

# Bromeliad Society of Broward County

## AUGUST 2019 SCURF

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*Neoregelia 'marsala' enjoying the rains on the pool deck where the cool plants hang out!*

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**Interested in Learning More?**

Our monthly meetings generally offer a guest 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) starting at 6:30 at:

Deicke Auditorium  
 5701 Cypress Road  
 Plantation, FL 33317

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



# President's Message



We are almost through the heat of summer which means only one thing...fall plant sales are just around the corner! There will be plant shows all over Florida and with the cooler weather, they will be more enjoyable to attend.

Starting in late Sept., there are three shows in a single weekend. You have the Bromeliad Extravaganza Conference and Sale in Orlando and two closer to home at Mounts Botanical Gardens in West Palm and Fairchilds Tropical Botanical Garden in Coral Gables. Both of which are excellent non-bromeliad shows.

However, none are more important to our club than the Plantation Historical Society's Fall Plant Sale held Oct. 26th and 27th at Heritage Park in Plantation and our fall auction which is coming up in November. Now is the time to start setting your lovelies aside and give them a little more attention so that they can bring you top dollar and major bragging rights when the auctioneer makes a fuss over your plants above all others. The money we earn from both allow us to have the quality speakers and meeting place that we all enjoy so chip in, and help make a difference!

Don't forget to save a little money back to buy some as well. Remember, we owe our sister society in Miami a visit come October when they have their fall auction. Until then, grow, grow, grow!

**This month's meeting is Monday August 19, 6:30 pm at Deicke Auditorium**



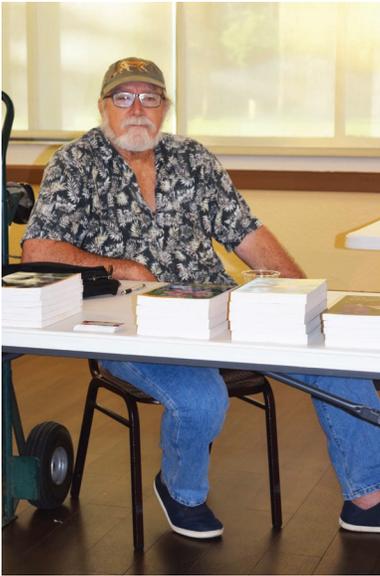
## Our August Guest Speaker is Dr. Terrie Bert

Dr. Terrie Bert is a longstanding member of the Sarasota Bromeliad Society (SBS) and the Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society and has held multiple offices in the SBS. She also served the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies (FCBS) as a representative and officer for eight years and has authored multiple articles for the FCBS Newsletter. Currently she is Curator of the Wally Berg Award of Excellence and a Master Judge. Terrie has given over 150 presentations on bromeliads to numerous U.S. and international bromeliad societies and other groups, including regional and international bromeliad conferences.

She cultivates more than 2,500 different bromeliads in about 35 genera. She's won multiple top awards in local bromeliad shows and BSI world conferences. Terrie has a Ph.D. in marine biology and recently retired from her position as a research scientist for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Her presentation this month will be on "Bromeliad Ecology: Diversity in an Ecological Wonderland Part I: Distribution and Abundance--Diversity Matters!" She will also be bringing plants for sale from her own collection so here's your chance to get some unique plants that you may not have in your collection!

**The Country Store and Raffle Table will be open  
The Silent Auction and Member Sales Table will be closed**

# Last Month's Meeting



Last month's speaker was [Roger Hammer](#), famed author, botanist, photographer and all around wilderness survivalist. He shared dozens of slides of rare native epiphytes that have all but disappeared from their natural habitats here in Florida. The impeccable photos he shared were taken during several solo kayak trips across the Everglades and other south Florida wilderness areas during his long and successful career.

The images allowed our members a glimpse into areas of the state that few humans have ever visited. As he went through the slides, the trip details sounded more like an Indiana Jones wilderness adventure...living off the land, eating only what you could carry, pick, or catch! While most can't imagine surviving a trip like this, to Roger, it's relaxing and necessary for posterity.

His passion for locating and documenting native plant colonies required he sleep under the stars in the back waters of the Everglades just to wake and get a glimpse of some rare orchids or other epiphytes; many of which he admits "...you can now find at Home Depot or Lowes."

Fortunately for us, Roger is willing to embark on this journey time and time again to document the changes in native species due to climate, urbanization, or just evolution. His books and photographs give us a glimpse of a beautiful, yet wild Florida that time has all but forgotten.



*Roger autograph books which he sold after his presentation*



*Club members enjoying Roger's presentation while contemplating the dangers of living out in the Everglades!*



*The blooming xerographica was particularly stunning*

Here are just a few of the spectacular plants that Larry Davis, Richard Konefal, and other members brought in to sell or auction off last month.

