

BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF

SAN FRANCISCO

JANUARY 2018



Meeting Specifics

When: Thursday, January 18

Time: 07:30 PM

Recreation Room

Where: San Francisco County Fair
Building
9th Avenue at Lincoln Way
San Francisco



Costa Rica with Ben Harink

Ben will be talking about a three-week trip he made to Costa Rica. This was a family vacation, but Ben did get a lot of time to actually spend in nature and look for plants, and also came across many bromeliads. His talk will focus on these, but as there have been many other interesting plant and wildlife encounters, he will include these as well. Costa Rica is an easily accessible country, and seeing plants and animals has been easier than in most countries that Ben has visited so far.

Ben Harink has been fascinated by plants and animals since childhood and had already assembled a good-sized collection of tillandsias while still a youth in Germany. Ben later began rearing insects as a hobby while living there. He has traveled extensively and lived in several other countries in the past, including Switzerland and India. Ben has been a resident of the San Francisco Bay Area for the past four years where he developed an interest in growing bromeliads from seed, especially species of Tillandsia and Pitcairnia.

Roger Lane has signed up for refreshments this month. All other contributions will be appreciated.