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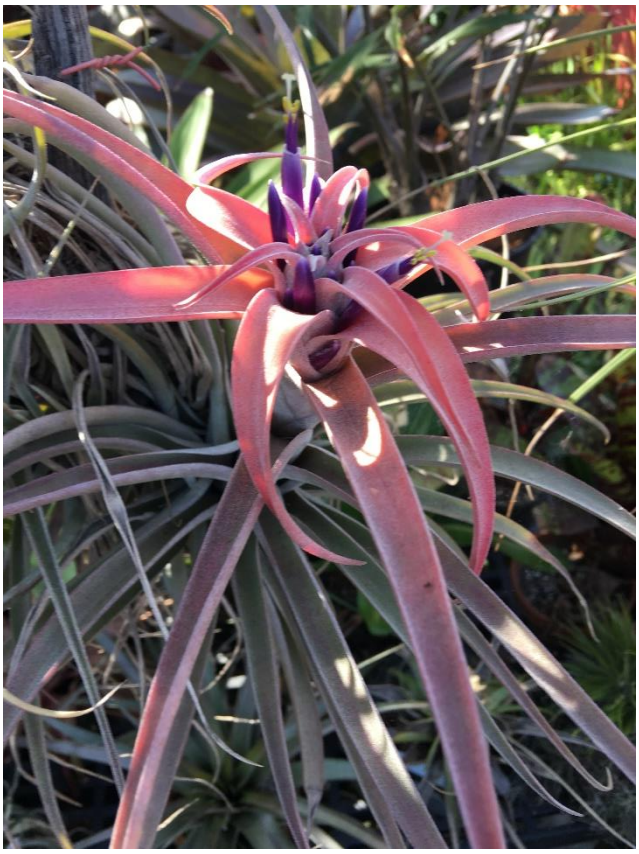
President's Message

By Scott Sandel

Whew, the hot and almost humid weather we had this summer is about to break. Yes? No? Dare I say this, fine gardeners: so far we have not experienced any Santa Ana days at the coast. We have not experienced those hot and low-humidity Santa Ana weeks, but it's been record hot, right?



Tillandsia capitata hybrids from Lucia Velasquez-McCanna [left] and Scott Sandel [right]

We have had some amazing plants on our FaceBook page lately. THANK YOU all who participate; it gets our name out there.

I hope that many of you got to see some of the other horticultural societies' shows and sales. The San Diego Orchid Society had a good show and sale. They take advantage of the limited space by being very organized in their presentations. I am sorry to say that I was out of town for the San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society show and sale in June. I heard the event was a success.

Let's talk tillandsia!

Our next meeting, September 8, is when Dave Kennedy and Al Evans Jr. will be showcasing Tillandsias mounted on a substrate as well as hanging. Our Society obtained bark slabs, branches and grape trunk slices this month from Davis Farms Wholesale Tillandsia. We also have Tillandsia "E6000 Glue" and rolls of colored malleable hanging wire. With these ideas in mind, members can buy items low-cost if they wish to recreate some of the ideas at home later that afternoon.

I look forward to seeing you all in Balboa Park – getting your Tillandsia on!

August Picnic

The SDBS annual picnic was fun! In this page, our fantastic host, Krista Mills and Tillandsia secunda. A few shots of Krista's garden and club members chilling in the shade. Next page: Bob Waters, receiving his Mulford Foster Award from Conference chairs Nancy Groves and Scott Sandel for best in show at the San Diego World Conference. Who can forget his jumbo Deuterochonia brevifolia? Finally, a detail of the tropical dry forest garden at Krista's.

Upcoming Events

SDBS Meetings

September 8, 2018 @ 10 AM
SDBS Monthly Meeting
Balboa Park, Casa del Prado, room 104
www.sandiegobromeliadsociety.org

October 13, 2018
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Monthly Meetings

1st Tuesday, 6:30 PM
San Diego Orchid Society
Balboa Park, Casa Del Prado, Room 101
www.sdorchids.com

2nd Saturday, 1 PM
San Diego Cactus and Succulent Society
Balboa Park, Casa Del Prado, Room 101
www.sdcss.net

2nd Wednesday, 7 PM
San Diego Epiphyllum Society
Balboa Park, Case Del Prado, Room 101
www.SanDiegoEpi.org

2nd Monday, 5:45 PM
San Diego Horticultural Society
Congregation Beth Israel (CBI)
9001 Towne Centre Drive
San Diego, CA 92122
sdhort.org

WBC San Diego 2018 Results

Numbers are in! We received $5,494.24 for the bus tours and the remaining local account balance. We also received a check for $3,869.96 for account start-up funds and our share of the conference for a total of $9,364.20. We also received $2,061 for our sales for a total of $11,425.20 income from the WBC. Our current account balance is 12,501.82. I should include a smiley face!

In the next issue of the Blade, we will be publishing the much-awaited WBC Show results and more! Stay glued!

Al Evans

(acting SDBS treasurer)

September Meeting

September's presentation will be given by SDBS members Al Evans Jr. (current Vice-President) and Dave Kennedy (former V.P.). They will deliver a hands-on demonstration of techniques and ideas regarding mounting epiphytic bromeliads, especially Tillandsias.

Various mounting media will be shown, from different kinds of wood to rocks to shells. Personal creativity will be emphasized, for there are virtually no limits when it comes to the possibilities regarding epiphytes

Free-hanging plants and clumps will also be discussed, and types of wire and string will be considered. Watch as amazing installations are completed right before your eyes!

Members are encouraged to bring their own examples of mounted plants for Show & Tell. In addition, Dave will bring a selection of plants for sale. The club will earn its "standard" 20% commission.

