President’s Corner
By Scott Sandel

Show & Sale 2017

Another Bromeliad Show & Sale has come and gone, and it was a busy and successful show. We will have the numbers to present at our next meeting, but sales were particularly strong. As they say, "It takes a village." And in our case, the show was organized by Robert Kopfstein and Nancy Groves, who did a phenomenal amount of work that really paid off for our society. Our sales team was terrific and kept sales moving smoothly. So many of our members spent so much of their valuable time; if I named everyone who volunteered, who entered show plants and who brought amazing sale plants, I would surely forget several key people.

The Best of Show award went to Bill Tweet with his amazing *Tillandsia tectorum*. As you can see from the photo, it is a huge, old clump in nearly perfect condition, and it is an unusual form that grows out laterally. To top it off, it has over two dozen flower spikes. The Sweepstakes Award went to David Kennedy; he entered many superbly-grown specimens. As is frequently the case, the Tillandsia genus dominated in the number of entries and the number of awards, but more and more plants from other genera are being entered each year. This year, we incorporated the new taxonomy changes. Did you see Andy Siekkinen’s natural intergeneric hybrid – Sincoraea burle-marxii x Hohenbergia? Thank you all for participating, and I hope you enjoyed the weekend as much as I did.

Photo: Andrew Wilson
Highlights from the Show

1- Tillandsia edithae (Bill Tweet); 2- Neoregelia ‘Luna’ (Scott Sandel); 3- Neoregelia, Grant Groves hybrid (Dan Kinnard & Eloise Lau); 4- Sincoraea burle-marxii x Hohenbergia aff. Vestita (Andy Siekkinen); 5- Tillandsia calothrysus (David Kennedy) Photo credits Andrew Wilson
San Diego Bromeliad Society
Bountiful Bromeliads

by Nancy Groves

Want to thank the 24 SDBS members who entered the 199 plants in our wonderful show! Also a big thanks for all the people helping to move and put up all the tables, tree hangers, and stage and especially to take everything down and stow it.

You might not believe this, but there were 103 DIFFERENT plants which garnered votes for the “Favorite” by the public and a total of 409 votes for favorite! There were also 86 DIFFERENT plants voted on as the “Weirdest”. This is out of a total of 495 votes for weirdest. Some people did not vote and many of us working did not vote but we had at over 500 people see our show! Wonderful!

The four entries with the greatest number of votes for “Favorite” were:
- 25 votes for Aechmea nudicaulis entered as display by Dan & Eloise
- 22 votes for Tillandsia edithae entered by Bill Tweet
- 22 votes for Mini garden of neos and tillandsia by Lucia Velasquez
- 21 votes for Vriesea fenestrals x fosteriana entered by Scott Sandel

The four entries with the greatest number of votes for “Weirdest” were:
- 53 votes for Tillandsia ‘Curly Slim’ entered by Dave Kennedy
- 25 votes for Tillandsia ‘Curly Slim’ entered by Pam Hyatt
- 20 votes for Tillandsia seleriana entered by Dave Kennedy
- 18 votes for Orthophytum “Stardust” entered by Robert Kopfstein

Major Awards

People’s Choice – Favorite
Aechmea Nudicaulis
Dan Kinnard & Eloise Lau

People’s Choice – Weirdest
Tillandsia ‘Curly Slim’
David Kennedy

Gold Mulford B. Foster
Tillandsia tectorum
Bill Tweet

Gold Morris Henry Hobbs
Bountiful Harvest of Bromeliads
Robert Kopfstein

Silver Category I Division S
Vriesea guttata
David Kennedy

Silver Category I Division M
Tillandsia edithae
Bill Tweet

Silver Category III Division DC
Aechmea ‘Bert’
Sonja Wicker

Silver Category III Division AA
Tillandsia latifolia var. divaricata
Nancy Groves

Bronze Category I Division S Section B
Tillandsia yunckeri
David Kennedy

Bronze Category I Division S Section B
Neoregelia ‘First Prize’
Robert Kopfstein

Bronze Category I Division S Section F
Tillandsia calothyrsus
David Kennedy

Bronze Category I Division S Section F
Billbergia ‘Limestone’
Morlane O’Donnell

Bronze Category I Division S Section F
xNeophytum ‘Ralph Davis’
Bob Wright

Bronze Category I Division S Section F
Neoregelia ‘Luna’
Scott Sandel

Bronze Category I Division M Section F
Tillandsia ionantha v. stricta forma fastigata
David Kennedy

Bronze Category I Division M Section F
Deuterocohnia abstruse
Chris Poulsen
SDBS Display at the SD County Fair

by Nancy Groves

The theme of the fair this year was Why the West is Fun. There were 109 plants in the exhibit which was titled Bromeliads are Fun in SoCal: Mountains, Desert, Coast. We made 430 points out of 500 and lost points because we could not squeeze in 3 large boulders in our small landscape site. We earned an award of $2,150 for SDBS. Yeah! I want to especially thank Don and Mary Nelson for their help as well as Scott for printing up the landscape plan which is displayed in front of the exhibit on the pedestal and lists the name of each bromeliad to match the number displayed. I offer special thanks to those who contributed bromeliads: Pam Hyatt, Dave & Debbie Kennedy, Dan & Eloise, Scott Sandel, Robert Kopfstein, Nancy Groves. The two wonderful topiaries, the flamingo on the left is made of Cryptanthus ‘Pink
Upcoming Events

Highlighted Meetings

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

August 12, 2017 @ 10 AM  
SDBS Annual Potluck & Picnic  
Location TBD  
www.sandiegobromeliadsociety.org

World Bromeliad Conference 2018 - San Diego

May 29 - June 3, 2018

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

(continued, SD Fair)

Star' and the large crow in straw hat topiary of Tillandsia palacea on the right side of photo were made by Pat Hammer of Sami Rose Topiaries. The San Diego Botanic Garden (Quail Garden) lent us the two ficus trees. There have been many wonderful comments made about the exhibit and I think each of you should see it in person before the July 5th take down!

June 8 was Bromeliad day at the Fair and thanks to Don & Mary Nelson, Lee Baker, John & Ethylene Owen, Al Evans and Nell McChesney for manning the booth for the day and giving out show and sale advertisements, membership brochures, and talking to fair goers about bromeliads. Good educational outreach.

WBC 2018 San Diego News

By Scott Sandel

We continue to make progress on our plans for the WBC. Look to your next BSI Journal for details on the speaker line-up, including details on the keynote speakers for the opening session and the banquet. During the conference seminars, there will be another half dozen speakers giving presentations and slideshows over two days. Look for more information on our San Diego Bromeliad Society website and on the Conference Corner section of the BSI website.

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July Meeting

Eloise, Andrew, and Dan have created a program full of ideas that you can use in your garden and patio for displaying your bromeliads. There will be lots of photos that present eye-catching ideas that could be used as a base for your own design whether it be for a single plant or an entire garden. The examples shown come from recent travels, interesting local installations, and a few members’ gardens. The object is to get your creative (or copying) juices flowing to use at home. This is another program that has something you can take home with you.

July Plant Table
by Al Evans

Will be the annual premium member donated plant table. I’m asking each member to bring in one or two of their best plants that they are able to part with to place on the table. My hope is for generous spirits and a great table!

Examples include this bromelicious driveway. Below, Eloise at Oscar Llovera’s terrace, Spain.
More from the SDBS Show

photos by Landau, Sandel

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