

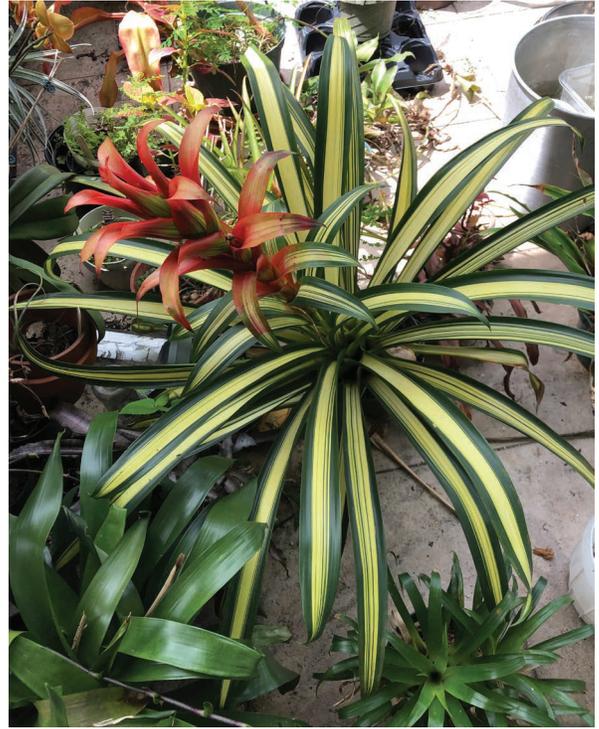
Bromeliad Society of Broward County

JUNE 2019 SCURF

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Aec. 'Blanchetiana'



Guzmania 'Jim'

Just a few of the magnificent plants from the garden of Harry Sperling



Neo. 'Picasso'



Tillandsia 'Xerographica'

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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.

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



President's Message



As they say..."it's summer time and the livin' is easy". Here in south Florida that means time in the ocean or the pool, or relaxing with a cold drink...and doing your gardening in either the morning or in the late afternoon.

Fortunately for us, our favorite plant adapts well to the changes in the seasons. Our summer rains keep the bromeliad cups full and help flush out the plants to remove mosquito larva. That means you have more time to simply enjoy your bromeliads and less time tending to them. What could be better than that!

Our project for T Y Park in Hollywood is chugging along. One of the features will be a centrally located tree upon which Tillandsias will be mounted. Brad and Maurice are coordinating their efforts to procure a tree with rough bark to mount the Tillandsias on. Beds of other bromeliads will be artfully arranged around the tree, according to Maurice's designs. This is where you can get involved. If you have large amounts of Neoregelias or Aechmeas you'd like to donate, please let us know so we can determine if we can use them. Call me, Richard Sedlak, at 954-296-5633 or email me at sedlaki1@comcast.net. The display will be located facing the entrance booths so you can't help but see it when you enter the park. There will be signage letting everyone know the BSBC created the garden and we will also be able to advertise our events to the public!

Here is a challenge for the membership: We had a fund raiser at the California Pizza Kitchen, so can you make suggestions for other fund raisers. Let's all get involved and help out the Society.

This month's meeting is Monday June 17, 6:30 pm at Deicke Auditorium

Our June Guest Speakers are Brad and Bria Beardsley



The old guy you already know, but this month he will team up with his daughter the environmentalist who's partly responsible for his healthy and prolific plants.

Learn how embarking on a plant-based lifestyle soon required a 5 story "worm condo" to house their nearly 10,000 employees who work day and night free of charge!



The Country Store, Raffle Table, Silent Auction, and Member Sales Table will all be open

Last Month's Meeting



Alex displaying how he hangs his plants

Last month's meeting was a real treat if you like a great success story. One of Alex Bello's long-time family friends and personal mentors just happens to be Steve Correale, one the greatest talents in the world of tillandsias. Alex's presentation highlighted dozens of Steve's hybrids developed over the course of his life mixed with many intimate details of the inspiration behind each.

The tales came to life when Alex showed many of the plants he personally grew from Steve's collection of hybrids. Alex now has his own nursery which will no doubt be on our field trip list in 2020!



The fact that no one is looking away is a credit to Alex's delivery



Nearly all were gone by the end of the night



Just a few of the spectacular plants that Alex brought for our members to purchase and to share with fellow club members in the years to come



Another full raffle table with donations from our members

From Our Gardens...