September Plant Table

Auction Items

XXL T. tectorum
T. hildae 8-12”

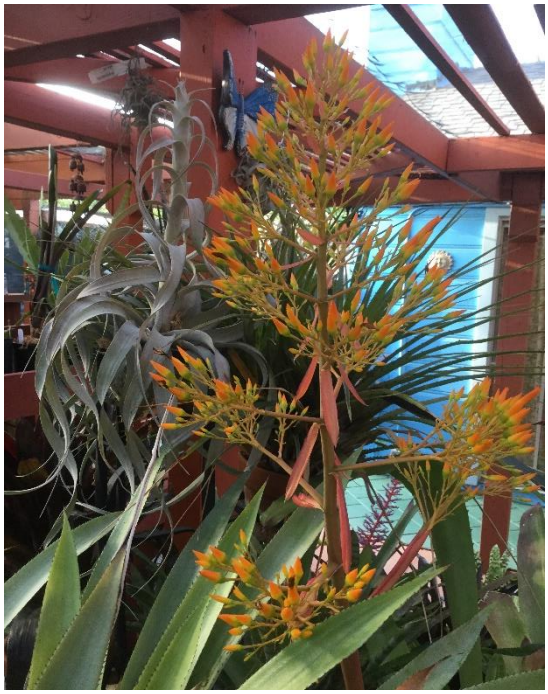
Opportunity Table

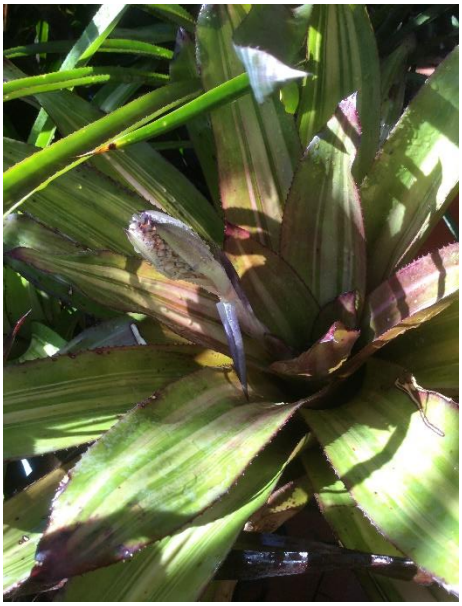
Ae. ‘Rakete’
Alcanterea ‘Volcano Mist’
Cryptanthus sp
Guzmania ‘Tutti Frutti’
Neo sp. (guinea)?
Orthophytum magalhaesii
Orthophytum glabrum
Tillandsias:
ampla
crocata
duratii
edithae small
latifolia
tectorum
ionantha clump (3)
ionantha ‘Fuego’
stellifera
straminea
straminea dwarf
Vriesea ‘Golden Starburst’
Vriesea vagans

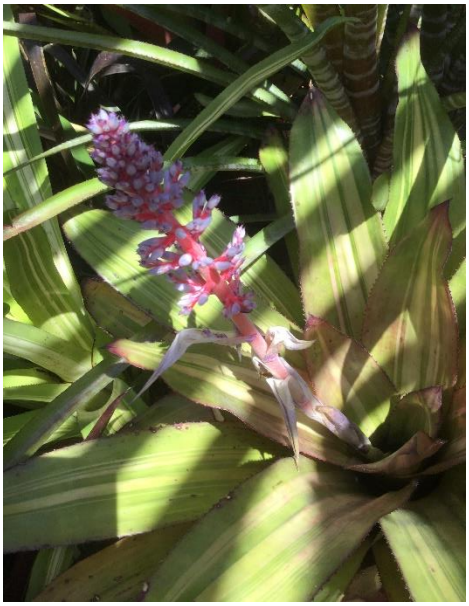
I will try to have the following items available on the sales table each month. 8" pots @ 3 for $2, 6" pots @ 3 for $1, 4" pots @ 4 for $1, WBC posters designed and signed by our own Juliana (while they last) for $15, Bromeliad Fertilizer (1.25 lbs) for $10, WBC coffee mugs (while they last) $10, 12" tweezers for $6, 4" plant tags @ $3 for 100, 5" plant tags @ $7 for 100 (better quality) and micro snips for $10. In the future, we may have some cork, glue and wire.

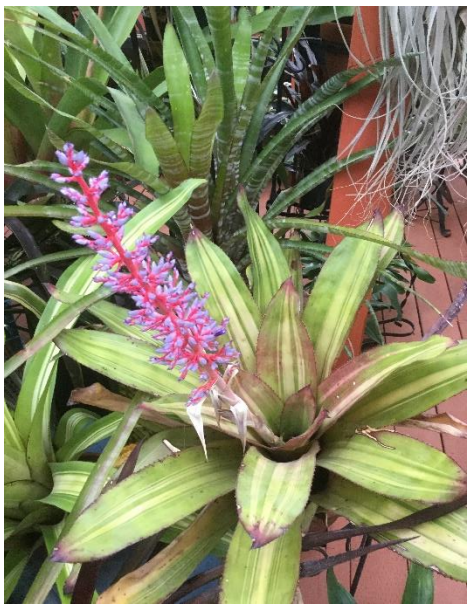
Now Blooming!

Our own Don Patterson is having a terrific summer in the garden! Look at all the beauties he sent over to the Blade. Aechmea var. leptantha, Portea 'Jungles', Aechmea 'Pilfered' Skotak, showing the progression in the inflorescence development; Aechmea 'Samurai'. Enjoy!









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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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Thanks Don Paterson for showing off his Aechmea 'Samurai'.

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