

BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF

SAN FRANCISCO

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Meeting Specifics

When: Thursday, 15 February

Time: 07:30 PM

Recreation Room

Where: San Francisco County Fair

Building

9th Avenue at Lincoln Way

San Francisco

Bolivia with Carl Carter

Our president, **Carl Carter**, will be our speaker this month. This is what he had to say about his presentation:

“We drove an SUV 3000 miles, sometimes on paved roads, through the highlands and lowlands of Bolivia. Tillandsias and Puyas will be the focus of this presentation. And as this was my second visit I had a wish list of must see plants. Along the way you’ll see insects, birds, orchids, palms, philodendrons, ferns and even roadside cacti. Come see why I am eager to return to Bolivia again.”



No one signed up for refreshments this month, but our members always come up with delicious goodies. Thanks in advance.



January Meeting

Ben Harink's trip to Costa Rica covered native flora and fauna

Last month, **Ben Harink** gave us a slide show on his 3-week family vacation to Costa Rica last year. It was a great opportunity for his girls as well as exploring different plants and fauna. The fauna included beetles that are among Ben's favorites. In fact, Ben is writing a book on the beetles of the Bay area.

Around 25% of the country's land area is in protected national parks and protected areas, the largest percentage of protected areas in the world. During this trip, Ben visited some of these national parks.

In one of the national parks, Ben crossed long suspension bridges (similar to above

photo) and observed many bromeliads beneath him in the trees.

Ben also visited the Monteverde Cloud Forest, the locale for many bromeliads, other tropical plants, and butterflies. We got see many butterfly photos and *Werauhia* species.

Pitcairnias are among Ben's favorites. This is *Pitcairnia brittoniana*, found in Costa Rica.

The last park that Ben visited was the Palo Verde National Park. This park combines wetlands and a tropical dry forest. As for the bromeliads, many were not native to Costa Rica but have been introduced for greater

variety.

Ben's show whets the appetite to visit Costa Rica, which is an easy country to traverse and see a great variety of plants, animals, and insects. Thanks, Ben!

Unfortunately, Ben will be leaving us soon as he relocates



to Switzerland.

Pacific Orchid Exposition

The 66th Pacific Orchid Exposition (POE) will take place from **Friday, February 23rd** through **Sunday, February 25th 2018** in the Hall of Flowers at Golden Gate Park, San Francisco. The theme is Orchids in Wonderland. There will be a Gala Preview Night celebration held on **Thursday, February 22nd** beginning at 6:00 PM.

Our society will be selling plants again at this year's event. This sale is one of our two annual sales to support our society and we need your help to make it a success. We need help in

- Pricing plants for the sale
- Provide plants for display
- Set up sales booth/display
- Working in sales booth
- Teardown.

Some people signed up to help at the January meeting. The signup sheet will be available at our February meeting. Hopefully, you will be able to help fill in any gaps.

There will be a pricing party at Harold Charn's house on Saturday, February 17th starting at 12 noon.

The sales booth and display will be set up on Wednesday (February 21st) and Thursday (February 22nd) before 6:00 PM.

Sales hours are

- Thursday, February 22nd from 6:00 PM to 9:30 PM
- Friday, February 23rd from 9 AM to 6 PM (in shifts)
- Saturday, February 24th from 9 AM to 6 PM (in shifts)
- Sunday, February 25th 10 AM to 5 PM (in shifts)

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If you are unable to attend the February meeting but can help at the sale, please contact Carl Carter at 510-318-2379 or carl.m.carter@sbcglobal.net

TIME TO PAY DUES

This is a reminder to you that dues for 2018 are due: \$15 for a single membership and \$20 for a dual membership. Pay our treasurer, Harold Charns at the meeting or check the last page of this newsletter for details.



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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 sfbromeliad.org 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, e-mail address, and check payable to the BSSF to: Harold Charns, BSSF Treasurer, 255 States Street, San Francisco, CA 94114-1405.

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