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SAN FERNANDO VALLEY BROMELIAD SOCIETY

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next meeting: Saturday February 1, 2020 @ 10:00 am

Sepulveda Garden Center 16633 Magnolia Blvd. Encino, California 91436

AGENDA

9:30 – SET UP & SOCIALIZE

10:00 - Door Prize drawing – one member who arrives before 10:00 gets a Bromeliad

10:05 -Welcome Visitors and New Members. Make announcements and Introduce

Speaker 10:15 –Speaker – Thomas Glavich

Topic - 100 bulbs for Southern California



This talk will look at 100 (or a few more) bulbs that do well in Southern California. Many of these are rarely seen, but are available from specialized growers, both local

and elsewhere in the United States. Although the talk is largely a flower show, a section will include cultivation and propagation information. All of these bulbs come from Mediterranean environments and are easy to grow, as long as you do what the plant needs.

Tom Glavich is a long time grower of succulent plants and bulbs. He is one the chairs of the Inter-City Cactus and Succulent Show held each August at the LA Arboretum and a propagator of rare bulbs

and other geophytes. He is the author of over 100 articles for the Cactus and Succulent Society of America, and a frequent speaker at many horticultural meetings in Southern California.

11:15 - Refreshment Break and Show and Tell:

Will the following members please provide refreshments this month: **J K L M N and O** and anyone else who has a snack they would like to share. If you can't contribute this month don't stay away...just bring a snack next time you come.

Feed The Kitty

If you don't contribute to the refreshment table, please make a small donation to ([feed the kitty jar](#)) on the table; this helps fund the coffee breaks.

11:30 - Show and Tell is our educational part of the meeting – Members are encouraged to please bring one or more plants. You may not have a pristine plant but you certainly have one that needs a name or is sick and you have a question.

11:45 – Mini Auction: members can donate plants for auction, or can get 75% of proceeds, with the remainder to the Club

12:00 – Raffle: Please bring plants to donate and/or buy tickets. Almost everyone comes home with new treasures!

12:15 - Pick Up around your area

12:30 –/ Meeting is over—Drive safely <>

Announcements

Adrienne Jaffe passed away January 8th; see Memoriam on the next page.

Steffanie Delgado - Sincere thanks for handling the monthly refreshments and providing some great food.

Felipe Delgado - Thank you for all that you do including helping with the newsletter.

Starting for 2020, annual dues are now \$15 (\$20 if you receive the Newsletter by snail mail instead of email). You can pay this month at the meeting or at future meetings.

The World Bromeliad Conference 2020 will be held in Sarasota, Florida, USA from Tuesday, June 9, 2020 through Saturday, June 13, 2020 at the [Hyatt Regency Sarasota](#). This is the **70th Anniversary of the Bromeliad Society International!** Events will include tours of two of the world's leading Bromeliad nurseries ([Michael's Bromeliads](#) and [Tropiflora](#)), a visit to the renowned [Marie Selby Botanical Gardens](#) (with free admission for conference registrants), a number of notable speakers, an opening conference reception and welcome address, a banquet with a rare plant sale and auction, a plant sale with numerous sellers, a fantastic judged plant show, and more. For more info, go to <https://www.bsi.org/new/conference-corner/>

Please pay your 2020 Membership Dues

NEED TO RENEW ?.....

Pay at the picnic or future meetings to: Membership Chair –Steffanie Delgado or Treasurer - Mary Chan or Mail to: SFVBS membership, P.O. Box 16561 - Encino, CA 91416-6561
Yearly Membership Dues - \$15 for monthly e-mail newsletters or \$20 for snail mail

Please Put These Dates on Your Calendar

Here is our 2019 Calendar. Rarely does our schedule change..... however, please review our website and email notices before making your plans for these dates. Your attendance is important to us

Saturday February 1	Tom Glavich
Saturday March 7	Nels Christianson
Saturday April 4	STBA
Saturday May 2	STBA
Saturday June 6	STBA
Saturday and Sunday June 13-4	Our Club bromeliad show& sale w/ LA Cactus festival

STBA = Speaker To Be Announced

Speakers Let us know if you have any ideas for Speakers about Bromeliads or any similar topics?

