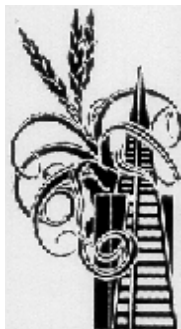


BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF SAN FRANCISCO



June 2005

NEWSLETTER

Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday, June 16, 2005** at 7:30 PM
Recreation Room, San Francisco County Fair Building, 9th Avenue at Lincoln Way, Golden Gate Park,
San Francisco

June Program

Bromeliad Basics

Our meeting this month is a group discussion about the bromeliad family led by **Daniel Arcos**. We are hoping to draw some new members from the sale this month, and it is a good opportunity to share with them how to grow plants in one of our favorite plant families. We need you at this meeting to share your knowledge or ask questions about bromeliads that you may have been hesitant to ask at one of our regular meetings.

June Refreshments

Barret Bassick and **Marilyn Moyer** will provide refreshments this month.

DUES!

This is your last newsletter unless you have paid dues for this year!



This is *Vriesea Samurai*, a Kents' Bromeliads hybrid. This plant which belongs to Peter Wan was quite a hit at last year's sale and plant display. Photo is courtesy of Daniel Arcos.

May Meeting

Last month **Carl Carter** provided a slide show on a recent trip that he and **Bruce McCoy** took to Costa Rica. Unfortunately, Bruce's car broke down on the way to the meeting, so he was not able to kibbutz Carl's presentation. Since it was a short trip they were not able to cover as much territory as they would have liked. We were treated to many beautiful *Tillandsia biflora* and many *Werauhia* species as well as orchids that Carl and many of our other members enjoy. Thanks Carl for a brief summary of some of the many bromeliads that grow in Costa Rica.

June Plant Sale

Our combined plant sale with the San Francisco Succulent and Cactus Society will be on June 11th and 12th this year at the County Fair Building. Setup will be on Friday, June 10th from 3 PM to 8 PM. Sale schedule is

- Saturday - Setup: 8 AM to 9 AM, Sale: 9 AM to 5 PM
- Sunday - Setup: 8 AM to 9 AM, Sale: 9 AM to 4:30 PM, Clean-up: 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM

This is our only annual event that brings in money to support the society. Start setting aside your plants for the sale and save these dates to help on the sale. **If you are selling plants, clean them before bringing them to the sale.** We do not want snails crawling along the tables. And the public wants to buy clean plants - not dirty plants.

Remember if you plan to sell your plants, **25%** of the sales will be kept by the club. We are using the bar code system again. If you are selling plants, you must determine in advance how many bar codes you want made for each sale price (for example, 10 plants @ \$5.50, 15 @ \$10.00, etc.). You do not need to use all of the priced bar codes, but they **all must be made in advance of the sale** and placed on the plant or pot before the sale. You will be able to change the prices during the sale as long as you have a replacement priced bar code, so determine all prices you will need in

advance. **Keith Anderson** is making up the bar codes, so you must notify him of the price and quantity of bar codes you need. **Keith really needs as much advance warning as you can provide on making the bar codes.** If you can not make our May meeting, call Keith at 650-529-1278. **One of the conditions of selling your plants is helping out at the sale for a minimum of 4 hours during Saturday or Sunday.** Let's try not to have everyone sign up only for the last 4 hours on Sunday.

Even if you are not selling plants or entering plants in the show, we need your help. The more workers we have, the less time each of us has to put in – and we have more time to shop for some of those plants we just have to own. If you have never worked at one of these sales, it is really fun. There will be sign-up forms at the May meeting, but even if you do not sign up try to come to the sale.

Vendors

Our club will be purchasing plants from some new vendors this year. **John Arden** from southern California has been hybridizing *Vrieseas* for many years. **Tom Koerber** was able to acquire several half-grown to mature plants that are not readily available since John has stopped hybridizing. We will also be receiving plants from *Tropiflora* in addition to the plants from Hawaii and *Tillandsias* from *Tillandsia International*.

We Need Boxes!

At our previous sales, the San Francisco Succulent and Cactus Society provided the bulk of the boxes that the customers use. Due to some mix-up this year, they may not have as many boxes. Please **start saving boxes and bring to the sale.** If the customer does not have a box, they will not buy as many plants.

We Need Display Plants!

Although this is not a judged show, it is important to have a good representation of the bromeliad family for the general public to observe. Please check your collection and try to bring in some plants for our display tables. We will have a screen for hanging Tillandsias.

Volunteer Signups

At last month's meeting, the following people signed up to work at the sale. We need more volunteers, so please make an effort to come and help. **If your name is not on the list below, try to fill in some of the gaps.** For example, only Peder and Marilyn are covering the first hour on Sunday.

FRIDAY

Barret Bassick, 3 PM – 8 PM
George Bosworth, 3 PM – 6 PM
Dennis Westler, 6 PM – 8 PM
Roger Lane, 3 PM – 8 PM
Peder and Marilyn, 3 PM – 8 PM

SATURDAY

Peder and Marilyn, 9 AM – 11 AM
Barret Bassick, 12 PM – 5 PM
Dennis Westler, 1 PM – 5 PM
Roger Lane, 9 AM – 5 PM
David Feix, 9 AM – 1 PM
Dan Arcos, 11 AM – 2 PM
Dorothy and Leena, 9 AM – 1 PM

SUNDAY

Peder and Marilyn, 9 AM – 11 AM
Roger Lane, 10 AM – 5 PM
David Feix, 10 AM – 1 PM
Harold Charns, 10 AM – 1 PM
Dan Arcos, 1 PM – 5 PM

Publicity

Thanks in advance for the work that **Bruce McCoy** and **Daniel Arcos** have done to promote this upcoming sale and our society. Dan made a very impressive brochure that was handed out at the recent Strybing Plant sale. And Bruce has distributed information on the sale to most of the regional newspapers. To top it off, Bruce will be on television promoting bromeliads and our sale. Henry Tenenbaum who does a program called Henry's Garden on KRON TV, has agreed to talk with Bruce about growing bromeliads in the Bay area. The show will be on the air this Saturday where most of us will be working; hopefully, someone will tape the show.



This is *Billbergia vittata* cv. Domingos Martins in the foreground and some of Tom Koerber's colorful and magnificently grown tillandsias in the background. Photo is courtesy of Daniel Arcos.

BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF SAN FRANCISCO (BSSF)

The BSSF is a non-profit educational organization promoting the study and cultivation of bromeliads. The BSSF meets monthly on the 3rd Thursday at 7:30 PM in the Recreation room of the San Francisco County Fair Building, 9th Avenue at Lincoln Way, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco. Meetings feature educational lectures and displays of plants. Go to the affiliate section of the BSI webpage for information about our meetings.

The BSSF publishes a monthly newsletter that comes with the membership. Annual dues are single (\$15), dual (\$20). To join the BSSF, mail your name(s), address, telephone number, and check made payable to the BSSF to: Harold Charns, BSSF Treasurer, 255 States Street, San Francisco, CA 94114-1405.

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