

# BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF BROWARD COUNTY

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## APRIL 2017 SCURF



**Tillandsia leiboldiana**

This image is courtesy of Barbara Kathleen Black,. She is a member of the East London Bromeliad Society of South Africa. Just nine years old, the ELBSSA has over 400 members. It is the only horticultural society in South Africa totally dedicated to bromeliads. We will be exchanging newsletters so check out the attachments sent with your SCURF. You can also visit them on Facebook.

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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.

Affiliations: BSBC supports the BSI, Cryptanthus Society and FCBS (2017-2020)



## THE PRESIDENT'S APRIL MESSAGE

**One of the highlights of our Bullis Nursery visit on March 14<sup>th</sup>** was my conversation with the owner, Patricia Bullis: she has volunteered to share information regarding her family's and especially her father-in-law's contribution to bringing bromeliads into Florida and the United States. I will be providing her historical contributions in my upcoming SCURF newsletters.



**March 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> – Society members sold their plants in the GARDENFEST event at Volunteer Park in Sunrise.** Our two-day sale grossed more than \$1700. Two new members joined others in selling their plants. I would like to encourage more of you to consider making your bromeliads pay for themselves by participating in our plant sales; either in the monthly general meetings or our outside plant sales in May and October of this year. Plant sale events require each seller to spend a minimum of 4 hours selling as well as delivering and picking up their plants. The Society provides the entry fees, the canopies, tables, tablecloths, advertising, and chairs for each event.

**April 17<sup>th</sup> is our Spring Auction.** To help with purchasing bromeliads for your landscape prior to the summer, this is one of two fundraisers we have a year. Members are requested to donate 3 plants for the Auction. The Society will also purchase unusual and uncommon bromeliads from our supporting nurseries for bidding. We also will offer unusual planters for the bromeliads being auctioned. Bring your friends for an evening of fun and bromeliad information from our host, Peter Kouchalakos, coordinator of the bidding. We will be accepting credit cards, cash or checks. Refreshments will be served.

**In our March general meeting, Bill David and Ann Schandelmayer brought plants from their respective collections.** Ann brought her unusual tillandsia wreath she has been growing for years. Bill offered his plants for sale to the general membership. The "Doctor is In" Clinic was open but our bromeliad staff could not offer any help for the ailing plant because advice was asked for too late. If your plant is beginning to show signs of failure to thrive, bring it as soon as possible to our general meeting for help. Remember to diaper your plant and cover it with a paper bag to prevent infecting any plants at our meeting.

**Jay Thurrott was our guest speaker at our March general meeting.** Jay is President of the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies. Jay's slide presentation featured slides of the Bromeliad Society International's World Conferences, with emphasis on the recent Houston World Conference and next year's at San Diego. Our Society is a member of the Bromeliad Society International (BSI) but we have only made donations to the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies (FCBS) instead of active membership. Those donations have been used to support the FCBS website and boll weevil research. Jay states changes are being made to the policies and procedures of FCBS which may be more beneficial to our Society. I will keep you posted.

The Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies (FCBS) is having an Extravaganza on August 4, 5, and 6 in Tampa, Information regarding Registration, hotel accommodations and speakers are available at our membership desk.

Thank you members for approving our Board for the next year. **I am looking forward to a year of new ideas and opportunities for our members.**

**COMING UP: Monday, May 15, 2017 — Speaker Don Johnston plus Bromeliad Jeopardy  
Monday, June 19, 2017 — Speaker Craig Morell**

REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP - January was our membership renewal month - \$25 single, \$30 family at same address and \$10 for students. The Board has initiated a \$5.00 late fee for those existing members who renew after January 31st.

You can find us and information about our Society at our website [www.bromeliadbc.com](http://www.bromeliadbc.com) or on our FACEBOOK page.

See you at the Auction on Monday, the 17th with Peter Kouchalakos.

*Becky*



## HARRIET'S HOOTS

Howdy Ho Everyone - -

We are now into April - - and what happens in April - - - come on, you know - - April Fool's Day. So did anyone play any tricks on your family or friends? If you did, I hope that they were funny ones. I can't believe it but I actually forgot. The day passed and I did not play one prank or joke - - that's not like me (lol). Oh well, there is always next year.

Before I go any further, I would like to thank Susan Mather and Molly Lesnick for taking over the refreshment table last month. I was not there as I went to visit my son, daughter-in-law and my 3 wonderful grandkids. They live in Oviedo, FL. The kids did not know that I was coming up with my other son to see them and boy were they surprised. We had a great time as we went to Disney World - now you tell me who would not have a great time. I love Disney. Anyway, I appreciate all the work that Susan and Molly did and now I know who I can count on if I'm away another time when we have a meeting. They are the best.

Our meeting this month is going to be our famous and fabulous Auction. The meeting date will be Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. So, bring in your plants and be ready to bid, bid, and bid. It's always 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, I did tell Susan not to write down what members brought what refreshment since she had a lot to handle as it was. However I would like to thank everyone who brought in something for the table. I do appreciate it.