This month's tour showcases the gardens of BSBC member Harry Sperling of Hollywood, FL. It is one of the largest and most diverse collections we've visited and it was clear that to share it all would take an entire book!



From the moment you pull onto his street, there's no doubt which house belongs to this talented and passionate gardener. The mere size and maturity of every plant and every bed is a tribute to his decades of meticulous effort and commitment to create an oasis in the south Florida sun!



The maturity and density of this bed is simply amazing



Front bed bursting with various Aechmeas and Neoregelias



Ursalae 'Mcvaughii' w/bloom



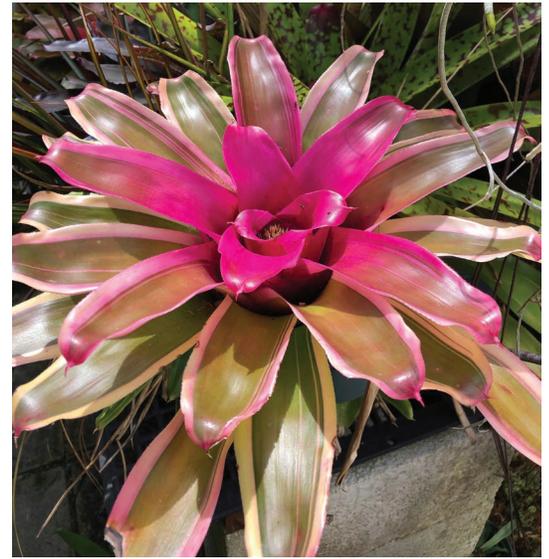
Alcantarea 'Odorata' and friends



Aec. 'Correia AraujoixH'



Forget the diving board and sun chairs, the plants rule this pool deck!



Neo. 'Wolfgang'



Tranquility Pond



Just one of the hundreds of orchids on display



Archway trellis into 'Eden'



Red climbing rose bush



Bleeding Heart vine in red and white



Chrysothemis Pulchella

Here are just a few of the many non-bromeliad species Harry grows. While some can be found in multiple locations throughout the property, it's obvious each has a special place in the garden and in the heart of the gardener himself! Well done, Harry. You are a wizard!



Tillandsia 'Capitata Red'

Like many of us, Harry's obsession with bromeliads began when he saw his first "red inflorescence". He purchased the aechmea from a roadside stand and over decades has created a magnificent collection larger than some commercial greenhouses. While his love of plants once had him believe there was "always room for one more", he now spends his days nurturing his collection and buys new ones "only at a time of total weakness".

His advice to other enthusiasts is to "enjoy your hobby and it will reward you many times over". He recalls how his uncle would come home from the factory during WWII and would tend to his orchid garden each night before dinner. The tranquility would "change his demeanor to a happy one" and allow him to forget the stress of his job and the world at war. Harry goes on to say "The beauty of nature is astounding" as is his vast collection of plants!

For those in the BSBC who haven't visited Harry's garden, you need to make a plan to do so. You will be amazed and enriched by his knowledge while gaining inspiration for your own collection. Rest assured, these few pictures and words fail to encompass the garden or his vision of Utopia!

BSI World Conference...Sarasota FL

As Alex Bello mentioned during his presentation last month, the BSI World Conference is being held at the Hyatt Regency Sarasota next year from June 9th through June 13th . It's the 70th anniversary of the BSI and scheduled events include tours of Tropiflora, Michael's Bromeliads, and Marie Selby Botanical Gardens.

In addition to the tours, there will be numerous guest speakers, a judged plant show, rare plant sale and auction and much more! You can find out all the details as well as complete registration information by clicking this link <https://www.bsi.org/new/conference-corner/>.

