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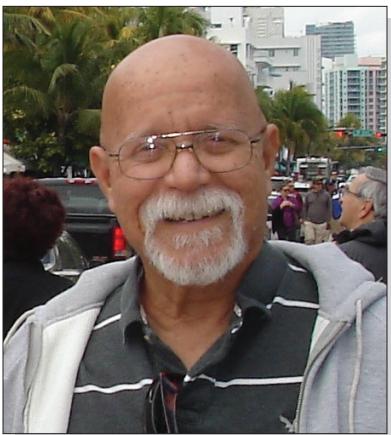
Our monthly meetings generally offer a guest speaker on timely and noteworthy topics, member plant sales, a plant raffle, special holiday plant auctions, diagnosis of disease and pest problems, and a Country Store with selected bromeliad and gardening supplies.

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

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



President's Message



We have a garden tour.....and an upcoming fund raising event! First of all on Saturday, February 16th we will be going to the Naples Botanical Garden. This will be a car pooling event so please call me at 954-296-5633 if you need a ride. It is recommended that those needing a ride meet at the Deicke parking lot. Those who have the directions may go on ahead. We will meet at the Garden front gate at 10 AM. If you have a problem or are running late feel free to call me at the above phone number . The day will be a leisurely one and there is a restaurant on premise.....or we can go somewhere else. The sign-up sheet, directions and information and a copy of the restaurant menu will be available at the February meeting, which is the second Monday for this month (the 11th) due to Presidents Day. Join us for a fun day!

We will be having a fund raising event at the California Pizza Kitchen located at Sawgrass Mills in April. The date is being finalized and will be discussed in detail at the February meeting. It is simple.....all during the designated day anyone can come in at any time and whatever you order, the Bromeliad Society will receive 20% of the check! All you have to do is bring the special coupon which the Society will issue in order for us to receive the refund. And that is not all....later in the spring we will return to Michaels Bromeliads in Venice, Florida. More on that later. See, plenty to do.....as long as you renew your membership!

Membership News

This month's meeting is Monday Feb 11 at 6:30 at Deicke Auditorium.
Don't forget to renew your membership if you haven't already!

Our February Speaker is Scott Bryan



Scott Bryan, a Parks Naturalist for Broward County, will be speaking about "Critters We May Find in our Yards", especially if we grow bromeliads. South Florida has a bounty of wildlife, whether you see them or not and Scott will tell us how the ecosystem is changing. We'll learn which ones to appreciate, which to avoid, and which ones to evict.



The Country Store and raffle table will be open before and after Scott's presentation
The Silent Auction & Member Sales Table will be OPEN so let's see what you've grown!

Last Month's Meeting



If you missed the January speaker Chip Jones, here are just a few of the highlights he shared with the club...

- Variation in plants with the same genetic makeup can be caused by many factors ranging from light exposure, fertilizer and soil conditions to original variations passed down from the parent. For example, if a leaf has little to no variegation, then a pup sprouting from that leaf will also have very little variegation and could be discarded allowing for another one to form from a leaf that has the desired characteristics
- Some characteristics of bromeliads can revert and therefore be lost in future generations, especially hybrids
- If you're preparing a plant to be judged in a show, here are some simple ways to gain points
 1. Use a fresh, clean pot; preferably in a solid dark color
 2. Be sure it's filled to the rim with either soil or rock
 3. Center the plant as best you can
 4. Remove unbalanced leaves from the lower rows
 5. Trim brown tips by shaping with scissors to blend in
- Placing a few bits of fertilizer in the cup of a mother plant helps force pup creation. Pups will also receive the nutrients from the mother plant before they develop their own roots
- Increased air flow to your plants can help control scale formations
- Chip prefers clusters over individual plants in his projects and his fertilizer of choice is Nutricote 360



Examples of genius variations



As always, our members found some great additions for their collection. Thanks, Chip!



Early bird gets the worm, (or pick of the lot)

You'll find more great tips and ideas from Chip on his website at www.cycadflorida.com

From Our Gardens...

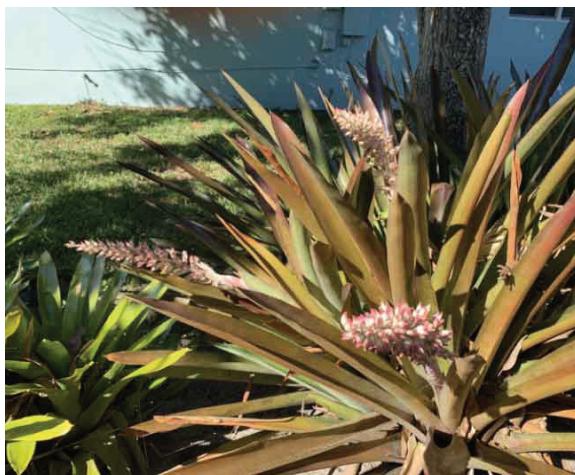


Becky Blackwood

This month we get a small glimpse into the gardens of Becky Blackwood who has given years of service to the BSBC. She started raising bromeliads in 1987 after seeing several in her San Francisco office building. Her first brom, an *Aechmea fasciata*, quickly inspired her to start collecting bromeliads. While her collection has grown to hundreds of plants, she says there's always room for one more in bloom! While she won't confess to having a favorite, it's clear she's quite proud of the Blue Tangos she's raised over the years and has often times given pups to other club members.



