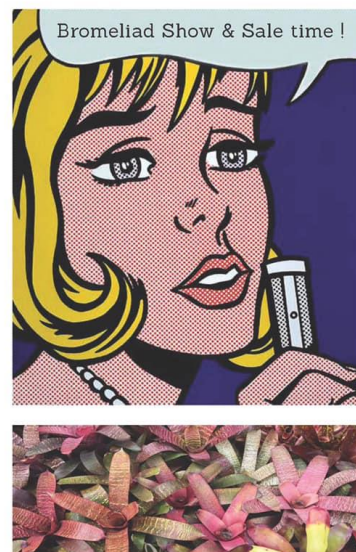
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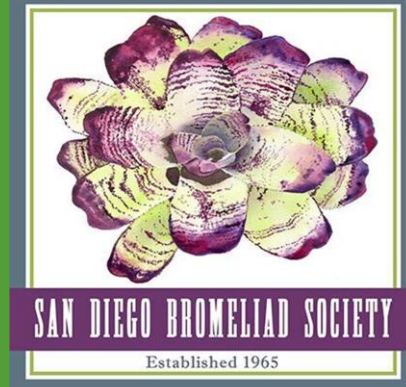
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SDBS MEETING

The club meets on the second
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