

BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF BROWARD COUNTY

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SCURF
APRIL 2016

AUCTION THIS MONTH



Aechmea 'Tropic Torch'
Image courtesy of Maureen Frazel

Congratulations to Maureen!
This very plant won **The Silver Award** for the top bromeliad in the show at the
2016 Ft. Lauderdale Garden Club Flower Show and
The Grower's Choice Award!

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BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF BROWARD COUNTY

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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, and a Country Store with selected bromeliad and gardening supplies.

We meet the third Monday of every month except January and February.

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

April 2016

Our first Spring Auction will be this coming Monday, April 18, 2016 at Deicke Auditorium. Preview begins at 6:00 pm; the Auction at 6:30 pm. Many of our members missed last year's Fall Auction because of the impending hurricane and potential downpours. Fortunately, the hurricane decided to turn and go North, taking the torrential rain with. It was a great opportunity for our bidders to buy outstanding plants at a great price. This is one of the Society's major fundraisers for this year.



Peter Kouchalakos will be our Masters of Ceremonies. He is an encyclopedia of Bromeliad knowledge. Not only will you be able to enjoy the fun of bidding for a beautiful bromeliad, but listen to Peter share insights into unusual brom facts, as well as their history and how they have progressed through the years.

Each of our members are asked to donate up to 3 potted bromeliads for the Auction. The plants should be clean and free of scale and should be a plant each of us would be proud to have in our collection. Additional plants will be auctioned from our Homestead wholesalers and our local bromeliad growers. Cash, checks or credit cards will be accepted at the Auction. Light refreshments will be served. The Country Store, Members Plant Sale table and Raffle table will be CLOSED for the Auction. There will be a brief business meeting at the beginning of the Auction for revisions in our By-Laws and the election of our officers for the coming year.

Our long time honorary member, Ann Schandelmeyer, was hospitalized this past month and is presently at the:

Boynton Beach Rehabilitation, 9600 Lawrence Road, in Boynton Beach 33436

She can have visitors in the afternoon and would welcome visits from our members and friends. Try to limit the number in your visiting party for now as she is still recovering. I am certain she would enjoy receiving cards, too. Many of you remember Ann's Tillandsia presentation with Bill David at our February meeting. We hope to see her return to our future meetings. Maurice Bruet and I will be visiting her on Thursday, April 14th and taking her a bouquet of flowers from all of her adoring Bromeliad Society members.

May 7th and 8th – our Bromeliad members will be selling their plants at Heritage Park here in Plantation. The park is located at Fig Tree Lane and Peters Road. If you have just a few plants to sell, let me know and we will make arrangements for you to drop them off. We will be accepting root plants, which are clean and tagged and put in some type of container to hold them in bunches, if needed. Volunteers will be at the park on Friday from 2 pm to 5 pm for set up. You can bring your plants then or early Saturday morning before 8 am. Take down will be on Sunday beginning at 4:30 pm. If you have more than 10 plants for sell, we ask you volunteer for 4 hours on Saturday or Sunday and be present for take-down on Sunday and to pick up your plants. A volunteer list will be passed around at the Auction. Be sure to get a seller's number, if you don't have one, from Carol Mordas, for tagging your plants. The Society's next local plant sale will not be until October.

May 16, 2016 – our speaker will be Frank Bachmann, a local landscape architect who will doing a presentation on designing for bromeliads in your garden. Frank will be bringing plants to sell, the Country Store, members plants sale table and the raffle table will be open.

New edition to our SCURF website: www.bromeliadsocietybc.com will be a video of our garden tour to Sunshine Bromeliads and one of the seven Fort Lauderdale Garden Club circles annual show at Birch State Park last Friday. I attended and found we have bromeliad lovers throughout the county. One side of the building was nothing but bromeliads. Our Honorary Member Maureen Frazel won a Silver Award and two other awards for her plant which is on the cover of this month's SCURF.

At the request of the Friends of the Library at the Plantation Library, Carol Mordas substituted for Ann Schandelmeier and gave a presentation on Bromeliads and sold all of the bromeliads she and Shirley Konefal brought. Richard Sedlack has been asked by John Knox Village to give a presentation in the Fall. We will also be doing future presentations for the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society and providing bromeliads to the Gateway Christian School's elementary students for their art plant pot project this year.

Don't forget to renew your membership dues for 2016. You can send a check made out to BSBC to:
 Bromeliad Society of Broward County, P. O. Box 17272, Plantation, Florida 33317

See You Monday.
Becky

IMAGES FROM THE MARCH MEETING



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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Maurice Bruet
 Gloria Chernoff
 David Hoyt
 Eric Schiavi
 Jackie Matuseki

Carol Mordas
 Leslie Packer
 Velene Smith-Myrie
 Lou Weber

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

MARILYN BAKST OF PLANTATION

JACKIE FISHER OF COOPER CITY



HARRIET'S HOOTS

Hi Gang:

As your weather-girl, I want to say that the skies are clear, the sun is out and it's a beautiful day. So don't believe it when you hear April Showers bring May flowers.... I just thought I would throw that in as it is April and right now I am in my office at work and looking out the window and thinking.....When is our office going to win that lottery so that we all can retire ?



