

# Scurf

## The Bromeliad Society of Broward County



### The Presidents Message

Greetings from your new president!

My theme for this year is Education and Socialization. We are doing our best to provide the best in programs but we need your co-operation in starting earlier. We plan to have munchies at 6:30 p.m. as well as sales and raffle tickets so that we can get the meeting opening as close to 7:00 p.m. as possible. Due to a previously planned family reunion I will not be at the June meeting. Caroline Plechac, our vice-president will conduct the meeting.

We are going to stimulate the Show and Tell table by giving a raffle ticket for any plant brought in for any reason. Bill Frazel and Pepe Donayre will review.

There will also be a name tag plant as usual. See Richard Sedlak for these tickets.

For the raffling of plants we will have a Chinese raffle\* using cups and a new single number card. Larry Davis will be calling numbers. We believe this will save time.

The birthday people of the month will continue to bring munchies and will receive a raffle ticket from Harriet Abo. Harriet will also coordinate an indoor picnic with games and plant giveaways. The club will provide an entree. This event will be free to paid members and \$5.00 for all others. This will be on August 17th.

Our big celebration to end our 45th anniversary year will be a 3 day cruise to Nassau. We will leave on March 3, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. The next day we will be met by the Horticultural Society for a guided tour of private gardens. We will be transported by small passenger buses. We will depart for home again on March 4 at 5:00 p.m. The cost could run under \$200.00 plus the bus cost of about \$10.00 per hour. A \$50.00 deposit is needed as soon as possible. The cost is fully refundable up to 6 weeks before departure. For further information call Stephanie D'Ornellas at 954-384-2122.

I believe it is going to be an exciting year ending with the World Conference in New Orleans in July 2010.

\* See Page 7.

Maureen Frazel

## BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF BROWARD COUNTY

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 PLANTATION, FL. 33312

### 2009/2010 Officers and Directors

President	Maureen Frazel	954-474-1349
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Our meetings generally offer a speaker on timely and noteworthy topics, member plant sales, a plant raffle, special holiday plant auctions, diagnosis of disease and pest problems. We also offer a Country Store with selected bromeliad and gardening supplies. We meet the third Monday of every month (except January)



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>

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, June 15, 2009

Plant viewing at 6:30 p.m. (new time)

Meeting begins promptly at 7:00 p.m.(new time)

Where: Jim Ward Community Center

301 NW 46th Ave. (Park East Drive)

Plantation, Fl. 33317

\*\*\*\*\*The Member Sales Table will be OPEN\*\*\*\*\*  
We will have our Raffle Table

adult *M. callizona*  
(Chevrolat)



*M. hemipterus* adult



*M. mosieri* adult



Our speaker for June 15, 2009

**Dennis Giardina**

**\*\*ABOUT DENNIS\*\***

Dennis began his career in 1989, working for the US Forest Service on the Caribbean National Forest in Puerto Rico. He worked for five years at the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge near Tallahassee and nine years at Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge in Collier County. In 2005 he was offered the position of Manager of the Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park where the continent's highest diversity of native bromeliads and orchids is found. This is the home of the famous Ghost Orchid. Since January 2008, he has been the Everglades Region Biologist for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Invasive Plant Management Section.

**\*\*HIS TALK INVOLVES\*\***

The Mexican bromeliad weevil (*Metamasius callizona*) was introduced to Florida sometime in the late eighties in a shipment of ornamental bromeliads from southern Mexico. Over the past twenty years they have spread across the southern half of the state, decimating native bromeliad communities. In the early nineties a parasitic fly was found preying upon the larva of bromeliad weevils in the rainforest of Honduras. After a decade of research and quarantine, the fly, *Lixadmontia franki* has been repeatedly released at several sites. It is still unknown whether the fly will be able to survive in Florida and a team of biologists, including Dennis continues to search for additional parasites of the Mexican bromeliad weevil in Central America. This presentation will focus on an expedition made to the volcanic heart of Guatemala in the fall of 2006.