These plants, along with the rest of those on the sales tables, prove the BSBC monthly meetings are more than just a chance to see a great guest speaker! They're a chance to learn, connect, and enjoy in the success of the other members who share your love for growing these rewarding plants. We are proud of their efforts and know that you will be too.

Make a plan to bring in a few of your plants the next time the sales tables are open. The rewards go well beyond just monetary!



*Taking a chance at the raffle table*



*Nothing but winners at this table thanks to our generous members*



*This variegated ornamental pineapple got a lot of praise and attention*

## 33 Photos Of Weird & Rare Flowers That Look Like Something From A Fairytale



*Many of these are beyond your wildest imagination*

Harry Sperling shared this a while back and the images are simply astounding! If you haven't seen many of these flowers before, you're not alone. Harry says that he has a few of them in his collection and that several are available locally.

Enjoy the photos and be amazed at what wonders nature gives us. [READ MORE](#)

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Every gardener knows how relaxing and therapeutic raising plants and caring for nature can be. Our gal Gayle Spinell-Gellers continues to supply us with insightful articles worth sharing and this one is no exception.

A University of Florida (Gainesville) psychology student and avid gardener gives insight into the course and how it can help students deal with anxiety and stress. [READ MORE](#)

## UF offers new horticultural therapy course



*Online course will be offered for the first time this fall*

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## Tips On Caring For Hechtia Plants



If you've mastered growing the more common bromeliads, perhaps it's time to expand your collection beyond Guzmanias, Neo's, Billbergia, and even the common Aechmeas.

Perhaps it's time to try something a bit more challenging with a bit more bite? If that's the case, consider adding a Dyckia or Hechtia to your collection. They offer some unique shapes and colors as well as being more tolerant when it comes to cooler temperatures and drought. Get some basic tips here. [READ MORE](#)

## August Birthdays



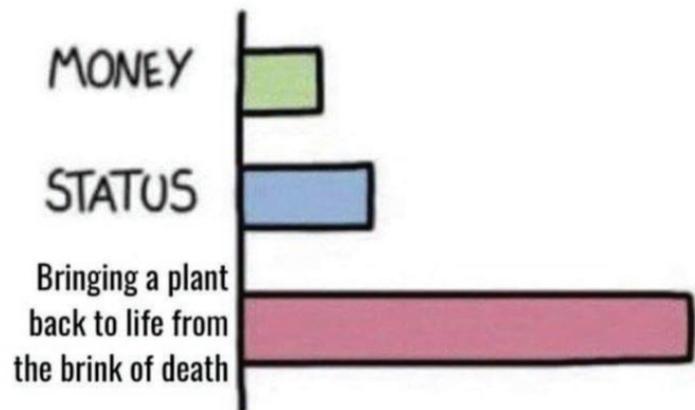
Jackie Fisher    Dr. Norman Grover    Judith Lahey  
Eric Petrusha    Michael Ray    Errol Simmons  
Colleen Hendrix    Harry Sperling

## ...On a Lighter Note



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FEELINGS OF POWER



Now days, many of us spend time on social media sharing pictures of our pets, plants, or simply keeping up with friends and family. Every once and while, you'll come across something out of the normal like a dog that can whistle as he sleeps or a cat that can sing Twinkle Twinkle Little Star. Something about the photo or video clip just brings a smile to your face and your instantly compelled to share it.

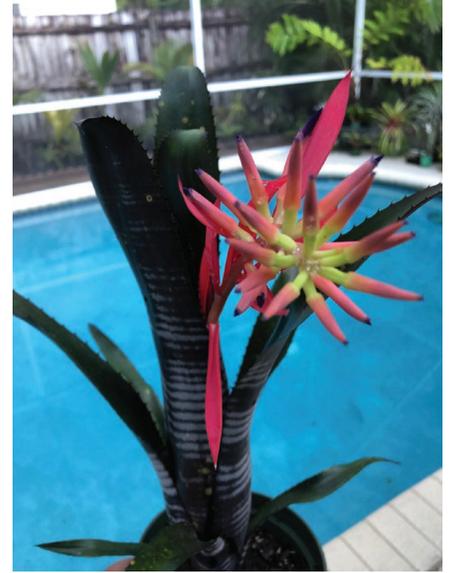
Well, here's a couple photos you may not have seen that as a gardener you can certainly relate to! Feel free to share because you just smiled, didn't you?

# From The Editor



Another month has gone by since I moved my entire collection and if you recall, I experienced significant sun burn on several of my most precious plants.

I was able to trim many of the burns from the leaves and removed any that were a hopeless case. While it changed their initial appearance, I'm pleased that most have acclimated to their new home quite nicely.



