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Form **990-EZ**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Short Form
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

▶ Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than $500,000 and total assets less than $1,250,000 at the end of the year may use this form

▶ *The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.*

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2009

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning , 2009, and ending , 20

B Check if applicable
- ☐ Address change
- ☐ Name change
- ☐ Initial return
- ☐ Terminated
- ☐ Amended return
- ☐ Application pending

Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.

C Name of organization
Bromeliad Society International

Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) — Room/suite
4039 Herschel Avenue

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4
Dallas, Texas 75219

D Employer identification number
95 6111474

E Telephone number
214-520-0630

F Group Exemption Number ▶

- ***Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).***

G Accounting Method: ☑ Cash ☐ Accrual
Other (specify) ▶

H Check ▶ ☑ if the organization is **not** required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

I Website: ▶ **www.bsl.org**

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) — ☑ 501(c)(**5**) ◀ (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

K Check ▶ ☐ if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization **and** its gross receipts are normally **not** more than $25,000. A Form 990-EZ or Form 990 return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.

L Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts; if $500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ▶ $

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions for Part I.)

Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received		1	11,856
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts		2	3940
	3	Membership dues and assessments		3	44,665
	4	Investment income		4	2,403
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a		
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b		
	c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)		5c	
	6	Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G). If any amount is from **gaming**, check here ▶ ☐			
	a	Gross revenue (not including $ _____ of contributions reported on line 1)	6a		
	b	Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b		
	c	Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)		6c	
	7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a		
	b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b		
	c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)		7c	
	8	Other revenue (describe ▶ **World Conference registrations**)		8	9,955
	9	**Total revenue.** Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8 ▶		9	72,819
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)		10	16,690
	11	Benefits paid to or for members		11	
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits		12	6,600
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors		13	560
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance		14	1,050
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping		15	30,449
	16	Other expenses (describe ▶ **World conference and membership expenses**)		16	8,503
	17	**Total expenses.** Add lines 10 through 16 ▶		17	63,852
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)		18	8,967
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)		19	185,861
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)		20	
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20 ▶		21	194,828

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Part II Balance Sheets. If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are $1,250,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ.

(See the instructions for Part II.)

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
22	Cash, savings, and investments	185,861	22	194,828
23	Land and buildings		23	
24	Other assets (describe ▶ _____)		24	
25	**Total assets**	185,861	25	194,828
26	**Total liabilities** (describe ▶ _____)		26	
27	**Net assets or fund balances** (line 27 of column (B) **must** agree with line 21)	185,861	27	194,828

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (See the instructions for Part III.)

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? **Bromeliad scientific research and conservation**

Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization's exempt purposes. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.

Expenses (Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts, optional for others)

28	**Support the Bromeliad Identification Center at the Marie Selby Botanic Gardens in Sarasota, Florida. The Center is the world-wide scientific identification agency for the bromeliad plant family.** (Grants $ 16,690) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ ☐	28a	
29	(Grants $) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ ☐	29a	
30	(Grants $) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ ☐	30a	
31	Other program services (attach schedule) (Grants $) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ ☐	31a	
32	**Total program service expenses** (add lines 28a through 31a) ▶	32	

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees. List each one even if not compensated. (See the instructions for Part IV.)

