

# BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF

## SAN FRANCISCO

MAY 2019



### Meeting Specifics

When: Thursday, May 16

Time: 07:30 PM

Recreation Room

Where: San Francisco County Fair  
Building  
9<sup>th</sup> Avenue at Lincoln Way  
San Francisco

### About Billbergias with Keith Smith

This month **Keith Smith** will present one of the soon to be introduced BSI programs, Genus Billbergia. The program highlights many of the 63 Billbergia species with information about their growing locations. A sampling of some of the numerous hybrids available and advice for growing this genus will complete the program. This is the first showing of the program to a Society (other than Sacramento) and as such Keith would appreciate any and all comments, corrections, improvements and additions from San Francisco members after the program delivery.

Former BSI journal editor Chet Blackburn introduced Keith to bromeliads in 1976 creating his addiction to bromeliads. He joined the Sacramento Bromeliad Society that year and has been unable to escape its clutches, having served as president numerous times in the intervening years. He grows mostly neoregelias and vrieseas in his 40' X 27' greenhouse and actively tries to create further addicts by proselytizing about the plants at society meetings and sending visitors away with boxes of his excess plants.



No one has signed up for refreshments this month, but we always seem to have plenty of wonderful contributors.