*Blooming 'darth vader' on the pool*

Because of my work schedule and regular requests to help others, I've made very little progress on my own gardens. All the same, I promised to share my journey with you so here's where it stands.



*View of rear bed looking downstream*

I basically have 5 main areas of the property that I want to enhance. The screened pool deck of course is my favorite and where all the "cool plants" want to hang out. Outside the pool enclosure is where I've created the largest continuous bed. I rarely take "before" photos because I'm anxious to get started, but this area had only one scraggly dracaena and an over-grown yucca...and sand!



*View of rear bed looking upstream*

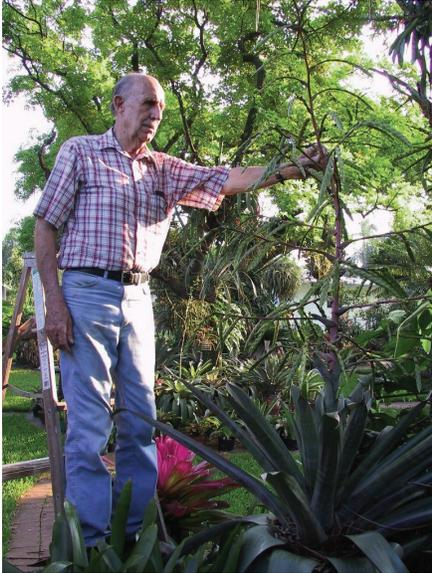
I found the border pavers lying around the property and used them to keep the sand off the walkway. I used the excess sand that was actually rotting the bottom of the fence to create sculptured berms though the current density of potted plants hides that free-form feature. Total cost \$0.

I planted seven small palms I had to create shade allowing for a wider variety of plants down the road. The pictures don't really do it justice, but I have several tillandsia mounts, over two hundred broms, and a variety of non-bromeliad species mixed in. My next step will be to pressure wash the fence and then add some lighting and mulch. The budget didn't allow for a lazy river in this section, but I can still refer to it as up and down stream!

*Until next time,*

*-Brad*

# Remembering A Dear Friend



Over the years, the BSBC has had some amazing members who graciously shared their time, knowledge, and passion so that others could follow in their footsteps. Unknowingly, they become a shining light than can never be completely dimmed because a part of them lives on in every plant they grew and everyone they touched.

Our hearts are saddened to learn that a long-time BSBC member, Bud Hendrix, recently passed. Bud's love of bromeliads and desire to teach others was obvious to those who knew him or visited his nursery. While some may have forgotten a few of the growing tips he shared with them, what lives on is the memory of his willingness to share what he knew. Help honor his memory by sharing your passion for growing with future generations so that his light, as well as your own, will shine forever.

## Support Local Businesses



**Got a business you would like  
to advertise?**

**Ads in the SCURF are \$50 for 6  
months, \$100 for 12 months  
Contact Becky Blackwood if interested**

# Upcoming Events, Things to See

Date-Time	Event	Place
Sept. 20-21 2019	Bromeliad Extravaganza Conference/Sale	Marriott's Springhill and TownePlace Suites, Orlando FL
Sept. 21-22, 2019; Sat. 9-4; Sun.- 9-3	Exotic Plants and Orchids Sale	Mounts Botanical Garden 531 North Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL 33415
Sept. 21-22, 2019; 9:30-4:30	International Aroid Society Show and Sale	Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Road Coral Gables, FL 33156
Oct. 15, 2019	BSSF Fall Auction	10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables, FL 33156
Oct. 17-20, 2019	Golden Broms	Queensland, Australia !!!!
Oct. 19, 2019	Lantern Festival at the Morikami Gardens & Museum	4000 Morikami Park Rd. Delray Beach, FL 33446
Oct. 26-27, 2019; Sat-9-5; Sun-9-4; Setup is Friday afternoon 1-4	Plantation Historical Society's Fall Plant Sale	Heritage Park, 1100 S Fig Tree Ln, Plantation, FL 33317
Nov. 18, 2019	BSBC Fall Plant Auction	Deicke Auditorium, 7:00 PM
March 21-22, 2020 (tentative)	Annual BSSF Show	10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables, FL 33156
Mar. 13-15, 2020	18th Annual International Orchid Festival	Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Road Coral Gables, FL 33156
Apr. 4-5, 2020	Hatsume Fair Celebrating Spring at the Morikami Gardens & Museum	4000 Morikami Park Rd. Delray Beach, FL 33446
June 6-9, 2020	BSI World Conference	Hyatt Regency Sarasota, FL

## Looking Ahead...

**August Meeting: Monday September 16, 2019, 6:30 pm at Deicke Auditorium.**

**Get your plants ready for the upcoming show in Plantation and our fall auction!**