

MAY 2011

# SCURF

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Beginning Monday, May 16th  
the Bromeliad Society of Broward County  
will be holding their monthly meetings at

### DEICKE AUDITORIUM

5701 Cypress Rd., Plantation, Fl. 33317

From University and Broward Blvd. drive  
east to Fig Tree Lane. Turn left (north) on  
Fig Tree Lane. Go one block and at the  
round-about turn right.

Deicke is 1/2 block on your left.

**News Flash**.....we are taking the club and moving to Deicke  
Auditorium!!! We are very excited about this and hope you are too.

I would like to get a committee together to help spruce up the  
entrance of Deicke. Of course this must be approved by the city but  
please be thinking about it.

I would like to thank Nancy Long for working diligently on getting all  
the programs scheduled for the year and working on next year as  
well.

So now that summer is here and all is in bloom I hope you are out  
and enjoying your yard and garden.

See you all Monday!

Colleen

BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF BROWARD COUNTY

P.O. BOX 17272

PLANTATION FL. 33312

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Our meetings generally offer a speaker on timely and noteworthy topics, member plant sales, a plant raffle, special holiday plant auction, diagnosis of disease and pest problems. We also offer a Country Store with selected bromeliads and gardening supplies. We meet on the Third Monday of each month except when it falls on a holiday and then we meet on the Fourth Monday at 6:30 p.m.



The Bromeliad Society of Broward County is a member of, and supports: **The Bromeliad Society International**

<http://bsi.org>



The Bromeliad Society of Broward County is a member of, and supports: **The Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies**

<http://fcbs.org> Our clubs' reps are: Dr. Jose and Sara Donayre



The Bromeliad Society of Broward County is a member of, and supports: **The Cryptanthus Society**

<http://www.iinet.net.au/-scrozier/Culture.html>

## MAY MEETING

Monday, May 16th

Plant Viewing at 6:30 P.M.

Meeting begins promptly at 7:00

WHERE: **Deicke Auditorium**

5701 Cypress Rd.

Plantation, Fl. 33317

954-797-2199

**PLEASE BRING YOUR BLOOMING PLANTS FOR THE SHOW AND  
TELL TABLE**

The Sales Table and Raffle Table will be **OPEN**

This month we will be honored to have

**Dr. Robert T. McMillan, Jr.**

**Professor Emeritus/Plant Pathologist,**

speak to us about the various pests and diseases. He is currently the Director of Research and Development for Kerry's Bromeliad Nursery in Homestead, where he develops disease control strategies and production practices for orchids and bromeliads. Major accomplishments through his research have included: the describing of numerous plant pathogens with control methods, which were devastating the ornamentals, tropical fruit and vegetable crops. He has gained recognition as a leading authority of diseases of ornamentals, tropical fruits and vegetables throughout the tropical world.

## HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAY



To:

Jay Abrams, Jillian and Gene Cain, Grace Gray,  
Chantal Herron, Larry Hill, Elsie Johns,  
Bob Knox, Barbara Ladin, Nancy Long,  
Dorothy McCrain, Barbara Moorman,  
Michael Schaberl, Azfar Syed, Jim Temples  
and Bud Hendrix.



## A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ALL!

If we missed your birthday or have you listed in the wrong month  
please correct me.



## HARRIET'S HOOTS

Our April meeting was great as usual but it was our last meeting at Jim Ward's Center and this month we will be in our new home at Deicke. I'm sure that we'll fit right in and have our wonderful refreshment table as always. Many thanks again goes out to the following members who contributed to the table:

George Henderson - - delicious Cream Cake and Chocolate Chip Cake

Nancy Long - - wonderful Hamburger Squash Casserole

Tammy Newett - - really good Bos Cake

Louella Weber - - a hearty Lasagna that hit the spot.

