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Bromeliad Society of Broward County

April 2006



NEXT MEETING: APRIL 17TH, 2006

GUEST SPEAKER: RON CAVE

"Mexican bromeliad weevil:

The scourge of airplants in Florida"

Don't miss this program! Our Tillandsia's are counting on you!
Learn all you can about the weevil and the encouraging progress
to stop the weevil from devastating our plants.

We meet the third Monday of every month (except January)
at 7:30 p.m. in the Broward Agricultural Extension Building
3245 College Avenue, Davie, Florida

Plant sales will be open!

We will also have our plant raffle

About our Guest Speaker

Ronald D. Cave is an Assistant Professor of Entomology at the University of Florida's Indian River Research & Education Center in Ft. Pierce. He received his PhD degree from Auburn University. He was a Peace Corps volunteer in El Salvador and Paraguay, and worked for 15 years at the Pan American School of Agriculture in Honduras. Currently, his research focuses on the biological control of invasive arthropods, specifically the importation of exotic insects as candidate biological control agents. Evaluation of resident natural enemies and assessment of commercial natural enemies are also conducted, along with studies on the biology of parasitoids and predators. Current projects target the eyed aulacaspis scale, the Mexican bromeliad weevil, and the Sri Lankan weevil. He also teaches undergraduate entomology and pest management courses.

Calendar of Events for 2006

April 22-23 - Bromelid Society of South Florida

Annual Show and Sale
Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens
10901 Old Cutler Road, Miami
Show Chairman: Robert Meyer, 305-668-3344
Commercial sales: Peter Konchalakos, 305-461-2367

May 12-14 - Bromelid Society of Central Florida

Mothers Day Show and Sale
Orlando Fashion Square Mall
3201 East Colonial Drive, Orlando
Friday and Saturday 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM
Sunday 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Betsy McCroxy 407-348-2139

June 6 - 11, 2006

Bromelids on the Border

17th World Bromelid Conference

Town and Country Resort & Convention Center
500 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, California 92108
<http://www.towncountry.com> More info: <http://fbbs.org/>

June 7 - World Conference Judges School 3 - The all-day school will be held in San Diego. Pre-registration, including a small fee is required. For more information, contact Betty Ann Prevett, JCC Chairman, at 239-334-0242 or email bprevett@aol.com

August 19-20 - Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society

Fall Tropical Plant Sale

Garden Club of Sanford

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sudi Hipsley at 352-728-5002 or Bud Martin at 321-363-7351

The public is invited. Admission is free.

September 30 - Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies' Extravaganza

Sale, banquet and rare plant auction. Miccosukee Indian and Gaming Resort Convention Center, Miami, Florida USA. For more information visit www.fcbss.org.

Lorenzo Moreno enlightening us on the high altitude bromeliads. It's amazing how incredible the colors are! By the way, Lorenzo was kind enough to donate his speakers fee to the weed fund and the society matched it. Thank you Lorenzo.....





The Presidents Message

The program by IGNACIO MORENO was particularly interesting not only because of the rarity (for us) of the high altitude plants he showed us in their habitat but also for the quality of their coloring and the size of their inflorescences. Hopefully some of our members who took some seeds will be able to germinate some. Our thanks to IGNACIO who made it from Bogota, Colombia.

April is an important month for us because it marks the 42nd anniversary of our Society. As I mentioned it at our first General Meeting in January. Did you wonder why our calendar year does not start in January but in May? This may be part of the answer. Now, what better way to celebrate our anniversary but with elections. This year we have a special schedule requested by our Vice-president Colleen Hendrix to make sure that nominations from the floor will be called. Our hard working Nominating Committee Chair, Becky Blackwood, read the proposed slate at our last meeting and announced that nominations from the floor will be called at our upcoming meeting on April 17. Whether you intend to support the slate or nominate a member for any of the Board positions, come to the meeting and cast your vote. Here is where your participation in the life of our Society starts.

See you at the meeting!!

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Book of the Month

In June last year, we started our "Book of the Month" feature with the last of the three volumes of "Bromeliads of the Atlantic Forest" by Brazilian self-taught botanist Elton Leme, reviewing the "Nidularium complex". That volume was devoted to the genus *Nidularium*. We have also featured the second book of his beautifully illustrated trilogy focused on *Coniostegia*. These publications, the result of more than a decade of research, bring together a host of new species and organize this extensive complex under a more systematic taxonomic approach. This time you will be able to consult at the meeting the first volume: *Coniostegia*. In this case, you will see the characteristics of *Coniostegia*, *Edmondsonia* and *Wittrockia* as closely related genera, and a sub-genus of *Neoregelia*. In all of them you will find in vivid colors some plants we are all rather familiar with like *Coniostegia aurantiaca*, *Fosterianum* or *Triangulare* or *Edmondson Lindenii* among others. I am sure you will enjoy leafing through the pages of this book thinking of the many plants you still need to have, a constant collector's dream.

Plant Affair at Heritage Park

April 22nd and 23rd the Bromeliad Society of Broward County will be participating in the Plant Affair at Heritage Park in Plantation. If you have never been apart of this event before, this year we are encouraging you to do so.

