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## President's Message

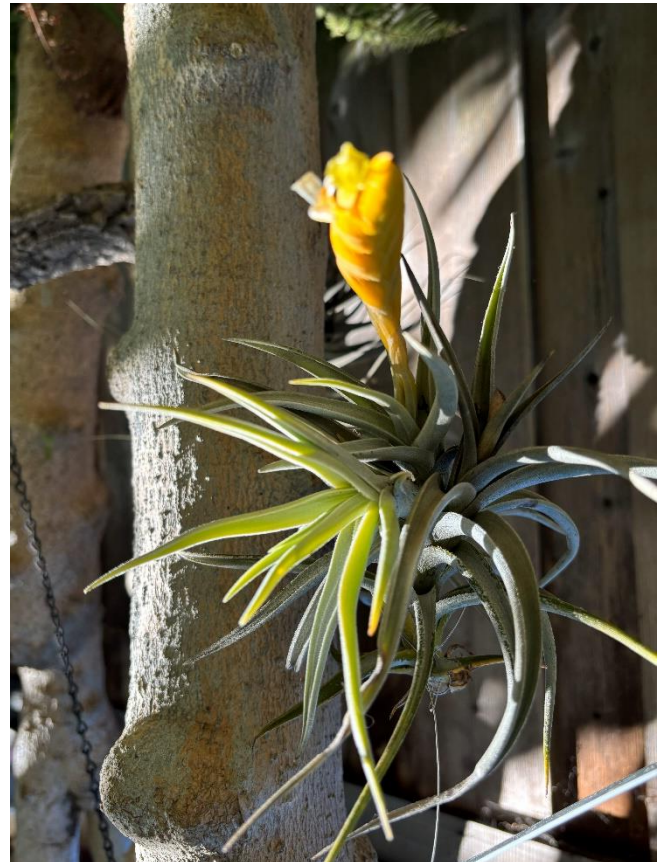
By Kerry Nelson

The holiday season is upon us, and the month began with SDBS's participation in December Nights on December 6 and 7 by decorating a bromeliad-themed tree for the public event. Thank you to David Kennedy for generously donating a number of beautiful Tillandsias to be featured on the tree and to Zach Herrill of United Plant Growers for donating an impressive array of Guzmanias. Many thanks to Nancy Groves and Sonja Wicker for Co-Chairing the Committee and to Committee Members, Alex Clark, Al Evans, Debbie Kennedy, Bob Vitacco and Bob Walters for getting this project done in fine fashion. The tree will be featured next at our Holiday Party on December 14 where it will be auctioned off to the highest bidder.

It is winter in our gardens and not much is in bloom around my home. There is one exception. I have been waiting for this *Tillandsia lotteae*, a gift from David Kennedy, to bloom for some time now. This species is

endemic to Bolivia and features a bright yellow lanceolate inflorescence and vibrant yellow flowers. Mine shown here has a slightly twisting inflorescence that doesn't exactly look lance-shaped, however it's still impressive. The yellow flowers are a brighter yellow against the color of the inflorescence and fade to a papery appearance with a translucent straw color as they age. The flowers appear slowly from the bottom of the inflorescence before dying off while new ones appear slightly above. This example is at the tail end of its blooming cycle, and it was fantastic to watch it do its thing for the first time for me.

Our Winter Sale is scheduled for December 21, one day only. It's a perfect time to add to your personal collection, pick up last minute gifts for holiday get togethers, and lend your support to SDBS by volunteering. I hope to see you at the



*Tillandsia lotteae*, photo by Kerry Nelson

Holiday Party and the Winter Sale. My best wishes to you and yours for health, happiness and a green thumb during this season and throughout the new year. Happy Holidays!



YOU ARE INVITED TO

# Holiday

POTLUCK &  
GIFT EXCHANGE

Join us for SDBS holiday celebration! The day will be filled with good company, delicious food, and festive music.

SATURDAY

DECEMBER **14** AT 10 AM

PLEASE RSVP AT  
NATHALIEN@GMAIL.COM OR AT  
[HTTPS://EVITE.ME/WEZJ7QETXQ](https://evite.me/wezj7qetxq)



## December Nites

The December Nites team did it once again!



## Now Available in the SDBS Youtube Channel

There are 3 new videos in the Youtube Channel, for your viewing pleasure.

Nathan Gazineu David, Collecting and Travelling – November 2024 Full Version

In the extended version of the November talk, the speaker talks in detail about his recent expedition in the Brazilian southeast in search of rare tillandsias.

<https://youtu.be/9pbHXFhWr6U>

Nathan Gazineu David, Collecting and Travelling – November 2024

The shorter version that was presented in the November meeting.