Shirley Konefal - - Egg Salad sandwiches on English Muffins - - great idea

Cory Glick - - refreshing Fruit Tray with cookies and Bread with Port Wine Cheese

Carol Mordas - - great Mango & Veggie Salad, Iced Tea and Cake to top it off.

Tammy Dinneen - - Coconut Cake that was so good, just loved it.

I will be calling the May birthday members just as a friendly reminder to bring a treat for the table, however anyone that would like to contribute to our food fest, please feel free to do so. We love Bromeliads but we also love to eat.....

See you all at our next meeting **AT DEICKE** - - - Harriet

## Simple precautions prevent bromeliads from becoming mosquito nurseries

Yvonne Swanson, Special to the St. Petersburg Times

Bromeliads get a bad rap, and they don't deserve it. These exotic tropicals seem to be on every mosquito-fearing homeowner's blacklist, forever banished from the garden for fear their capacity to hold water provides safe harbor for the blood-sucking pests.

But bromeliads are a delight in a Florida garden and one of the easiest plants you'll ever grow. Incredibly forgiving and adaptable, they're found throughout the world in tropical and subtropical climates. There are thousands of species, from sun-loving bromeliads that thrive in sandy deserts and on rocks in the mountains, to shade-lovers that inhabit trees and the jungle floor.

Several bromeliads are native to Florida; most of them are found in South Florida and are considered endangered. In our area you're more likely to find native bromeliads in the *Tillandsia* genus, which includes true air plants, which are happy growing in trees. Air plants (epiphytes) absorb water and minerals through their leaves and use their roots merely for anchoring.

Not all bromeliads have little reservoirs at their center. Spanish moss (*Tillandsia usneoides*) and ball moss (*Tillandsia recurvata*) are perfect examples. But many exotic bromeliads that produce spectacular blooms have those "cups" or "tanks," and they like a little puddle of water in them now and then. It's even better when organic debris settles in, providing nature's best plant food. But it creates a potential problem: Stagnant water is the perfect environment for mosquitoes to lay their eggs.

Horticulturists have conducted plenty of studies to determine if the plant is indeed a major contributor to mosquito populations and to identify which kinds of mosquitoes favor its tanks. A study by the University of Florida found that of 78 mosquito species in Florida, none were specifically associated with bromeliads. However, under certain conditions, certain mosquitoes can be drawn to bromeliads, primarily the small *Wyeomyia* mosquito, which is active in daytime but doesn't wander far from its home.

"Bromeliads are very environmentally friendly. Mosquitoes can be a problem, but it's a problem that can be solved," says horticulture agent Pam Brown of the Pinellas County Extension/Florida Botanical Gardens in Largo, which has an extensive bromeliad garden with several thousand individual bromeliads.

Mosquitoes aren't a problem at the botanical gardens because horticulturists there regularly apply a safe bacterial toxin that kills mosquito larvae, says Bob Albanese, a Pinellas County horticulturist. Called bacillus thuringiensis israelensis (BTI), the product is available in granular and doughnut-shaped pieces at nurseries and online suppliers. Brand names include Mosquito Dunks, Quick Kill and Aquabac. At the botanical gardens, granules are applied once a month with a broadcast spreader, but most homeowners need only a few granules per plant, sprinkled in the cups about every 45 to 60 days, says Albanese, who follows that program with his bromeliads at home in St. Petersburg.

Pinellas County Master Gardener Luis Rey, who grows bromeliads at his home and volunteers at the plant sale, insists mosquitoes aren't a problem. However, he's careful not to cluster the plants, to prevent the accumulation of water. It's also important to regularly remove decaying leaf matter from the plant's cup and adjust irrigation sprinklers so they aren't overwatering.

An inexpensive alternative to BTI can be found in the kitchen cabinet. Just 1 drop of cooking oil placed in the bromeliad's cup will smother mosquito larvae. Use a medicine dropper to apply oil about every 20 days, Brown recommends. Another approach is to simply flush the water regularly with a garden hose, to interrupt the mosquito's life cycle so it can't reproduce.

