

# The Bromeliad Blade

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## President's Corner

By Scott Sandel

### Our Benevolent Climate

As I write this, tropical storm Lidia has brought us warm, somewhat humid conditions. Inland, we've seen triple-digit temperatures, and last night in the coastal strip it did it stayed in the 80's at night. These conditions make us realize how lucky we are and how good our climate is *usually*. Words are elusive in trying to communicate sympathy to friends in Texas on the Gulf coast who are going through the clean-up, demolition and rebuilding processes after hurricane Harvey. Luckily, flood waters did not enter the homes of my father and my two sisters in Houston, but it came close and it was a nail-biter. Here, I'm happy to take a little heat and humidity without air conditioning. Hot, dry Santa Ana conditions are not too far away. Consider moving any of your burn-susceptible bromeliads out of spots that receive direct afternoon sunlight before the humidity gets low and the temperature rises. I've had a few supposedly sun-tolerant

Alcantareas and Neoregelias get unsightly burned spots on leaves. Acclimated plants that can take it for 95% of the year may burn in a single hot Santa Ana afternoon.



*Tillandsia Eric Knobloch*

### World Bromeliad Conference 2018 - What's New?

The big news is that the registration rate for the conference has been reduced from \$350.00 to \$290.00! BSI has negotiated with our venue for lower prices, and we are passing those savings on to you. The Board of BSI is pleased to make it possible for more of us to attend the 2018 conference. So if you have been thinking about attending, go to our website and check out the latest details. We have most of our ducks in a row, in terms of speakers, tours

and the schedule for the nearly week-long event. Our SDBS members have stood up to volunteer! We have a steering committee, and we have folks who have agreed to be chairs for different parts of the event. That said, if you would like to help and will volunteer for some shifts during the conference, we have needs for tour docents, plant exhibit helpers, sale and show workers, security folks, welcome desk volunteers and a few other roles. I have a list with a few of your names on it, but we can use all the help that we can get. And let's not forget that next year's SDBS show and sale, usually in Balboa Park, will be supplanted by the show and sale at the WBC at Paradise Point. So please be grooming your special plants so that we can have a bounteous plant show for our international guests. Special thanks go out to Eloise Lau, our librarian, who has organized a bus trip for us in late October. Is anyone planning on wearing a costume? Another big thanks goes to Juliana Raposo, our newsletter editor extraordinaire, who will be giving us a presentation on a recent trip to Brazil this month. I hope to see y'all this Saturday, the 9th, in Balboa Park.



# August Picnic Highlights

Thanks Andrew & Beatrice Wilson for hosting!



*Left: Tillandsia ponderosa majestically perching on Capitan Cook's tea tree (Leptospermum laevigatum). Top: This 50+ year-old massive lemon-scented gum tree (Corymbia citriodora) was planted by Andrew from a 1-gallon container.*



*Left: Scott shows us his xNeophytum 'Supernova'. Right: Andrew leading the group on a quick garden tour.*

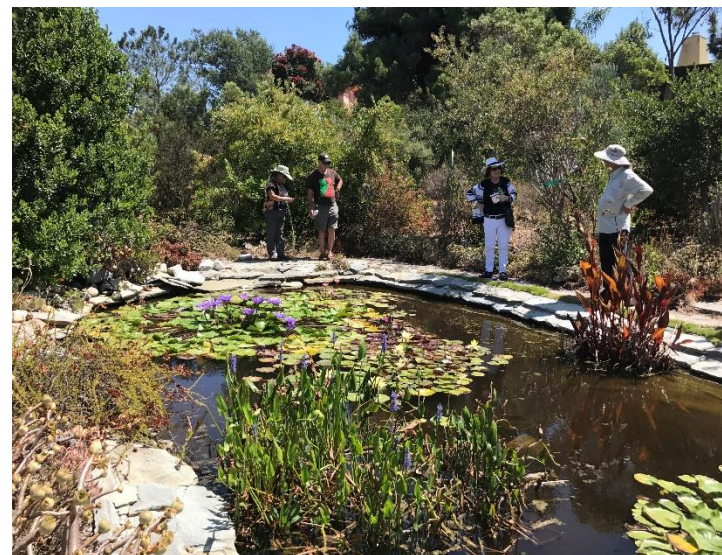




Thanks again to the Wilsons for hosting and to all who brought delicious food for the party, and everyone who helped set up.

After eating and socializing, club members each got a raffle for the Tillandsia International plant table, followed by an auction where a lucky few snatched some extra special tillandsias.

Andrew kindly took the group for a walk around. His garden looks better than ever.





