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President's Message

By Morlane O'Donnell

It's hard to believe that another year is about to come to its end, and we are about to begin a new decade. This month instead of our usual meeting, we will be having our annual Holiday luncheon. Thank you to those who signed up at the November meeting to bring

something. If you didn't get a chance to sign-up, there is a need for more salads, hors d'oeuvres, another bag of ice, rolls or bread, and soda. Of course, you may bring something not listed. If you can lend a cooler for ice, that would be appreciated. Please email me if you can bring any of the above. Don't forget, there will also be a gift exchange. If you wish to participate, bring a nice unwrapped bromeliad valued between \$20 to \$25. Remember also that everyone in attendance will receive a free plant.

There will be no Opportunity table or Show and Tell this month.

I hope to see you all at the luncheon. May you, your family, and friends have a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa, or whatever holiday you choose to celebrate or not. I'd like to thank each and every one of you for all your contributions of time and energy throughout the year for the continued success of the SDBS. May you have a safe and prosperous start to 2020 and may all your plants be healthy and robust.



Keeping up with tradition, SDBS decorated a Christmas tree for the December Nights festival in Balboa Park. Much love to the SDBS tree decorating crew! From left, Morlane O'Donnell, Don Nelson, Nancy Groves, Bob Walters, Deb Kennedy, Tassie Irwin, Al Evans, Pam Peters, Bob Vitacco.

November Meeting Recap

Election Results

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Program

We had 2 presentations. Comments by Dan Kinnard.

Aechmea Brevicollis Growing Trial Update

After growing our *Aechmea brevicollis* seedlings for six months, the participants in our growing trial brought the plants in for comparison and discussion. With the information sheet from each grower, we could see just how some methods of culture produce slightly different results in the plants as well as the simply genetic differences in a group of seedlings. Thanks to all the participants. There seemed to be a consensus that we should bring them back in 2020 perhaps at the May meeting (that would be a year) to see how they all got through the winter and are progressing.



A. brevicollis seedling

Rainer Zimmerman on Werner Rauh

In our series of short talks about a plant presented by a member, *Tillandsia rauhii* was presented by Rainer Ziermann. In addition, gaining an understanding of the plant, its habitat, and culture, we learned about Werner Rauh, the plant's namesake, his work in the plant world and as his travels. Thanks, Rainer, for a great presentation.



Aechmea brevicollis seedlings after 6 months

Show and Tell

Nancy Groves

Aechmea 'Pie in the Sky'
 Tillandsia velutina
 Tillandsia stricta *photo 3*

Lucia Velazquez

Tillandsia crocata
 Tillandsia tectorum

Xiang li

Tillandsia 'Bahia' (rothii x fasciculata 'Magnifica') *photo 4 & 5*

David Kennedy

Tillandsia 'Padre' (roland-gosselinii x chiapensis) *photo 2*

Al Evans

Neoregelia 'Maria'
 Aechmea "Bert"
 Tillandsia ionantha var. vanhyningii
 Tillandsia cacticola

Tammy Harmon

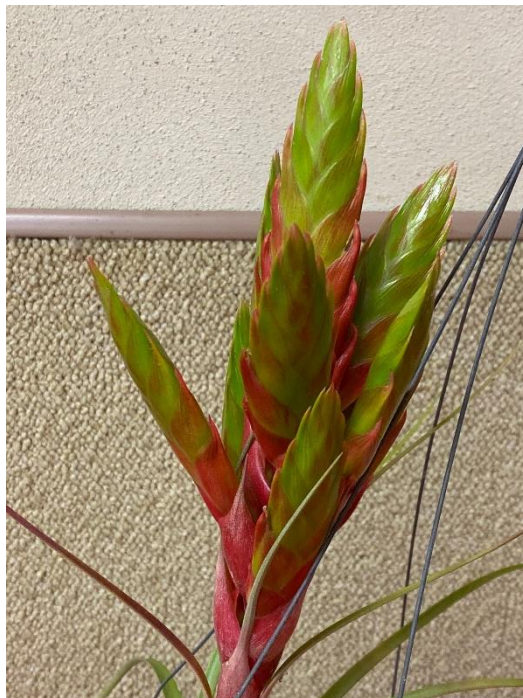
Billbergia pyramidalis

Mary Yan-Lee

Tillandsia stricta

Andrew Wilson

Aechmea 'Frappuccino'
photo 1



Upcoming Events

SDBS Meetings

SDBS Christmas Party
Balboa Park Casa del Prado, Room 104
1650 El Prado, San Diego 92101
www.sandiegobromeliadsociety.org

Don't forget to bring a dish or a drink to the potluck and an unwrapped \$20-\$25 bromeliad, if you wish to participate in the gift exchange.

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

What's this?

Seen at Birdrock Tropicals, this magnificent *Tillandsia ehlersiana* x *carlsoniae*. A tiny clay pot is attached to the side of the (big) plant and I did not have the chance to ask Pam Hyatt why.



On page 5, *Aechmea macrochlamys* and a lot of *Canistrum seidelianum*, also seen at the Birdrock Tropicals open house.

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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

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