



The Bromeliad Blade

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President's Message

By Steve Zolezzi

Happy holidays to all and looking forward to a great new year for all! Hopefully you will be able to attend the Holiday Party---I look forward to greeting each of you!

2022 has been a great year for the society due to your participation and continued interest in the love of Bromeliads. I wish to personally thank all the board members and committee chairs for their leadership, hard work and creativeness throughout the year---we could not have achieved so much without them.

Looking forward to 2023 we will be working to keep members engaged in club activities, hold new member orientations prior to regular meetings, increase meeting break time to facilitate comradery and fellowship, create a community project all members can participate in and hopefully organize a bus trip to a garden or grower location as we did prior to Covid.

There will be many opportunities for each member to get involved with programs, shows, sales and planned activates which are great ways to realize all the benefits of your membership.

Good gardening!
Stephen Zolezzi---
SDBS President

*The SDBS
Christmas tree
decorated with
bromeliads, a club
tradition and part
of Balboa Park
December Nights.
The tree will be
auctioned off at the
Saturday party.*



SDBS Christmas Party

December 10 @ 10am, Casa del Prado room 104, Balboa Park

We hope to see you all at our annual Christmas Party on December 10th at 10am for fun and fare!

The Club will be providing the main dishes of a Roasted Turkey and Ham and are looking forward to members bringing a dish, snack or anything edible to enjoy. If you haven't signed up yet please email Ronee at roneek7@gmail.com. She is happy to share ideas of what may still be needed.

We are also looking for a head count by December 7th so that we have the tables and chairs set up properly for everyone.

We will also be having our usual bromeliad-related gift exchange. To participate we ask that you bring a bromeliad, or bromeliad related gift, in the \$20/25 range in a bag or box so that the gift is a guessing game. If you do not have a plant to share you are welcome to bring a nice pot, bromeliad tools and orchid bark. Also if anyone has any cuttings, seeds, excess fruit or produce or plant related items of any kind they would want to share, please feel free to bring and add to the spirit of the Holidays.

To increase the Holiday mood please consider dressing in a festive mood. Be it ugly sweater, dressed to

the nines, garden-related or just all festive or silly. Awards will be given.

If you are able we would appreciate help cleaning up after so we can get the room ready quickly for the next group.

The Christmas Tree

The SDBS tree will be auctioned off this year, instead of a raffle. The highest bidder takes home a natural tree lovingly decorated by our own Bob Vitacco, Nancy Groves, Al Evans, Vanessa McGee, Bob Walters, Pam Peters, Sonja Wicker.

The tree has 24 guzmanias and some pinecone decorations. Everything goes with the tree and the winner is responsible for taking it.



Bob Walters & Al Evans putting the gold-sprayed puya and real Portea petropolitana spray on the top



SDBS Christmas Tree team

We Need Volunteers for the December Sale

Following the success of the club's winter sale in 2021 we are doing it again this year. Sale's Chair Morlane O'Donnell reported that all selling spots are taken and we are gearing up to a great event.

Please consider volunteering at the sale! The main areas of need are:

Setup on Friday, Dec. 16 from 9:00-4:00

Sales on Saturday, Dec. 17 from 10:00-4:00 with members only from 9:30-10:00

Sales on Sunday, Dec. 18 from 10:00-4:00

Sunday breakdown will be 4:00-5:00

Security and tag pullers for Sat and Sun

Bring bottled water, food for breakfast or lunch on Saturday and Sunday – club will reimburse

Sellers must help with setup and take down. And bring boxes.

Please get in touch with Morlane and let us know how you can help. SDBS members can come early to the sale on Saturday at 9:30!



SDBS Sale, June 2022

SDBS Events 2022

SDBS Monthly Meeting

Christmas Party

December 10, 2022 @ 10am

Casa del Prado room 104, Balboa
Park, San Diego.

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SDBS Winter Sale

December 17-18, 2022



Pitcairnia Staminea



December bloomer Pitcairnia staminea. Sent by Eloise Lau.

Here's a picture of a helicoidal pitcairnia. I thought only bilbergia flowers were helicoidal but pitcairnia's have them also. This one is really a beauty.

SDBS 2022

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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.

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