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Bromeliad Society of Broward County

August 2012



One of the many blooming Aechema seen at New River Inn, July 2012

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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.

Affiliations: Bromeliad Society of Broward County is a member of and supports



The Bromeliad Society International

<http://bsi.org>



The Cryptanthus Society

<http://www.iinet.net.au/~scrozier/Culture.html>



The Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies

<http://fcbs.org>

Meetings and Speakers

From the July 2012 meeting...

Our thanks to Dr. Terrie Bert for her terrific presentation, "The Outstandingly Ostentatious and Particularly Picturesque O & P Bromeliad Genera, Part I". Dr. Bert showcased the 4 species of terrestrial Ochagavia which grow on the Pacific side of Chile in the Atacama Desert, the driest place on earth. She pointed out that Ochagavia elegans grows on exactly one island and is dependent on a special bug which it can't live without. Citing Brazil as the epicenter of bromeliads in the New World, Dr. Bert talked about the 55 species of orthophytum all of which are native to E / NE Brazil and all of which are endangered or threatened. Orthophytum can grow in our area and can be purchased from at least two local nurseries. Dr. Bert also spoke of Roberto Burle Marx, a native Brazilian architect, artist, and naturalist who first used bromeliads in landscaping and whose estate is now a national park in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Field trip, anyone?



Cori Glick & Dr. Bert



Ron Wiringer wins some great plants.



Patty Zicarelli makes a choice.



Party ! Party! Party! ...Our Summer Social 2012
MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 2012 at 6:30 pm
(Note the time change!)

Where: Deicke Auditorium, 5701 Cypress Rd., Plantation, FL 33317

This is Larry, the Raffle Meister, only we aren't having a raffle or a sales table this month, so Harriet and I will be your Party Meisters.



The party starts promptly at 6:30 - - the hall will be colorfully and tastefully decorated - - Harriet will have several tables anxiously awaiting your covered dish - - all the **Table Games** will be active and ready for your play - - a great **silent auction** will be in full swing so that you can steal a great plant deal - - the **Show and Tell** table will be set and ready to amaze and amuse you - - the **Country Store** will be open with a wagon-load of values - - and all your favorite people will be circulating and wanting to hear the latest news from your garden.

It's going to be a fast-paced party with several surprises. We are trying to get a dancing donkey and several noisy monkeys, so make it early and don't miss all the fun.

The President's Message

Hi Bromeliad Lovers,

Hope this message finds you well and not melting in this summer heat. Do you have *Aechmea's* blooming in your gardens? My *Ae. Harves* and *Ae. Blanchettana's* are blooming and some *tillandsias*. It is always a surprise when I walk thru the garden.



Ok, let's get down to business.. August Summer Social, please make sure if you are bringing food that you arrive at 6:30 to deliver it. There will be no raffle table, but there will be a silent auction and other games set up around the room with prizes to win. I would like to thank Jack Meharian for doing the incredible centerpieces. They will be prizes at the end so please do not just take them home. I would also like to thank Harriet and Larry for coordinating the social, they always do such a great job every year.

Wanda will be there with her yard art "Faux the Love of Art" and Jack with his pottery. The country store will be open, but no member plant sales this month. If you have something to show off , please put it on the show and tell table. Nancy will be conducting the meeting, as I will be late.

Have a great time.....

Colleen



Calendar of Other Local Plant Society Meetings

1st Tuesday

Plantation Orchid Society

Deicke Auditorium

3rd Monday

Bromeliad Society of Broward County

Deicke Auditorium

3rd Tuesday

Bromeliad Society of So. Florida

Fairchild Gardens

3rd Thursday

Bromeliad Society of the Palm Beaches

Mounts Botanical

3rd Thursday

Shade Brigade (no meetings July & Aug.)

Plantation Bldg. Dept.

4th Monday

BSBC Board Meeting

Deicke Auditorium

Membership News

Welcome new members!

Ben Leace from Tamarac

Bridgett Sheeks from Sunrise

Jeff and Jill Price from Southwest Ranches



Reminder to all: Please sign in when you attend a meeting so we can better track attendance.

From the August meeting onward, we will only be giving out name tag tickets as you come in the door.

Editor's Note

It is all in the name or so they say....Many thanks to all who submitted suggestions for the name of our upcoming plant event. The votes are in and the tally completed: Drum roll, please!!!

Bromeliads Gone Wild!

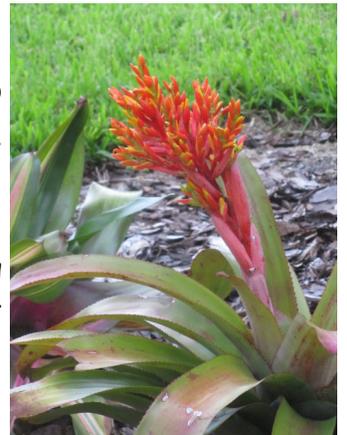
is the title of our signature event.

