



# The Bromeliad Blade

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Bromeliad Society

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## President's Message

By Morlane O'Donnell

Happy September everyone. Can you believe it's almost fall already? Where did the summer go? Hopefully we will have some rain during the upcoming months. Everything is so dry around here. I will say that some of the bromeliads have been putting on quite a display with their vivid colors and blooms. Speaking of displays, did you get a chance to see the bromeliad exhibit at the San Diego Botanic Garden? It's well worth a trip. Thank you to the many members who loaned their plants for the show. There is still time to view it between now and Sept. 26th when the exhibit will come to an end. You can also buy some bromeliads to add to your collection each weekend (except for this weekend) through the 26th. While you are there, take time to wander through the grounds as there are many rare and spectacular plants (including bromeliads) interspersed throughout. Don't forget to go online and reserve your ticket on the SDBG website.



*Hummingbird stopped by for a snack on Portea petropolitana var. extensa. World of Bromeliads show opening night.*

There will be an election this year for a new President, Vice-President, and two Directors. Remember the officers and board extended their terms by one year due to Covid. The offices of the President and Vice-President are not up for re-election. The Directors are elected for two-year terms so it would be for 2022 -

2023. Please consider serving as it really is an educational and rewarding experience. If all goes well, meaning no Covid restrictions, the election will be held in October at our regular meeting place in Balboa Park. Let's keep our fingers crossed. It's also a pleasure to look forward to our first face to face meeting this Saturday at the San Diego Botanic Garden for our picnic. I encourage people to wear masks even though it's up to the individual. I also hope you have reserved your lunch with Eloise Lau by now. Remember there is a \$3 parking fee. Members are being charged less than the cost of the lunch to the Society. That just about covers the cost of the parking. Don't forget

to bring a plant in a paper bag securely closed if you want to participate in the plant exchange game. A big thank you to Eloise for organizing and making all the arrangements for our picnic. I hope to see you all there. Meanwhile, safe and happy growing.

# World of Bromeliads

The show World of Bromeliads, at the San Diego Botanic Garden, is a beauty. SDBS members contributed with a cornucopia of amazing bromeliads. The stunning display created by Rene van Rems (photo below) is integrated with the permanent exhibition at the conservatory. Photos of opening night.



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the month for inclusion in the  
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### 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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