All you need to do is decide that you are going to sell plants, anywhere from one to as many as you want, get with Bill Frazer (our Treasurer) and get a sales number (so that you can be identified). Your plants must be clean and sale free (as if you were going to buy them yourself). Two tags must be in each plant with your sales number and price.

Set-up is Friday April 21st. The set-up committee meets at Heritage Park to set up the tent and tables. Bring your plants Saturday morning between 8:00 and 8:30am and get ready to sell!!! Please see Bud Hendrix or call him to volunteer for set-up and selling. 954-933-1732.

Members Gallery

By Jose Donayre

Jack and Cathleen Mackey, who are often out "planting the town", have been members of our Society for only two years but have been plant lovers for many more. As such their house is an eclectic mix of a variety of tropical plants where bromeliads claim at least half of their collection.

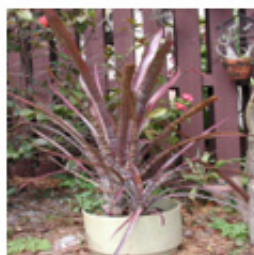
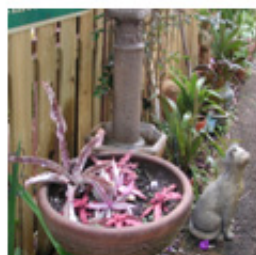


Above in a corner, around a fountain, nees, Guzmania and Tillandsias share space with bright begonias and other plants.



At the entrance to their house, an Ursula Tritensis enjoys the sun. On the right, the Mackeys with several of their Neoregelias.

On the right, a good size clump of *Aeschme* *cinerascens* is shown in multiple stages of blooming.



Above left, a group of *Cryptanthus shore* in a container amidst some decorative garden objects. On the right, a large specimen of *Aeschme Phalarophleto* in a white container includes a well-grown pup.



Long hours of sun exposure due to the absence of tree cover in feet willow, renders exceptional coloring to a set of *Aeschme Blanchetiana*.

Historical Note

This being our 42nd Anniversary issue it is fitting to remember that our Society started functioning on April 12, 1964 with twelve disinterested charter members. It was then incorporated with the State of Florida the following year. Almost ten years to the day, in April 1974, our Society became a member of the Bromeliad Society International. Months ago, when we wrote about Thomas E. Seuss passing, we referred to him as to our first President.

It is significant that we carry a great tradition of camaraderie and dedication to expanding the knowledge about our hobby of cultivating and collecting bromeliads. In 42 years we have seen some generations go by productively. We have in our membership, from experienced hands to committed beginners, the best Broward has to offer to continue growing. Therefore, let us renew our interest in these wonderful plants and keep solidly together for many more years to come.



Bonus Plant Winner
Jack Macky
CONISTRUM elongularis



Auction Plant Winner
A
GUZMÁNIA vittmarckii

Slate of Nominees for New Officers For 2006/2007

President.....Dr. Jose Donayre'
Vice President..... Becky Blackwood
Recording Secretary- Ann Schandelmeyer
Corresponding-
Secretary..... Gail Shirlaw
Treasurer..... Bill Frazel
Director.....Dr. Genevieve Chung (1yr)
Director..... Larry Searle (2yr)
Director..... Johann Heyer (3yr)
Past President.....Dr. Jose Donayre'

Recognition of Committee Chairs

Plant sales.....Bud Hendrix
Jim Kerns
Refreshments.....Sara Donayre
Librarian.....Sara Donayre
Advertising.....Richard Sedlak
Membership.....Maureen Frazel
Country Store.....Colleen Hendrix
Raffle Table.....Bill Frazel, Richard
Sedlak, Pat Boone and Jean Tease

Nominations will be taken from the floor for our new
2006 / 2007 officers; however, prior
permission from that person must be gotten first before
you can nominate them.

*Thank you to the Nominating Committee Becky
Blackwood, Maureen Frazel and Polly Paschal

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It's that time of the year again; we are updating
the roster.

Please fill out the form below and mail back to:

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P.O. Box 551152

Davie, FL 33355

Or e-mail to

Timbo-169@comcast.net

Or

Gshirlaw@earthlink.net

Your Name _____

Your Address _____
Including Zip

Your E-MAIL _____

Please check one box - Published in roster _____

Or

Meeting notices only _____

Your Birthday Month _____

Your Phone _____

Would you be willing to work on a committee or other
capacity? Yes _____ No _____

Thank you

Colleen and GRI

Reminders

April Birthdays please bring goodies!

Happy Birthday to.....

Griffen Bancroft, Cindy Cammaranna, Dr. Martin
Ferreeman, Tomé Hewitt, Gail Shirlow, David Brough, Johann
Hoyer, Lu Weber

Anyone we missed? Then Happy Birthday to you!

Announcements

Dues are Due!!!!!!

Welcome All New Members

A big Thank You goes to.....

The Nominating Committee for all their diligent work

On the Cover.....

Aechmea recurvata x dealbata

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