Calling Sherlock Holmes..... A casual conversation at lunch the other day revealed a bromeliad mystery of sorts at Stranahan House. It seems this historic site has a legendary tree of over 100 years of age that is home to a number of unidentified bromeliads. The docent, a longtime colleague from my former life, asked if photos of the bromeliads could be taken and the plants identified so the information could be posted near the tree and incorporated into future educational talks. This is an irresistible opportunity to share information about our terrific plants. Hence, be on the look out for the related photos at our September meeting.

While we are on the subject of things historic, it was really nice to see so many bromeliads gracing the beds around the New River Inn on SW 2 Ave., Ft. Lauderdale. Here is another photo from that location.

Familiar with Kents Bromeliad Nurseries in Vista, CA? Well, this traveling plant lover will be en route to SoCal this weekend. The gameplan is to contact the nursery and see if a tour / photo op is possible. Stay tuned.

Happy trails,
Gayle



Harriet's Hoots

Hey Gang:

How is everybody, good I hope? How do you all like this cool weather we are having (hahaha) Of course you know I'm only kidding. I don't know about you or the plants but I can't wait until we really do have some breezes in the air. This hot weather is killing me.

Speaking of cool - our August meeting will be our pot-luck social and it is going to be very cool as we will have lots of delicious foods, great deserts, colorful decorated tables and some fun games that Larry and I are planning. For all you great cooks out there, please put on your thinking caps so that when I call you to find out what you will be bringing to our pot luck you will have an idea. I know it's hard to come up with an idea right away, but if I can get a list, then it saves us from having 16 apple pies and 20 platters of brownies.

Our last meeting was great as we had Terri Bert and she is always so knowledgeable and delightful. I would like to thank the following, who helped me make our table so bountiful.

Nancy Long - - Veggie Tray (healthy, healthy, healthy)
Becky Blackwood - - Enchiladas (delicious, loved them)
Harry Sperling - - Refreshing Sodas and platter of ham slices (yummy)
Tracy Moulton - - Shrimp Platter (my favorite - so good)
George Henderson - - Chocolate Wafers (just hit the spot)
Louella Weber - -Garlic Humus & Crackers (what is Humus by the way?)
Patty Zuckerelli - Olive Man Salad w/croutons (That was one hearty salad)
Cori Glick - - Lemonade with Mango Cookies (Mangoes from your tree?)
Jim Kerns - - Brownies and Chocolate Chip Cookies (we love our sweets)

If I have forgotten anyone, I do apologize and I really wish to thank you all for always making our table the best. See you all at our party.....

Hugs - - Harriet



Norman Grover
Colleen Hendrix
Lyda Pabon
Harry Sperling

Places to Go, Things to See

August	Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens	9:30 am - 4:30 pm	10901 Old Cutler Road Coral Gables, FL Free, the 1st Wed. of the month 'til Nov. & every Sunday in Aug.
Aug 18 - 19, 2012	Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Sale	10 am - 5 pm	Garden Club of Sanford
Sep. 19 - 22, 2012	Society of Amer. Florists Convention		The Breakers, Palm Beach, FL



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20TH WORLD BROMELIAD CONFERENCE
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September 26 - 30, 2012
Caribe Royal
8101 World Center, Orlando, Florida 888-258-7501
A link to hotel reservations is at fcbs.org

Oct. 26 - 27, 2012	Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society Everybody's Flower & Garden Show	Fri.. 9:00am-5:00pm, Sat. 8:00am-5:00pm	Peabody Auditorium 600 Auditorium Boulevard Daytona Beach
Dec. 1st - 2nd, 2012	Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society Sale		Terry Park 3451 Marion Street Fort Myers, FL
Mar. 14 - 18, 2013	Bromeliad Society of New Zealand	Hours vary daily	Cool Broms Conference, Auckland, NZ
Mar. 23 - 24, 2013	Bromeliads Gone Wild!		Bromeliad Society of Broward County Show and Sale

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BSBC Country Store

The Country Store has the following items for sale at great prices!

6 in" pots_____5 pots for \$ 1.00
Plant Sticks___50 sticks for \$1.00

Contact Bill David
@ 954-321-9229

"DIAPER YOUR PLANTS"

Please "diaper" your plants that you bring in by using a paper sleeve or a plastic bag to cover the bottom of the plant.

We want to make a good impression and keep our new meeting place as clean as when we got there.

Thank you!!



Whether you are in staying town or on the road this summer, please keep your cell phone or camera handy to capture terrific bromeliads you encounter. Just email the image(s) to the editor at yroftiger@aol.com with any info you have.

Got a bromeliad question? Send an email to the same address above and we'll post the question for our experts in SCURF.