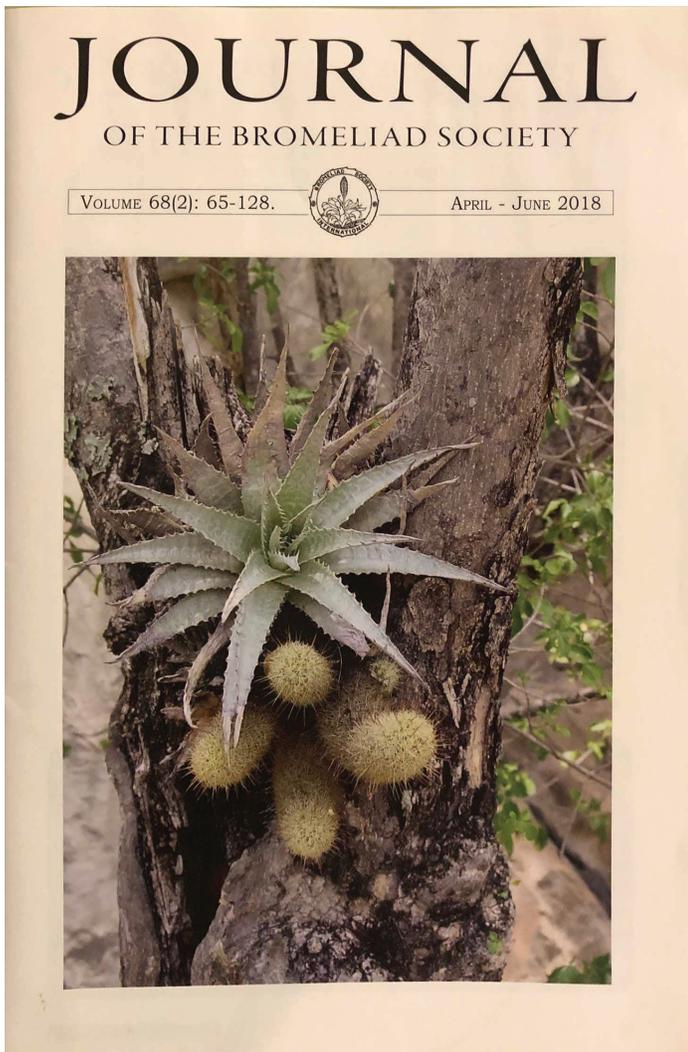


From The Editor



This month is all about settling in to survive the brutal summer that is upon us. For a change of scenery, my family and I recently spent a week driving around Colorado where the nights were brisk with snow-capped mountains on the horizon. Though primarily a desert climate, I found it interesting that it rained nearly every afternoon, much like it does here. Apparently summer is their rainy season too.

I planned to share pics of bromeliads that I found indoors, but when I returned, I found this little gem waiting for me. Okay, maybe I already had it and just hadn't opened it, but when I did, I knew I had to share. Since the awards were last year, this may not be new to you, but here it is in print!



SHOWTIME 2018 Bromeliad Society of South Florida Show



the Best Non-blooming Bromeliad and Best Blooming Bromeliad divisions, each genus forms its own Section and there is an additional Section for Intergeneric hybrids. Of course, we only have a limited number of genera exhibited at each show, and do not expect to see many of the genera on exhibit ever because they cannot grow in our climate. All entries in the horticultural Divisions must be grown in the possession of the exhibitor for at least six months prior to the show. Since we now typically have more than six months of summer each year a plant that dislikes our warm nights rarely receives an Award of Merit ribbon.

Other highlights of the Non-blooming Bromeliad division included *Aechmea orlandiana* (Fig. 2), *Cryptanthus* 'Tutti Frutti' (Fig. 3) and *Neoregelia* 'Titania' (Fig. 4). Other Best of Section awards within this Division went to Barbara Partagas for *Ananas* 'Uba Tuba' and *Hechtia* 'Wildfire', Becky Blackwood for *Billbergia* 'Hallelujah', Urszula Rossiter for *Dyckia* 'Brittle Star' x f2 x 'Arizona', Maureen Frazel for *Quesnelia marmorata* 'Tim Plowman' and Robert Meyer for *Tillandsia capitata*.

In 2018, the number of entries in the Blooming Bromeliad division were down from most previous years due to the earlier date. This early date left fewer days of favorable growing weather leading up to the show.

The Nat DeLeon Award for Best Blooming Bromeliad went to *Billbergia* 'Mucho Mas' exhibited by Gina Havens. Unfortunately



Figure 1. *xSincoregelia* 'Galactic Warrior' winner of the Ed Prince Award for Best Non-blooming Bromeliad, the Ralph Davis Award for Cultural Excellence and the Harvey Bullis, Jr. Award for Best Variegated Bromeliad. Exhibited by Shirley Grills-Konefal. Photo by Roxy White.

