SAN DIEGO BROMELIAD SOCIETY
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# The Bromeliad Blade

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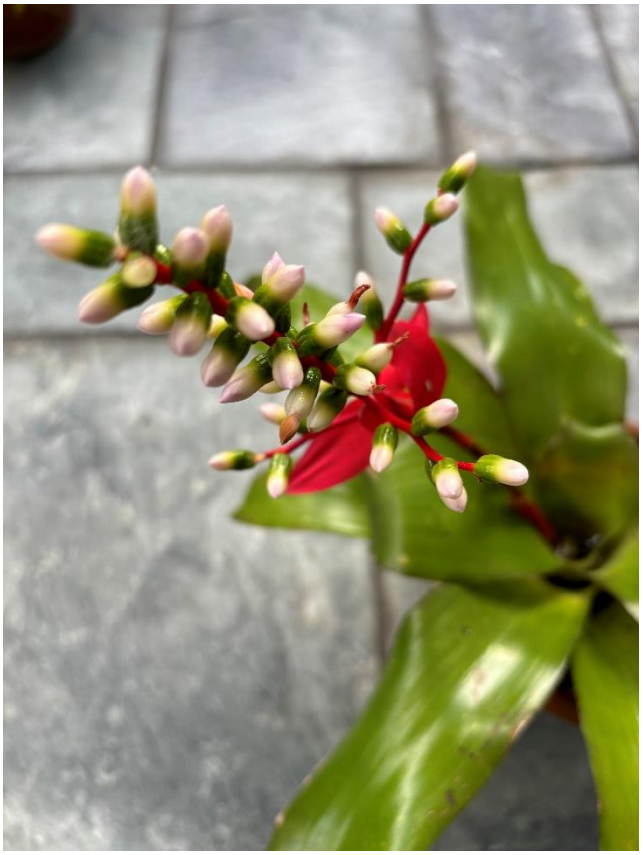
## President's Message

By Kerry Nelson

Summer is whizzing by, but before it's over on August 10 we enjoyed our annual picnic at Bird Rock Tropicals. We are fortunate to have Pam Koide Hyatt as a member of our club. Thank you to Pam for allowing us to hold our picnic on the grounds of your fantastic nursery and for offering SDBS members a 25% discount on all purchases that day. Thank you to Natalie Nguyen-Mallory for organizing the event and hopefully you all have responded to the evite that Natalie sent. Vouchers for $15.00 towards plant purchases were given to all members who RSVP'd for the picnic when you check in.

Last year Pam had a blooming Aechmea carvalhoi which stood out from a distance to me. A quick Internet search revealed that it was discovered by and named for the botanist Dr. André Maurício Vieira de Carvalho in 1989. It is widely described as "a bromeliad species with soft light green leaves, a red bracted inflorescence and a panicle of white berries" that is endemic to the State of Bahia in Southeastern Brazil. Pam had two non-blooming ones for sale. I bought one and Juliana Raposo bought the other. I placed it on my patio where it went unnoticed until June of this year when it shot forth its distinctive inflorescence and berries. In my opinion it's a special little plant.



*Aechmea carvalhoi, by Kerry Nelson*

It was great to see so many of you at the picnic. It was a wonderful opportunity to add some unusual plants to your bromeliad collection, eat some tasty food and to mingle with your fellow SDBS members.

# August Recap: SDBS Annual Picnic

The August Picnic at Birdrock Tropicals is always a winner in so many levels. It's the plants, the people, the setting.

Year after year, you can count on experiencing something new - there will be a new plant you never noticed, or an old favorite that is missing from your collection. A generous discount and coupon for members is all the incentive you need to buy a boxfull of broms. This year, I was astonished by Tillandsia Nessie (rothii x rhodocephala), an aptly named tangle of pastel colors. Got one!

Then we are off to the picnic, which happens in a garden so fine, it could be a wedding venue. We sit under the canopy of palms festooned with tillandsias and chit chat as we eat. A gently breeze keeps everyone comfortable. What else could you ask for? Another incredible SDBS picnic. Thanks, Pam!!

*2Tillandsia Nessie, top.*
*Shopping among beautiful plants at BRT; bottom.*
*Fred was our champion shopper, he had by far the longest receipt, bottom left.*

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## SDBS Events 2024

### SDBS Monthly Meetings

Every 2nd Saturday of the month
Casa del Prado room 104
Balboa Park, San Diego
www.sandiegobromeliadsociety.org

### SDBS September Meeting

September 14, 2024 @10am
Casa del Prado room 104
Balboa Park, San Diego.
www.sandiegobromeliadsociety.org

# Attention SDBS Members: The Club Needs a New Hospitality Chairperson

Don't we all enjoy the hot coffee at the monthly meetings, the delicious food at the August picnics? We thank the SDBS hospitality chair for that.

Charles Oelsen, our longtime hospitality chair, announced he is retiring from the position. Will you be the one to step up?

The Hospitality Chairperson is responsible for coordinating and providing food and beverages for club gatherings. This includes regular meetings, special events, and any other club-related activities. This role requires organizational skills, a passion for hospitality, and the ability to work well with a team.

If you are interested in the role, know that Charles will support you in a co-chair capacity while you learn on the job. The SDBS board will be there to help as well. Contact Charles or Kerry to learn more!

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### 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.

Next meeting will be on October 6 at Kerry Nelson's.

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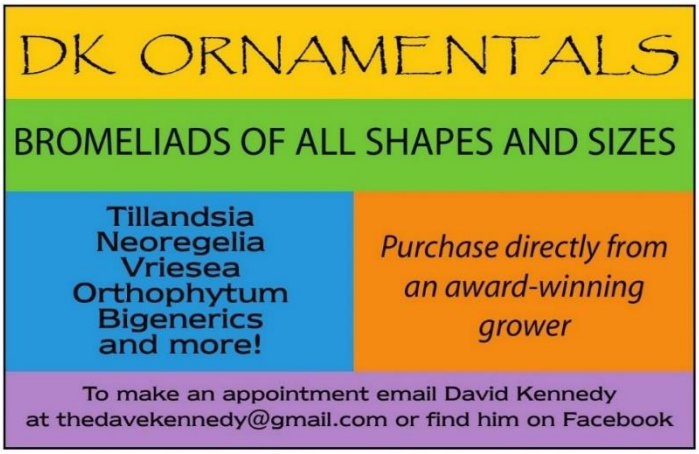
## Essential Bromeliad Resources

***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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Juliana Raposo, Editor

### 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