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Editor's Notes

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For most of us, it was our first time at Rainforest Flora's growing grounds in Bonsall. Seeing the brand-new greenhouses teeming with plants after all they went through shows how much fighting spirit Paul Isley and his team have. A few charred items were still visible in the property. Inside, they put up photos of the devastation caused by the 2017 Lilac Fire. Isley surprised everyone as he spoke to the group



Perusing the grounds at RFF and hanging out at Steve Salley's.



about the recovery process of his nursery and entering a new phase in his life where he's battling cancer. We are all cheering for you, Paul!

The group purchased lots of tillandsias and moved on to Steve Salley's Hula Tropicals nearby.

Everyone found a brom, or many, that they had to have... Thanks Steve Zolezzi for organizing and bringing all the wonderful lunch.

In this issue of the Blade: The wonderful SDBS display at the Del Mar Fair; the upcoming Summer Show and Sale; and *Puya alpestris* in bloom at the San Diego Botanic Garden.

Enjoy!

SDBS Display at San Diego County Fair

Nancy Groves and intrepid volunteer team did it again!



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To learn more about bromeliads and how to grow them in our region, go to: www.SanDiegoBromeliadSociety.org

Credits:

- Recycled grace vine structures (Dan Kinnard & Elaine Liu)
- diy stream bed as more sustainable & waterwise plants (Robert Koopstein)
- Big Rock Tropics (always helpful)
- Nancy Groves (overall design)
- Dan Kinnard (info posters)
- Colbacard (landscape art graphics)
- 85 volunteers who light in their plants and who volunteered

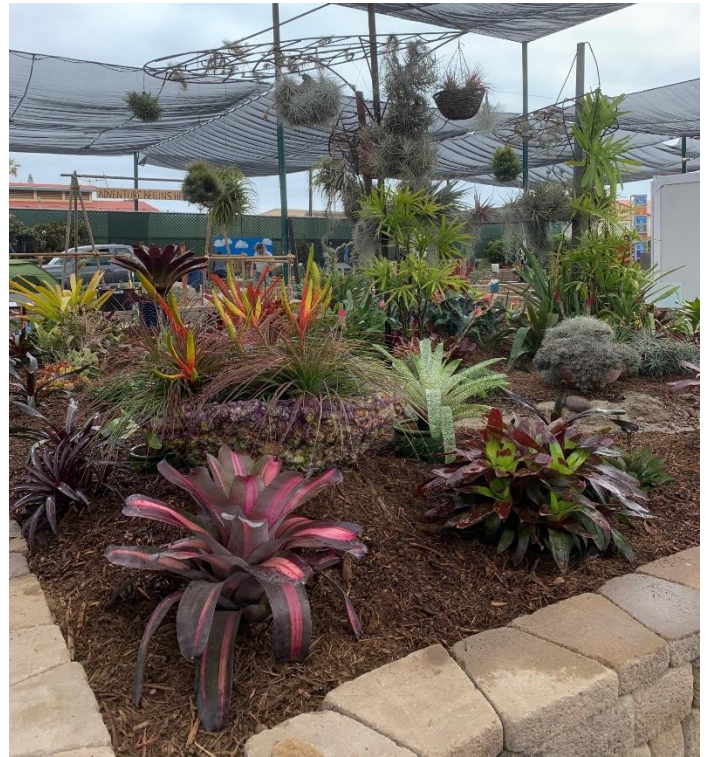


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The SD fair display is ready for all to enjoy after several days of heavy work. The fair opens to the public on June 7. Unfortunately, there were not enough volunteers this year, and Nancy, Ronee, Todd, Al and others had to do the work of 20 people. But their dedication paid off. It looks stunning! Photos by Ronee Kozlowski and Dave Kennedy.





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Plan of exhibit



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June Show and Sale Next Week

Morlane O'Donnell, show chair, informed us that we have a full sale with lots of bromeliads.

Now we really need more people to look at the show list and add to the exhibit. So far only a handful of SDBS members have committed to bringing plants to the show, we need way more! I'm looking at you, sellers!

Please look at the spreadsheets and add your contribution, especially in the genera where we have less! And sign up to volunteer. Thanks 😊

Show Entries Sign-up

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1q-](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1q-J7_5YmETgiEXNPcUwj820EytL2puBfmW0dhTXut-c/edit?usp=sharing)

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Volunteer Signup

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/19jwVwbPX_LuGs3bZuBubzB](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/19jwVwbPX_LuGs3bZuBubzB_BbLt63TxsP_mgmZlxp2nk/edit?usp=sharing)

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Setup: Friday June 9th from 9am to 5pm.

Members Only Sale:
Saturday June 10 from 9:30am

General Sale: June 10 & 11
from 10am to 4pm

Takedown: June 11 from 4pm

We need volunteers and show plants. Sign up with google sheets – links on the right.



SDBS Show 2019

*We'll have
Tillandsias and
other bromeliads
for sale from
a variety of
vendors and
from our
members.
Plus, we'll have
tools, supplies,
and experts
on hand for all
your questions.*

Come to Balboa Park for the
San Diego Bromeliad Society's

Summer Bromeliad Show + Sale



Saturday & Sunday

June 10-11, 10:00-4:00

Balboa Park Casa del Prado Room 101



SanDiegoBromeliadSociety.org

SDBS Events 2023

www.sandiegobromeliadsociety.org

Field Trip to Rainforest Flora and Hula Tropicals in Bonsall
May 13, 2023.

SDBS Summer Show & Sale
Setup June 9
Show & Sale June 10 - 11

SDBS Display at SD County Fair
June 7 – July 4
Del Mar Fairgrounds
The theme this year is "Get Out There" Adventure Awaits



Puya alpestris is Blooming Like Crazy at SDBG



If you haven't been to the Botanic Garden in Encinitas in a while, now is the time!

The *Puya alpestris* is having a phenomenal year after the copious rains we had. I counted 24 bloom spikes in the beginning of May, when they were just getting started.

This native of the Chilean Andes is a showstopper bloomer with iridescent teal-sapphire flowers. It's always amazing to see it bloom no matter how many times you've seen it before!

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Essential Bromeliad Resources

Bromeliad Species Database – <https://bsi.org/members/?bsd> Species names keep changing due to new research. Consult the BSD for identification, photos, distribution, and spelling names of bromeliad species. For more granular information, log in as a BSI member.

Bromeliad Cultivar Registry – <https://bsi.org/registry/> The BCR lists information on bromeliad hybrids and cultivars. Here you can check the parentage of a bromeliad hybrid or the species of a sport that goes by a registered name. This is a free resource.

SDBS Library – Our bromeliad-specific library contains titles you won't find anywhere else. Contact our librarian, Eloise Lau, and check out a book.

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<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Tillandsia Neoregelia Vriesea Orthophytum Bigenerics and more!</p>	<p style="font-weight: bold;">Purchase directly from an award-winning grower</p>
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Invitation

We are in constant need of material for publication. Please contact Juliana at julianadraposo@gmail.com

Make sure to submit your contribution before the 20th of the month for inclusion in the next newsletter.

SDBS Meetings

The club meets on the second Saturday of the month at 10am in Balboa Park, Casa del Prado, room 104.

SDBS Website

www.sandiegobromeliadsociety.org

SDBS Facebook Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/sandiegobro>