Figure 2. A brightly-marked *Aechmea orlandiana* won the award as Best Non-blooming Aechmea for exhibitor Becky Blackwood. Photo by Roxy White.

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Take the time to zoom in and read if you're viewing this issue on your pc or smart phone. All four mentioned, Becky Blackwood, Shirley Konefal, Gina Havens, and our beloved Maureen Frazel have spent years honing their craft and it shows. It's only fitting that they be recognized on the world stage for their skills and passion. Congratulations, ladies. I'm honored to be in your presence!

Until next time,
-Brad

June Birthdays



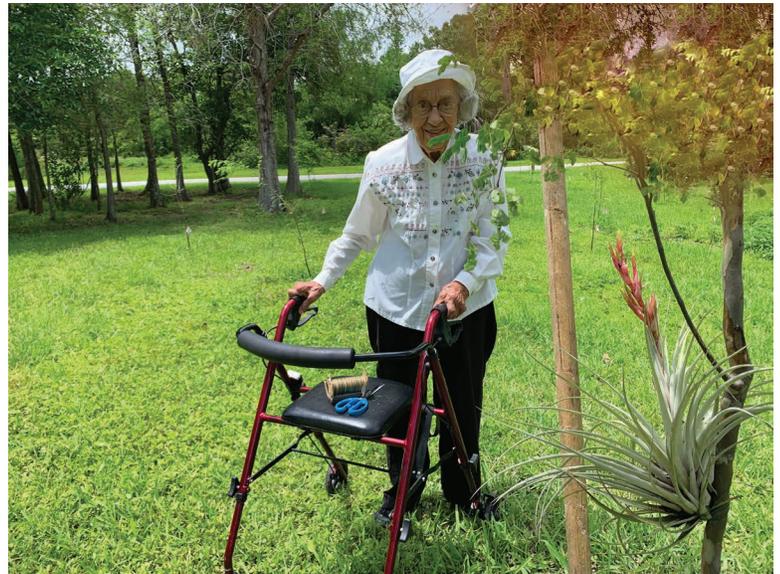
Martin Fox

Robert Moorman

Ann Schandelmayer



We love sharing images from all our members especially when they are in bloom. These images come from Brigitte Sheeks who also put the collage together...hmm, I see a "Junior Editor" in the making! Thanks for sharing, Brigitte.



Here is an updated photo of the Bridal Veil tree that was planted a few months back in remembrance of Maureen Frazel. Recently, Becky Blackwood and Ann Schandelmayer took one of Ann's tillandsias and mounted it to the tree so that it could spread life wherever the wind blows. Maureen is surely in awe of your generosity as are we. Thank you ladies!



FUN FACT

Did you know....Whenever you eat a pineapple, it eats you back? Pineapples are the only known carriers of Bromelain, an enzyme that breaks down proteins. Since your body is made of proteins, the pineapples you eat are also trying to digest you!

That's why eating a fresh cut pineapple can make your tongue feel like a piece of rough sandpaper!

Upcoming Events, Things to See

Date-Time	Event	Place
July 12th & 13th	Mango Festival	Fairchild Gardens, Coral Gables
At your convenience	The Gardens of Vizcaya	3251 S Miami Ave, Miami, FL 33129
At your convenience	Morikami Gardens & Museum	4000 Morikami Park Rd. Delray Beach, FL 33446
At your convenience	Coral Castle Museum	28655 S Dixie Hwy, Homestead, FL 33033
Sept. 2019	Bromeliad Society of Central Florida	TBD
Oct. 17-20, 2019	Golden Broms	Queensland, Australia !!!!
June 6-9, 2020	BSI World Conference	Hyatt Regency Sarasota, FL
2021	Australasian Bromeliad Conference	New Zealand !!!!!



Remember...Summer is great time to stay inside and catch up on your reading. Our library has some great resources for all aspects of growing and maintaining your bromeliad collection. Contact Becky Blackwood to check a couple out this month and enjoy! Summer won't last long, but the knowledge you gain just might.

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**

Looking Ahead...

July Meeting: Monday, July 15, 2019, 6:30 pm at Deicke Auditorium.

Stay cool and start planning your trip to the BSI World Conference in Sarasota next year. It will be here before you know it!