(a) Name and address	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-.)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
Joyce Brehm, 5088 Dawne Street, San Diego,CA 92117	President (18)	-0-		
Jay Thurrott, 713 Breckenridge Drive, Port Orange, FL 32127	Vice President (4)	-0-		
Edward Doherty, 4039 Herschel Avenue, Dallas, TX 75219	Treasurer (9)	-0-		
Carole Richtmyer, 18814 Cypress Mountain Drive, Spring, TX 77388	Secretary (1)	-0-		
Andrew Flower, P.O. Box 57021, Mana, Porirua 5247, New Zealand	Editor (21)	-0-		$1,800
Dan Kinnard, 6901 Kellyn Lane, Vista, CA 92084	Membership (21)	-0-		$4,800
Lynn Hudson, 47 Boden Street, Edge Hill, QLD 4870 Australia	Director	-0-		
Greg Azilewood, 15 Royal Palm Drive, Woongoolba, QLD 4207, Australia	Director	-0-		
Olive Trevor, 232 Canvey Road, Ferny Grove, QLD 4055, Australia	Director	-0-		
Rodney Kline, P.O. Box 118, Concord, CA 94522	Director	-0-		
Anthony Smith, 1330 Millertown Road, Auburn, CA 95603	Director	-0-		
Holly Mena, 3922 Marian Street, La Mesa, CA 91941	Director	-0-		
Steven Provost, 1805 Beacon Street, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32169	Director	-0-		
Gary Lund, 904 Oakwood Drive, Largo, FL 33770	Director	-0-		
Vicky Chirnside, 951 Southland Road, Venice, FL 34293	Director	-0-		
Francisco Oliva-Esteve, 17414 Cascades Hill Court, Orlando, FL 32820	Director	-0-		
Eric Gouda, Jungfrau 107, Utrecht 3524 WJ, Netherlands	Director	-0-		
Carolyn Schoenau, 5278 SW 24th Drive, Gainsville, FL 32608	Director	-0-		

Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.)

			Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity	33		✓
34	Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes	34		✓
35	If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but **not** reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining why the organization did not report the income on Form 990-T.			
a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of $1,000 or more or was it subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?	35a		✓
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on **Form 990-T** for this year?	35b		
36	Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N	36		✓
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. ▶ 37a 0			
b	Did the organization file **Form 1120-POL** for this year?	37b		
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the period covered by this return?	38a		✓
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b			
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:			
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39a			
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b			
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ ; section 4912 ▶ ; section 4955 ▶			
b	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or is it aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	40b		
c	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶			
d	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶			
e	All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T.	40e		
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. ▶			
42a	The organization's books are in care of ▶ **Edward D. Doherty** Telephone no. ▶ **214-520-0630** Located at ▶ **4039 Herschel Avenue, Dallas, Texas** ZIP + 4 ▶ **75219**			
b	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	42b		✓
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for **Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.**			
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.?	42c		✓
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶			
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of **Form 1041**—Check here ▶ ☐ and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 43			

			Yes	No
44	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44		✓
45	Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	45		✓

Part VI **Section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts only.** All section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must answer questions 46–49b and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

			Yes	No
46	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	46		
47	Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	47		
48	Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	48		
49a	Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?	49a		
b	If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?	49b		✓

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than $100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than $100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances

f Total number of other employees paid over $100,000 . . . . ▶

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than $100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than $100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over $100,000 . . ▶

Sign Here

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge

▶ Edward D. Doherty — Signature of officer — Date: June 29, 2010

▶ **Edward D Doherty, Treasurer** — Type or print name and title

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Preparer's signature ▶	Date	Check if self-employed ▶ ☐	Preparer's identifying number (See instructions)
Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 ▶		EIN ▶	
		Phone no. ▶	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions . . . . . ▶ ☐ Yes ☐ No

Form 990-EZ 2008

Bromeliad Society International
95-6111474

Attachment to Form 990-EZ of Bromeliad Society International for 2008

Continuation of Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees and Key Employees.

(a) Name and address	(b) Title;hours	(c Compensation	(d) Contributions	(e) Allowances
Bonnie Boutwell, 1319 America Street Mandeville, LA 70448	Director	-0-	-0-	-0-
Gene Powers,7319 Foster Creek Dr. Richmond, TX 77406	Director	-0-	-0-	-0-
Penrith Goff, 20051 Caldwell Street Northville, MN 48167	Director	-0-	-0-	-0-
David Anderson, 33 Marsden Avenue Mt. Eden, Auckland 1024, New Zealand	Director	-0-	-0-	-0-
Leslie Graifman, 255 W. 84th Street New York, NY 10024	Director	-0-	-0-	-0-
Rei Irizarry, 4112 Briarcliff Court Mobile, AL 36609	Director	-0-	-0-	-0-
Hannelore Lenz, 6160 W. Ohio Avenue Lakewood,CO 80226	Director	-0-	-0-	-0-
Luiz Felipe Nevares de Carvalho, Rua Povina Cavalcanti 153, Rio de Janeiro RJ22610-080, Brazil	Director	-0-	-0-	-0-