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Bromeliad Society of Broward County

## December 2011



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## BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF BROWARD COUNTY

P.O. Box 17272

Plantation, FL 33318

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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.

We meet the third Monday of every month (except January)



The Bromeliad Society of Broward County is a member of, and supports:

**The Bromeliad Society International**  
<http://bsi.org>



The Bromeliad Society of Broward County is a member of, and supports:

**The Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies**  
<http://fcbs.org>



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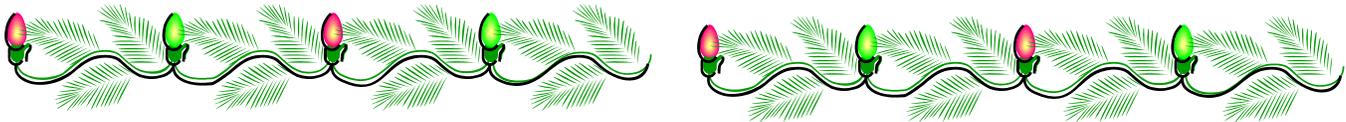
# Meetings and Speakers

**NEXT MEETING: MONDAY**  
**DECEMBER 19TH , 2011**

**Time:** Meeting begins at 7:00pm  
**Please be there by 6:30 with your food**

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

## **Holiday Party** **Pot Luck & Plant Exchange**



### **Rules for the Holiday Plant Exchange**

To participate your plant must be clean and free of scale, one that you would like to receive yourself as a gift. Put it in a paper bag so that it cannot be seen and bring it to the party. When you arrive at the party you will be given a number( only if you have brought a plant ) so you can participate in the drawing, which works like this....

- 1) The numbers are drawn one at a time, randomly.
- 2) The first number drawn selects from **ALL** plants on the table removed from the bag and shown to the group.
- 3) The next number drawn has the option of selecting an unopened bag from the table **OR** **"TAKING"** the plant previously selected. IF the previously selected plant is **"TAKEN"** then that person then selects another UNOPENED plant **FROM THE TABLE**
- 4) The last number called gets to pick from ALL previously selected plants **except** from anyone that has had their plant taken twice. **The EXCEPTION:** No one can have more than **2** plants taken from them, you get to keep the **3rd**.

**Happy Giving**

# The President's Message

Hey Bromeliad Lovers,

Hope this news letter finds you well, hoping that you are going in those beautiful gardens of your to relieve yourself from the holiday stresses.

A few quick announcements....

Our Annual Holiday Party is this meeting—we decided to have a potluck the same night as the meeting night hoping more of you will be able to attend. Also

*This year, YOU must be a current member and ATTEND the party to receive your holiday plant.*

There will also be some special plants that we will raffle off, tickets are \$1.00 each.

If you are planning to participate in the plant gift exchange you must bring a plant to play including any friends or family that you bring. If you want them to play you will have to provide a plant for them or there will not be enough plants to go around for everyone.

*Make sure you get a ticket when you come in the door that will be your ticket to play.*

In January - please remember the meeting will be a *different day* due to MLK day. It will most likely be the same week just a different day. I will let you know in advance.

If you have any questions about what food to bring please contact Harriet Abo [lovedisney20022002@yahoo.com](mailto:lovedisney20022002@yahoo.com) - her number is in the roster.

Go to the link below to see the last garden tour—it was great.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KIGYN9TTO4w&feature=email>

See you at the party with bells on !!!!!

Colleen



## Welcome New Members

Martha Gregory, Robert Smith, Jerry and Karen Ryan



## Calendar of Events

1st Tuesday

Plantation Orchid Society

Deicke Auditorium

3rd Monday

Bromelaid Society of Broward County

Deicke Auditorium

3rd Tuesday

Bromelaid Society of So. Florida

Fairchild Gardens

3rd Thursday

Bromeliad Society of the Palm Beaches

Mounts Botanical

4th Thursday

Shade Brigade

Plantation Bldg. Dept.