<https://youtu.be/dTtvrgRF6xw>

Graeme Barclay, How to Get the Best Bromeliad Information – March 2024

The speaker goes through the BSI bromeliad resources and teaches us how to best use them.

<https://youtu.be/UbbnBE7Kecs>

*Join us for our  
ONE-DAY sale  
with a variety  
of vendors  
and from our  
members.*

*We'll have  
tools,  
supplies, and  
experts on  
hand all day  
for all your  
questions.*

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

# December Bromeliad Sale !

Balboa Park • Casa del Prado Rm 101



Saturday ONLY

**Dec. 21st**

10am - 4:00pm



[SanDiegoBromeliadSociety.org](http://SanDiegoBromeliadSociety.org)



## SDBS Events 2024

### SDBS Monthly Meetings

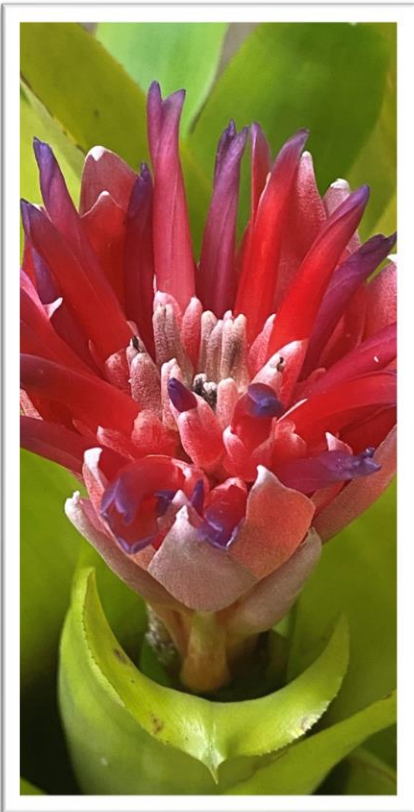
Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month  
Casa del Prado room 104  
Balboa Park, San Diego  
[www.sandiegobromeliadsociety.org](http://www.sandiegobromeliadsociety.org)

### SDBS Holiday Potluck and Gift Exchange

December 14, 2024 @10am  
Casa del Prado room 104  
Balboa Park, San Diego.  
[www.sandiegobromeliadsociety.org](http://www.sandiegobromeliadsociety.org)

### SDBS Winter Sale

December 21, 2024, 10am-4pm  
Vendors set up @8am  
Casa del Prado room 101  
Balboa Park, San Diego.  
[www.sandiegobromeliadsociety.org](http://www.sandiegobromeliadsociety.org)



# Winter Sale

The SDBS Winter Sale will be a one-day-only sale held Saturday, Dec. 21, Room 101, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park from 10am - 4pm. Vendors can bring their plants in at beginning 8am Saturday.

We will need their help with table set-up and covering. Sign up to help at <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1UtOpuyV7rAS107f36Hig9s8h3B-XFSxsZMdgsXpXcdY/edit?usp=sharing>

Any questions you have should be directed to either Morlane or Todd Johnson, the co-chairs for this event.



### SDBS Board Meetings Schedule 2024

The SDBS board meets in-person 4 times a year to discuss all issues relevant to running the society. Any member can attend but must RSVP to the president and submit any agenda items in advance. Meetings are always on a Sunday from 10am to 12pm.

The next meeting will be in 2025. The schedule will be available soon.

## SDBS Officers 2024

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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.

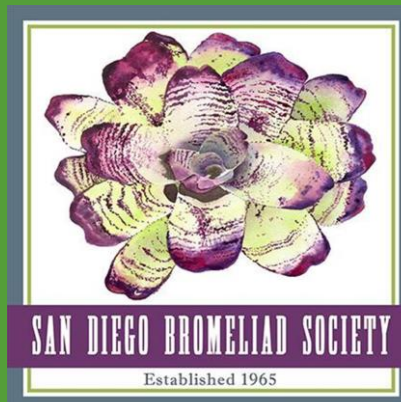
DK ORNAMENTALS

BROMELIADS OF ALL SHAPES AND SIZES

<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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To make an appointment email David Kennedy  
at [thedavekennedy@gmail.com](mailto:thedavekennedy@gmail.com) or find him on Facebook

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Juliana Raposo, Editor

### Invitation

We are in constant need of material for publication. Please contact Juliana at [julianadraposo@gmail.com](mailto:julianadraposo@gmail.com)

Make sure to submit your contribution before the 20<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.sandiegobromeliadsociety.org)

### SDBS Facebook Group

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