Well, see you all at the Auction - - with your paddles.  
Hugs - Harriet



## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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Maurice Bruet  
Gloria Chernoff  
Cori Glick

Jackie Matuseski  
Carol Mordas  
Louella Weber



Nidularium 'Rainbow'

**Mystery Bromeliad  
of the Month**

Be the first to identify the  
plant at the right and win a  
raffle sheet with 20 tickets.  
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# WELCOME

New Members from Ft. Lauderdale  
Eric Petrusha  
Mel & Ricki Witte

## APRIL MEETING

Monday, April 17, 2017 @ Deicke Auditorium at 6:30 pm  
Preview at 6



**SPRING AUCTION!**  
**WITH PETER KOUCHALAKOS**  
**AS AUCTIONEER**

**COME BID ON SOME GREAT PLANTS TO  
ENHANCE YOUR COLLECTION !**

With thanks to the terrific local vendors and  
our members for supplying the broms  
for this event

Bromeliads of all shapes and sizes! Fab food!  
A good time with kindred spirits!

## FROM THE EDITOR

We landed late at night on the Garden Island of Kauai. It was way too dark to see anything on the gently lit roads but with the rising sun some truly beautiful plants and gardens appeared. I literally opened the door of the condo to see a sweet grouping of some basic broms and the grounds had more nicely arranged. What struck me was how similar the plants are here and in Hawaii—ginger, orchids, ti plants, heliconia, hibiscus, masses of bougainvilleas, plumerias (just beginning to bloom) and bromeliads. The difference was the size and the intensity of the colors. Leaves were larger and the colors saturated. A field trip to the Sheraton on Poipu Beach really drove that point home. Whoever landscaped that complex did a spectacular job. Bromeliads were strategically placed everywhere.... wound in and around grotto-like swimming pools and up the sides of rocky embankments. The designer used masses of blanchetianas in one area. The light hit the plants perfectly making them appear to be on fire. It was a sight to behold. We left before sunset but one can only imagine how that area looked at that hour. These gardens are painstakingly maintained. Not a dry leaf or wilted bloom anywhere.

The highlight of our trip was a three hour combo tour of The McBryde and Allerton Gardens. McBryde opened in 1970 as a botanical garden and conservation lab. It consists of six areas including the Canoe Garden with its 27 life sustaining plants brought to Hawaii by Polynesians, the edible landscape of the Spice of Life Trail, the Native Plant Garden where all plants arrived on Kauai by wind, water or bird and the Breadfruit area. Bob, our tour guide extraordinaire, told us the story of Dr. Diane Ragone and her mission on Maui to foster the conservation and use of breadfruit for reforestation and as a staple crop for people living on the islands in the Pacific. We moved onto the nearby Allerton Garden where scenes from Jurassic Park were shot at the base of the Moreton Bay Fig trees, where Georgia O’Keefe and Jackie O stayed in the guest house and where broms thrived. Each garden in the Allerton is referred to as a “room” and the whole place is supplied with water from one single pump without external power.

No trip to Hawaii would be complete without a visit to a coffee plantation. Never expected such pretty grounds as were found at the Kauai Coffee Plantation. Sipping delicious fresh brew, walking the growing fields and enjoying lush plantings including our favorite bromeliads. One week is not nearly enough to see it all. A link to the slide show is on Pg 8. Enjoy the photos of our last club meeting as well on Pgs 7 & 8).

**Garden on!**



**Gayle**

## CALENDAR OF LOCAL PLANT & NATURE SOCIETY MEETINGS

1st Tuesday	Plantation Orchid Society	Deicke Auditorium
2nd Monday	BSBC Board Meeting	Deicke Auditorium
<b>2nd Tuesday</b>	<b>Butterfly Club</b>	<b>UF Extension , College Avenue , Davie</b>
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.

# IMAGES FROM THE MARCH MEETING





# A FRESH TAKE ON TILLANDSIAS IN CRAFT APPLICATIONS



# SLIDESHOW FROM KAUAI

Click on the image at the right to enjoy a glimpse of the Garden Island



## PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO SEE

Apr. 22 & 23, 2017 9-4	Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society Sale	Garden Club of Sanford, on 17-92, one block south of Lake Mary Blvd.
May 2, 2017	Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society Annual Bromeliad Auction	Good Samaritan Church, 6085 Park Blvd, Pinellas Park, Florida. Doors open at 7 PM..both live and silent auction.
May 5 & 6, 2017 9-5, 9-4	Plantation Plant Affair	Heritage Park Plantation, FL
Aug. 4—6, 2017	2017 FCBS Bromeliad Extravaganza	Clarion Hotel, 2701 E. Fowler Ave. Tampa, FL
Aug. 19 & 20, 2017 9-4	Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society Sale	Garden Club of Sanford, on 17-92, one block south of Lake Mary Blvd.
May 29—June 3, 2018	World Bromeliad Conference	San Diego, CA

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**NEXT MEETING:**  
**MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2017**  
**6:30 PM @ DEICKE**