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Bromeliad Society of Broward County

August & September

2004



NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH, 2003, 7:30 P.M.

SPEAKER : LEE MOORE

**" BROMELIADS FROM THE PERUVIAN TROPICS "**

MR. MOORE HAS BEEN IN BROMELIAD AND ORCHID EXPLORATION AND COLLECTION SINCE THE LATE 50'S. MAKING HIS HOME IN MOYOBAMBA, PERU. HE HAS BEEN AT THE CENTER OF THE BROMELIAD HABITAT OF PERU. HE IS ALSO KNOWN FOR CONDUCTING FABLED "AMAZON SAFARIS."

Plant sales will be **closed** to members

***Plant Raffle will be held!***

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

**Calendar of Events for 2004-2005**

**October 23, 2004 - Extravaganza**

**Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society**

**PLANT SALE**

The plant sale will be held at the Florida Botanical Gardens, located at 12175 125th Street North, Largo, Florida 33774. The sale hours are 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. A holding area is available for purchased plants. There will be guided tours of the Gardens at 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM, and 2:00 PM, for a fee of \$1.00 per person. Food vendors will be on site from 11:30 AM until 4:00 PM. For vendor/sales information contact Gary Lund 727-586-5865 or [glund@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:glund@tampabay.rr.com)

**October 14-17 2005 - Bromeliads XIII - Australasian**

**Conference** - The Bromeliad Society of Queensland Inc. is to host the next Australasian Conference for Bromeliads XIII in Brisbane in 2005. The Conference will be held over four days from Friday 14th October, to Monday 17th October, 2005, inclusive.  
See <http://www.bsq.org.au/conference.html>

The  
President's  
Message



Hello Bromeliad FRMS,

As I write this today, hurricane Frances is heading toward us. Let us all hope it decides to make a turn for the north and miss South Florida altogether. Just a reminder your potted plants can turn into missiles and need to be placed on the ground and closely together away from windows and glass doors. Colleen and I always pick out our most favorite ones and bring them in the house. I take that back we bring every plant into the house that will fit and leave a path to walk hoping the dogs don't think they are outside. Whatever you do, just be as safe as possible. Our next meeting is on September 20th. Also, don't forget the October meeting will be our annual ruction.

On a different note, hopefully you all have some plants picked out that you can enter into our upcoming show which is April 2nd & 3rd. Remember, you are encouraged to bring in your favorites and get advice from our long time judges and growers. They can give you tips on what to do between now and the show to get the highest awards you can. It would be wonderful if all of our members could enter at least one plant which will show how strong our society is. If you have any questions about entering a plant please see me.

Take care and stay safe thru this bad weather.....See you at the meeting .....Tim



Name Tag Winner  
Pamela Stryick  
vriesea saundersii platamona



Bonus Plant Winner  
Harry Spelling  
vriesea fenestralis x Red Chesnut

## Chicago was Our Kind of Town!!!

In spite of all the worry about the heat in Chicago, in August, the weather pulled an upset. In fact, one morning at 51 degrees they said it TIED the all time low! Perfect for sight seeing. The only complaint I heard was from the Australians who hated to miss the tours or the seminars which were simultaneous.

The registrations were half the usual number at 120. The proceeds from the plant auction was \$10,000. The enthusiasm was also reflected in the frenzied buying the minute the doors opened. There were more than usual bare root plants available.

The competitive show was larger than we expected, with 299 entries. We were surprised to see so many Neoregelias in such good color, and well groomed. The best in show was a very unusual Tillandsia. Celery green in color, flawless and in full bloom. The leaves were succulent and scurfy. The plant stood about 2 1/2 feet tall. Tillandsia ..... was brought from California and was the owners only entry. The five artistic designs were outstanding and the winner was chosen from three award of merit entries. The sweepstakes winner was Paul Weingert who drove his 3 entries from Detroit. Many of his beautiful entries were his own hybrids, the best Neo in show, was chosen from one his hybrids. It was a four way cross using Neo. Pimiento; outstanding colors. The trophies were hand made ceramic containers, similar to an envelope style and bronze in color.