### NOTICE OF BOARD MEETING

The Board will meet on June 22, Monday at 7:00 P.M.  
Jim Ward Community Center

### BIRTHDAY REMINDERS

June birthdays please bring a contribution to the Refreshment Table  
and get a free raffle ticket for a special drawing.

Happy Birthday and many more to Judy Bontrager, JoAnn Heyer, Elke Kurtz, Ken Marks, Ben Pascal,  
Ann Schandelmayer, Ron and Linda Wiringer, William and Sally Wurdack.....and anyone else celebrating in  
June!

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

Happy Birthday to You!

### PAYMENT OF DUES REMINDER

BSBC annual dues were due by February 1st. If you have not paid you are  
now 4 months overdue with your payment.

**Please** remember we depend upon dues money to produce and mail our newsletter  
and also to obtain speakers.

\$20.00 for an individual or \$25.00 for multiple members at same mailing address.

You may make your check payable to the Bromeliad Society of Broward County and bring it  
to the meeting on June 15th or mail it to our Treasurer, Tami Newett  
P.O. Box 17272, Plantation, Fl. 33318

Prompt payment of your dues will keep you on our mailing list or on our e-mail list for the Scurf.  
You will be kept informed of meetings, field trips and special events. We value your membership and  
participation. Thank you for helping to make our society so special and successful.

### BACK YARD TOUR

Ann Kauffman has some spectacular plants blooming. Upon visiting her on June 6th  
we were shown through her yard where we saw beautiful tillandsia's, neoregelia's, and a Vriesea gigantea  
'Nova', which is just going into full bloom. She has many rare specimens. She was a gracious hostess and we  
enjoyed our time with her. Give her a call and set up a time if you'd like to see her beautiful bromeliads and  
other plants.



*Vriesea gigantea* 'Nova'



A small part of Ann Kauffman's collection



*Alcantarea Imperialis (rubra)*

Bromeliads from Bud



Assorted Bromeliads

[BSBC Country Store](#)

The Hendrix Garden Shop has the following items for sale at great prices!

See Tim Hendrix to purchase or order.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
Five - inch pots	5 pots for \$1.0
Logo Shirts, Hats & Totes	\$10.00 - \$25.00
Plant Name sticks - per 100	50 sticks for \$1.00
Mini-pine bark nuggets (per bag)	see Tim Hendrix for price
Drift wood	price as marked

[\\*CHINESE RAFFLE](#)

Greetings from your new Raffle-Meister, Larry Davis.

This year we are restructuring our raffle to make the raffle faster and more interesting. We will use Chinese Raffle cards. These are 4 inch by 8.5 inch colored cards containing 25 individual perforated tickets, all with the same ticket number. These will be sold at **\$5.00 per card of 25 tickets.**

Each of the plants or items on the raffle table will be accompanied by a colored, plastic cup. You will separate the ticket or tickets and place them in the cup designated for the plant you hope to win. You can place one ticket in 25 different cups, all 25 in one cup or distribute them among those cups representing any plants you hope to win. One ticket will be drawn from each cup to designate the winner. You need keep track of only one number, since all of your 25 tickets have the same number. You will only win plants that you really want. You may buy multiple cards for more chances to win or if you do not choose to distribute all your tickets, you may save some tickets for future raffles. All tickets submitted will be held to draw for any plants not having any tickets.

**If you have any questions, I will be at the table before the meeting.** Thanks for the read and 'good luck' to all of you! Larry



**EMAIL ADDRESSES NEEDED**

The Scurf has gone **GREEN** and your email address is needed if you wish to receive your SCURF online. The price to mail the Scurf has now risen to 44 cents.

Email your address to [marbilld@comcast.net](mailto:marbilld@comcast.net)

Thank You !!

## Membership Application

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

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

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Month of your birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to serve on a committee or otherwise assist?

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

Permanent Name Tag? No\_\_\_ Yes\_\_\_ 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 and mail this page to:

Gail Shirlaw, Membership Chairman

17516 NW 7th St., Pembroke Pines, Fl. 33029

**We meet on the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30 PM at:**

Jim Ward Community Center

301 NW 46th Ave.

Plantation, Fl. 33317

954-585-2353