## Upcoming Events

### SDBS Meetings

September 9, 2017 @ 10 AM  
SDBS Monthly Meeting  
Balboa Park, Casa del Prado, room 104  
[www.sandiegobromeliadsociety.org](http://www.sandiegobromeliadsociety.org)

October 14, 2017 @ 10 AM  
SDBS Monthly Meeting  
Balboa Park, Casa del Prado, room 104  
[www.sandiegobromeliadsociety.org](http://www.sandiegobromeliadsociety.org)

## September Meeting



In the September meeting we will continue with the "bromeliads in the garden" subject. A presentation by Juliana Raposo, SDBS editor, reports on 2 outstanding private collections in Brazil.

Elton Leme, BSI trustee, taxonomist and nature explorer, has opened up his Refugio dos Gravatas for the Blade in July 2016. His collection is one of the largest living bromeliad species banks in the world, collaborating with researchers and botanical institutions in Brazil and abroad.

Orlando Graeff, former president of the Brazilian Bromeliad Society, also an agronomist and geographer, transformed his home in a fantastic horticultural experiment. In the Phytogeographic Garden, the focus is on recreating the plantscapes of Brazil. Each planting area is carefully crafted to represent different bromeliad habitats. Plants interact with companion species like they would in nature and the end result is a work in progress and a fresh approach to garden design.

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### World Bromeliad Conference 2018

San Diego



May 29 - June 3, 2018

fiesta de las bromelias

**Price drop: Now only \$290!**

**Register at:**

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

### Monthly Meetings

**1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 6:30 PM**  
San Diego Orchid Society  
Balboa Park, Casa Del Prado, Room 101  
[www.sdorchids.com](http://www.sdorchids.com)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, 10 AM**  
San Diego Bromeliad Society  
Balboa Park, Casa Del Prado, Room 104  
[www.sandiegobromeliadsociety.org](http://www.sandiegobromeliadsociety.org)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, 1 PM**  
San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society  
Balboa Park, Casa Del Prado, Room 101  
[www.sdcss.net](http://www.sdcss.net)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 5:45 PM**  
San Diego Horticultural Society  
Congregation Beth Israel (CBI)  
9001 Towne Centre Drive  
San Diego, CA 92122

**San Diego Bromeliad Society Nursery Hop  
Bus Trip to Liveart Plantscapes and Rainforest Flora  
October 28, 2017, Saturday**

A Special Bromeliad shopping trip for you to shop till you drop

A great opportunity to visit 2 bromeliad nurseries—Larry's **Liveart Plantscapes** in Gardena (Larry is the vendor with the fabulous bromeliads at our June show and Sale) and **Rain Forest Flora** in Torrance. Paul Isley promises to meet us and tell us about some of his fabulous hybrids.

Your cost for the trip includes lunch at Home Town Buffet in Torrance

Trip will be cancelled if we do not have 25 participants by October 18.

**8:00 AM Bus Leaves Balboa Park Old Naval Hospital lot at Park & President's Way**

**8:30 AM 2nd pick-up La Costa Park & Ride —I-5 at La Costa Ave., Carlsbad**

**6:30 PM Approximate Return Time**

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**SDBS Nursery Hop  
Saturday, October 28, 2017**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Member \_\_\_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Pick up location \_\_\_\_\_ Balboa Park- Old Naval Hospital lot at Park & President's Way  
\_\_\_\_\_ La Costa Park and Ride

At the meeting pay by check, cash or credit card  
Make checks payable to: SDBS

**SDBS members: \$35.00 Guests: \$60.00  
Price includes bus trip and lunch**

Give this form and your payment to Eloise at the September or October meetings or send this form and your check **by October 21** to :

Eloise Lau, 6901 Kellyn Lane, Vista, CA 92084



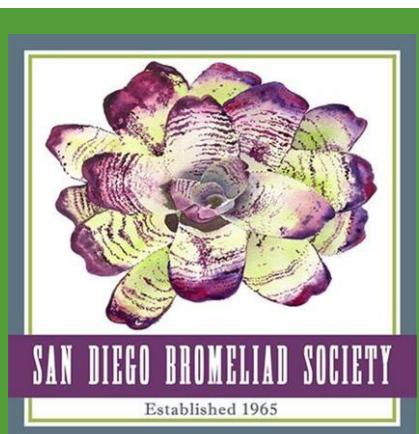
# September Plant Table

This month's plant table will be provided by David Kennedy. He's bringing an excellent batch of collector-type plants, and donating to the club 3 great auction plants. To top it off, Dave will also have plants for sale - SDBS gets 20%.



*Sneak peek: September plant table*

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Make sure to submit your 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)