The various art entries were really great and included quilting, printings and wood carved plaque of a Vriesea.

The best commercial was also awarded a gold medal. It was a huge Guzmania "Olive" brought by De Rouse of Holland.

It has been some years since we had been in downtown Chicago, so we were taken aback with Millennium park. The mammoth sculptures and the dome of the entrance that reflects the sky scrapers was awesome. Unfortunately some of our members went home to attend to Hurricane Charley but all in all everyone attending enjoyed the hotel and its functions. The welcoming nature of the host clubs and reunions with friends was a boost for all. The cocktail hour Saturday night featured the music and songs by two Hawaiian members who were formally professionals. After a delicious dinner we had songs by "Frank Sinatra." The centerpieces were a huge variegated purple Guzmania in full bloom. As well as two life size white chocolate pineapples. Also included was a souvenir mug watering a seedling Tillandsia species donated by Jeffrey Kent.

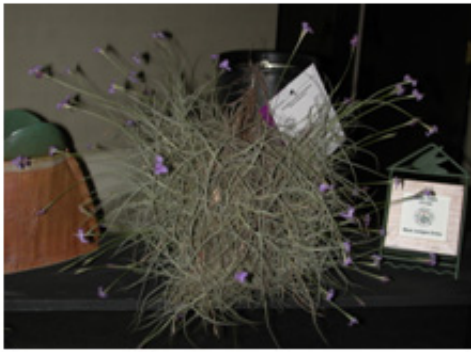
The next World Conference will be held in San Diego in 2006. We had nine members of our society attending and working at the conference. There were also nine in attendance for the Judges school, five of those were instructors and two that attended traveled all the way from Australia. Perhaps more of us will go to the next one, you won't regret your decision.

Maureen Frazel

On the next few pages will be selected pictures from the World Conference in Chicago. Pepe was kind enough to take these pictures for us, since we were unable to attend.



Best in Show  
Tillandsia coriacea



Tillandsia  
melleomontii  
Grown by Jay  
Thurrott  
Received Best  
in Judges.



From top to bottom - left to right

Tillandsia Coriaria ( Best in Show, in full bloom).  
Guzmania olive ( R ROOSE hybrid named after the Australian's wife who were both present. Neo. Pimiento x  
 ( Carolinee x Printed lady ) x ( Trkemma princeps x  
Meyendorffii )



Neo. Pimiento  
 x ( Carolinee x  
Printed lady )  
 x ( Trkemma  
princeps x  
Meyendorffii )



Jay Thurrott at our July meeting giving us the scoop on VRISEERS



*Universal Garden Supply's new address*  
Universal Garden Supply  
1950 N.W. 15th Street Bay 2  
Pompano Beach, FL 33069

## Reminders

August & September Birthdays bring  
goodies!

### Happy Birthday to.....

<u>Celien Hendrix</u>	<u>Milly Lesnick</u>	<u>Fred Sutton</u>
<u>Harry Sperling</u>	<u>Normi Shirley</u>	<u>Fred Souier</u>
<u>Kevin Gale</u>	<u>Bill Frazel</u>	<u>NORMAN GREYER</u>

### Thank You

To all those that have been helping clean up our  
meeting room

### Announcement

Josephine Leon is recovering from a broken leg, we wish  
her well and get well soon

### On the Cover

#### Billbergia pyramidalis

Grows as an epiphyte on the lower parts of trees;  
grows as a terrestrial on humus; and also grows on  
rocks and stumps in thick, dark forests of southern  
Brazil at elevations of 900 to 2200 feet. An old favor-  
ite, this species has been in cultivation the longest of  
any member of the genus, having been introduced in  
1815. It is a popular garden subject in Florida.  
"Bromeliads" by Victoria Prdilla

Grown by : Lonnie Carrson, Ft. Myers, FL

Photo by : Tim Hendrix

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Landscaping plants, unusual and one of a kind!

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Saturday, October 2nd 8:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Sunday, October 3rd 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

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