Like most home gardeners, Becky raises a variety of plant species, but cherishes her twin 25' palm trees which she raised from two seeds she was given by a dear friend.



One of her many "mystery plants"



Years of growing bromeliads has taught Becky that proper lighting is crucial, yet sometimes hard to anticipate with a new plant. She says that "Bromeliads with thin leaves and small or no thorns, will grow best in partial shaded areas. Thick leafed bromeliads with large thorns grow best in full sun."

"Spending time in the serenity of my garden gives me peace and extra energy to add quality to my life." We couldn't agree more and thanks for sharing your garden with us!



Two of her many orchids





From The Editor

I almost feel guilty watching the national weather this time of year. Sub-zero temps, driving on snow and ice, airport delays, and of course my favorite past time, shoveling snow! If you've been brave enough to travel out of South Florida recently, you've most likely felt the wrath of Old Man Winter! I myself had a last minute business trip to Virginia which required I drive. Something I really try not to do north of Atlanta between Thanksgiving and Easter.

As I traversed the mountain pass, I recalled a conversation I overheard between two VA locals who were quite worried about the bulbs they forgot to dig up last fall; knowing they would surely not survive the winter of 2019. I just smiled knowing I would soon be enjoying the warmth of South FL and seeing which of my broms had grown or bloomed in my absence. It was easy to lose focus driving home when the only clear radio station in "them 'ther parts" is AM NPR!

If you're thinking "he doesn't get out much", you'd be half right. But when you have "Brom Fever" like I do, you soon realize there's nothing like coming home and walking out to your Zen place and seeing this little gem starting to bloom...



*Tillandsia Stricta X Recurvifolia
'cotton candy'*



...a few days later

So while my friends and relatives up north are enjoying the "Seasons" as they call them, I'm focused on spring and all of the plant shows and festivals coming up in the next couple of months! Then I realize, I have my own seasonal dilemma. How can I seem (more importatnly, afford) them all?

So here's what I came up with. Sat. Feb. 16th I'm hanging with my club mates at the Naples Botanical Gardens which I've never seen so lots of pics. Next is the Garden Fest Plant Extravaganza on Mar. 16th (& 17th) where I hope to make back some of what I spent in Naples. If I do, then Sunday Mar. 17th the Bromeliad Society of South Florida is having their annual show and sale at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens which is always awesome!

So it's crystal clear. The cure for "Brom Fever" is spring weather and weekends packed full of annual plant sales! I wonder if they take Kohl's Cash. Either way, I hope to see you there!

Until next time,

-Brad

February Birthdays



Tammy Beardsley David Harris
Karen & Larry Seneff
Steven Weisberg Carol Mordas

Ever find yourself out of a Country Store item and it's weeks until the next club meeting? Relax, breathe deep, and plan a visit to Pompano where they are stored.

Simply call 954-531-7322 and make arrangements to connect with our guy!



GFWC Plantation Woman's Club & City of Plantation
Present



Garden Fest Plant Extravaganza

March 16th & 17th, 2019
Saturday - 9am to 5pm
Sunday - 9am to 4pm
Nature Seminars
Great Food & Music
Free Entry & Free Parking

FOR MORE INFO CALL 954.530.0076
Volunteer Park Community Center
12050 W. Sunrise Blvd.
Plantation, FL 33323
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Upcoming Events, Things to See

Date-Time	Event	Place
Sat., Feb 16, 9:00 AM	Naples Botanical Garden Trip	Naples Botanical Garden, Naples, FL
Sat., Mar. 16 & Sun., Mar. 17; 9 am-5 pm ; 9 am-4 pm	Garden Fest Plant Extravaganza	Volunteer Park, Plantation, FL
Sat., Mar. 16 & Sun., Mar. 17; 9 am-4:30 pm ; 9 am-4:30 pm	Bromeliad Society of South Florida, 41st Annual Show and Sale	Fairchild Gardens, Coral Gables
Sat. Apr. 6 and Sun. Apr. 7 9 am-4 pm	Bonnet House International Orchid & Garden Festival	Bonnet House Museum & Garden, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Sat. Apr. 6; 9:30 am-4:30 pm	Sawgrass Nature Center's 3rd Annual Orchid Fest	3000 Sportsplex Dr., Coral Springs, FL
Sat., Apr. 13 and Sun. Apr. 14; 9 am—4 pm	Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society Annual Spring Plant Sale	Garden Club, 200 Fairmont Drive, Sanford, FL
Sat., April 13, 2019 9:30 am - 4:30 pm Sun., April 14, 2019 9:30 am-4:30 pm	Spring Garden Festival and 39th Annual Spring Plant Sale	Fairchild Gardens, Coral Gables
Sat. Apr. 20 and Sun. Apr. 21 9 am-4 pm??	International Orchid and Bromeliad Show	Flamingo Gardens, Davie, FL
Sept. 2019	Bromeliad Society of Central Florida	TBD
Oct. 17-20, 2019	Golden Broms	Queensland, Australia !!!!
2021	Australasian Bromeliad Conference	New Zealand !!!!!!

Looking Ahead...

ROAD TRIP!! Naples Botanical Garden Trip- Sat. Feb. 16, Naples, FL. Get more info and sign up to carpool at this months meeting. Don't Miss It!

Garden Fest- Mar. 16th & 17th, Volunteer Park, Plantation, FL.

March Meeting: Monday, Mar. 18, 2019 at 6:30 pm at Deicke Auditorium