We are always looking for an interesting speaker. If you hear of someone, please notify **Joyce Schumann** at 818-416-5585 or ropojo@pacbell.net

*This section is open for any
Member-contributions of photos or articles....*

In Memoriam



Photo by Mary Chan Dec. 2015

Adrienne Jaffe 11/8/1932 to 1/8/2020

I first met Adrienne when I sat next to her at the Saturday meeting. We immediately began exchanging stories and being disruptive with our laughter. That never stopped.

I was asked to write about Adrienne. I only knew Adrienne from the club, so I contacted her oldest friend, Barbara Kirkbride, who filled me in on the fun they had growing up on E. Hollywood Blvd. They would ride their bikes to the Brown Derby and wait outside to collect autographs. The gang (5 of them) stayed together through schools and on to UCLA where they all graduated and became teachers. Adrienne was a Latin Major. They all retired together and stayed in touch.

Adrienne knew the importance of staying in touch and would call me weekly when I was caretaking Ernie. Adrienne had cancer and we spoke regularly during her treatments. She was an inspiration, never letting on of her battle, but rather staying upbeat and always looking for the positive side, And a good laugh. We had many.

She was given the all clear and I remember when she came back to the meeting. She was so happy and delighted to be with us. She remained that way even when the doctors said, it's back. The Christmas party was her last outing. She passed peacefully in the care of Hospice at home.

Rest in Peace, my friend.
I'll be here being disruptive and funny.

Kathleen Misko

*The following Puya photos on the next page
were submitted by Mike Wisnev.....*

A few years ago, HBG planted some new young *Puya*.
I was surprised to see *Puya olivaceae* has already bloomed.





Puya olivaceae

Taxonomic Tidbits: *Location*

By Mike Wisnev SFVBS Editor (mwisnev@gmail.com)

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I have mentioned this more than once, but for me location may be the most important (and certainly easiest) way to change the way your plants look. More than once I have taken a photo of a plant I think looks good, only to find it looked better before. Other times it is obvious a plant isn't doing well- it has burned, or lost all its color etc. The easiest fix, if you have the room, is to move it elsewhere.

Most plants that you buy look great. Why else would you buy it? Sure, sometimes you see something you have always wanted, or something rare, and you get it even though it needs a little more care. But when you get a lovely plant, the challenge is to keep it looking that way. The fact that your growing conditions, habits and skills are different than those of the vendor make that even more difficult.

So here is *Neoregelia* 'Predatress' which I got back in 2012.

This is a complex Skotak hybrid –

{(carolinae x 'Painted Lady') x ('Takemura Princeps') x carolinae} X 'Dark Spot.'



By August 2013, it had lost some of its color, at least the red. It had a lot more yellow. Of course, there were now two plants, and they each looked a bit different.



By January 2014, it almost looked like a different plant. In fairness, my collection is on the east side of the house and gets very little light in winter. It was growing under a table. I suppose some might like this better than the way it looked before, but I didn't. So I moved it to more light.

I have done this before, and sometimes found the place I thought had more light actually has less. With trees, walls, etc., sometimes it is hard to actually know if something gets more light overall. While it may be in direct sunlight sometimes, other times it is in shade and ends up getting less light. In any case, this time it did get more sun. By August 2015, it had regained its color, but also started to bleach out. That is not unusual with direct sun.

From what I can tell, fairly strong but filtered light is about as good as you can get for most bromeliads. The plant above was getting direct afternoon sun, which was a bit too much.



Actually, it was way too much. In retrospect, I learned a lesson – if things start to bleach out from too much sun, it is likely they will continue to decline since they are getting too much sun. By August 2016 it was almost trashed.



In case you are wondering, it has the typical Neo flower – completely unimpressive. This was taken back in May 2012



Once it gets that bleached out, it can take some time to recover. Here it is in November 2017. As you can see, a lot of it actually burned



So I moved it back to being under a table, though a different one than before. I had intended to keep it here temporarily until it recovered. But it never got moved elsewhere after it started to recover.

In October, 2019, it looked like this. Hopefully, it has found its home, and won't be moved again.