One of the biggest misconceptions about bromeliads is that they are the culprit for mosquito attacks morning, noon and night. Not so, says Albanese. "If you are getting bitten at night, they are coming from somewhere else," he says. That's because the *Wyeomyia* mosquito flies only during the day, and it doesn't travel more than 50 feet from its host plant. If mosquitoes are a problem in your yard, stop blaming bromeliads and start looking for standing water in other sources, such as open containers, a much more likely breeding ground for those irritating pests.

## OPEN HOUSE

Harriet and I are inviting the BCBS to an Open House at our home (4808 SW 120 Ave, Cooper City) on **June 19 at 11 a.m.** We will be showing our new constructions and our collection of Bromeliads. We will also be serving a picnic style lunch at noon. We will provide the main course and the drinks. Our guests are invited to bring a side-dish or dessert, if they desire. After lunch all are invited to stay for an afternoon of swimming and socializing. Some of our plants will be offered for sale. Hope you will plan to attend. Larry and Harriet



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### Monthly

1st Tuesday	Plantation Orchid Society	Deicke Auditorium
<b>3rd Monday</b>	<b>Bromeliad Society of Broward Co.</b>	<b>Deicke Auditorium</b>
3rd Tuesday	Bromeliad Society of So. Florida	Fairchild Gardens
3rd Thursday	Bromeliad Society of the Palm Beaches	Mounts Botanical West Palm Beach
4th Monday	BSBC Board Meeting	To be decided.
4th Thursday	Plantation Shade Brigade	Plantation Bldg. Dept.
Nov. 4 and 5, 2011	Extravaganza in Orlando	Caribe Hotel - Orlando

Sponsored by The Florida Council of Bromeliads ( we are members)

#### "How your Garden Grows"

Please email Bill at [marbilld@mac.com](mailto:marbilld@mac.com) if you would like to be considered to have your garden photographed. We take 'em any way we can get 'em! - small scapes to larger scapes! Don't be shy, cause your plants love the camera!

Thanks, Bill David, Photographer, BSBC



**Sunshine Ranches**  
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 Josefa Leon  
 14601 Sheridan Street  
 Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33330  
 Broward: 954-434-4148  
 Cel: 954-249-2205

BSBC COUNTRY STORE

The Country Store has the following items for sale at great prices!



**BUD'S BROMELIADS**

BUD HENDRIX  
 824 N. BEL AIR DRIVE  
 PLANTATION, FL 33317  
 954-583-8636

\_\_\_\_ITEM\_\_\_\_PRICE\_\_\_\_

Five and Six inch pots  
 4 pots for \$1.00



**T & C Tropicals**  
 Specializing in Bromeliads  
 Landscape & Interiors  
 21 Holly Lane  
 Plantation, FL 33317  
 954-530-0076 / 954-931-1711

Tim & Colleen Hendrix

Plant Name Sticks  
 50 sticks for \$1.00  
 Contact Tim Hendrix  
 @ 954-530-0076

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Please "diaper" your plants that you bring in by using a newspaper sleeve or a plastic bag to cover the bottom of the plant.

BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF BROWARD COUNTY

Membership Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday Month \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #'s Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to serve on a committee or otherwise assist? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Name Tag ? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Paid \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Dues are:

\$20.00 per year for individuals.

\$25.00 per year for more than one member at the same address.

Please make your check payable to:

Bromeliad Society of Broward County (BSBC) and mail to:

Tami Newett, Treasurer

P.O. Box 17272

Plantation, Fl. 33318

Do you wish to apply for membership to Bromeliad Society International (BSI)?

Cost is \$40.00 for a single or dual one year membership. ([www.bsi.org](http://www.bsi.org))

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

We meet at 6:30 PM on the 3rd Monday of the month, except Jan., Feb., and Dec.

These dates will be announced in the SCURF.

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