Ok, on to important matters.....our meeting this month is going to be our famous and fabulous Auction. The meeting date will be Monday, April 18th So, bring in your plants and get ready for a fun night.

Our refreshment table will be up and running as always. I would like to ask anyone who plans on bringing something for the table that it be a finger type food, something that you can just pick up and pop into your mouth. Some examples could be chunks of cheese, deviled eggs, veggies cut up, sliced brownies, mini cookies, chicken nuggets, little smokies, hummus with crackers, small pretzels, sandwiches cut in four triangles, fruit bowl, etc. etc.

The reason for my request is that it will be easier for people to grab a small plate with some goodies on it that they can just pick up with their fingers. (Don't panic, I still will have utensils on the table). Just trying to give you all an idea but you are all so good with your cooking skills that I'm sure you will come up with some wonderful food items and I do appreciate all your contributions.

Now, let's give a clap, clap, clap to the following members.....

Shirley Konefal - - -Chicken and noodles (Very good)
Gloria Chernoff - - -Assorted Pastry Bites (My Favorite)
Susan Mather - - -Plate of Laughing Cow Cheese (Nice & Healthy)
Lu Weber - - - Plate of Various Cookies (Nice)
Jack Mackey - - -Apple Pie (Yummy)
Melissa Garvey - - - Irish Soda Bread (Mmmm – delish)
Carol Mordas - - -Platter of Cookies (The cookies win)
Matilda Meichan - - -Easter Eggs (Great idea)
Peter Hartig --- Spread of Cakes and Cookies (Hooray)
Steven Weisberg - - - Chips and Pesto & Quinoa (Delicious)

That's all for now - - see you at our Auction and remember to Bid, Bid, Bid.

Hugs,
Harriet

FROM THE EDITOR

No question bromeliads are finding their way into more and more gardens. I rarely get to the east side of Broward but on a recent road trip for old time's sake down Bayview Drive, bromeliads were abundant. My good friend Jane visited her long time pals in Orlando last week and found that Terry and Bob had completely redone their historically stunning garden to now include bromeliads. The Ft. Lauderdale Garden Show normally has very nice broms on display but this year, broms were a major feature. Congrats again to Maureen Frazel for taking the top prize with her 'Tropic Torch.'

If you missed our tour of Sunshine Bromeliads, visit our [website](http://www.bromeliadsocietybc.com) at <http://www.bromeliadsocietybc.com> and check out the short video of that event under the Our Gardens tab. You will also see a very short slide show with the broms that were entered into the Ft. Lauderdale Flower Show.

Broms are catching on!



The first image is from the Orlando gardens of Terry and Bob. All other pictures are from the Ft. Lauderdale Garden Club Flower Show.



Garden on!



Gayle



A showstopper in Maurice Bruet's garden.



One of the six Monarch Butterfly chrysalis in currently found on a bromeliad in Maurice's yard.

SCURF FEATURE



Ae Frackles

Win a raffle sheet with 20 tickets---

Be the first to email yroftiger@aol.com with the correct name of this brom on the right.



APRIL MEETING

Monday, April 18, 2016

6:00 pm

Deicke Auditorium, 5701 Cypress Road, Plantation



Elections,

Amendment to the By-Laws

and

SPRING AUCTION

with Peter Kouchalakos

Members are asked to bring 3 potted plants for the auction..... the kind you know members would love to add to their own collections. The sales table and raffle table will be closed for this evening event.

CALENDAR OF LOCAL PLANT SOCIETY MEETINGS

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| 1st Tuesday | Plantation Orchid Society | Deicke Auditorium |
| 2nd Monday | BSBC Board Meeting | Deicke Auditorium |
| 2nd Friday | Ft. Lauderdale Garden Club | Birch State Park |
| 2nd Friday | B.U.S.H. | Trinity Church Community Rm. |
| 3rd Monday | Bromeliad Society of Broward County | Deicke Auditorium |
| 3rd Tuesday | Bromeliad Society of So. Florida | Fairchild Gardens |
| 3rd Wednesday | Equality Park Garden Club | Pride Center |
| 3rd Wednesday | Plantation Garden Club 9:30 am—noon | El Dorado Community Center |
| 3rd Thursday | Bromeliad Society of the Palm Beaches | Mounts Botanical |
| 3rd Thursday | Shade Brigade (no meetings July & Aug.) | Plantation Bldg. Dept. |

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO SEE

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| Apr. 16-17, 2016 | Bromeliad Society of South Florida Annual Show and Sale | Fairchild Tropical Botanical Garden, Coral Gables, FL |
| Apr. 16-17, 2016 | Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society Sale; 9:00 - 4:00 | The Garden Club of Sanford (on 17-92, one block south of Lake Mary Blvd) |
| Apr. 23, 2016 | 10th Annual Garden Fest | UF/IFAS Extension Polk County 1702 US Hwy 17 South Polk County Ag. Center Horse Arena |
| Apr. 30, 2016 | 4th Annual Spring Expo & Plant Sale | Trinity Presbyterian Church 156 Florida Park Drive Palm Coast, FL |



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