4th Monday

BSBC Board Meeting

Deicke Auditorium

BSBC Garden Tour

January 21st

TBA

BSBC Garden Tour

February 25th

TBA

March 24th & 25th, 2012 Garden Fest 2012

Volunteer Park





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# 2012

**20TH WORLD BROMELIAD CONFERENCE  
ORLANDO, FLORIDA**

**September 26 - 30, 2012**

**Caribe Royal**

**8101 World Center, Orlando, Florida 888-258-7501**

**A link to hotel reservations is at [fcbs.org](http://fcbs.org)**

**Rooms starting at \$119 US**

**This world-class event includes outstanding sales, a Rare Plant Auction, seminars, tours, and an opportunity to meet bromeliad collectors and growers from all over the world!**

**Speakers include:**

**Harry Luther  
Francisco Oliva-Estevé  
Paul Isley  
Dennis Cathcart**

**Tours include:**

**Color Zone Tropicals  
McCrorry's Sunny Hill  
Russell's Bromeliads  
Home Tours**

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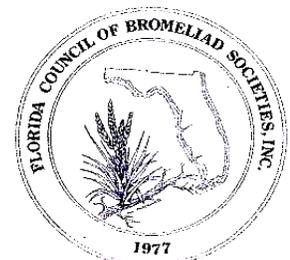
[bsi.org](http://bsi.org)

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Check [fcbs.org](http://fcbs.org) for a schedule of activities and events.

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**Start thinking about your 2012 family vacation !!**

# W h a t ' s H a p p e n i n g

## Harriet's Hoots

Well, it's that time of year again. Thanksgiving is over and Christmas and New Years are just around the corner. Our November board meeting was interesting. We discussed plans for the Christmas Party which is going to be a Pot-Luck Dinner on our regular meeting night (Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>). The festivities start at 6:30 pm.

During the November meeting, I sent around a sign up sheet for members to let me know what they will be bringing for our Christmas Pot-Luck. If you were not at the meeting or if you are a new member, and not quite sure of how this works, let me explain. Each member is to bring a covered dish of your choice. It could be an appetizer, veggie plate, meat dish, dessert, etc. Whip up one of your specialties and I'm sure that we will all think you are Julia Child. Please remember to bring a serving spoon if your dish requires it. If you have any questions regarding our pot-luck dinner, please feel free to call me at 954-557-7383. With that being said, I would like to move on and thank the following members for their contribution to our food table at the November meeting. They are as follows:

Shirley Konefal - Great Vegan Pasta Stir-Fry (Please send me the recipe)  
Sue Halliwell-Mather - Delicious Chicken Wings  
Jessie & Jeannie - Brownies that were so good  
Tami Newett - Box of wonderful candy - Pecan Delights  
Linda Wiringer-2 wonderful pies-Pumpkin Pecan Streusel and Sweet Potato  
Harry Sperling - Chocolate Mandarin Neapolitan Cake - Wow, what a hit  
Tammy & Joe Dinneen - Dutch Apple Pie - quite yummy  
George Henderson - Great Chili with Tortilla Chips



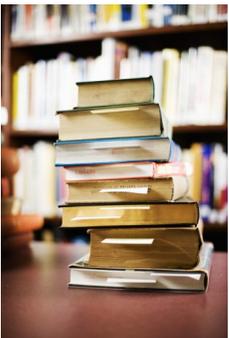
Thanks again,  
Hugs from Harriet.



## Happy Birthday to.....

Cathy Clapp, Jon Cole, Frank Crabb, Matt Hendrix, Sylvia Hill, Rizara Leckey, Anthony Padilla,  
Geraldine Seesahai, Ken Workman, Patty Zicarelli

If we forgot your birthday, please tell us and Happy Birthday to you!!!



## From the Library

We got our tillandsia book back!!! Thanks so much

We also have a new Librarian -

Melissa Garvey

# Tricks of the Trade

## By Larry Groshart

### The 2-liter Greenhouse

Growing bromeliads from seed can be very rewarding. Reproducing your favorite species this way is fun, and is also a good way to get young people interested in plants. If you plan to do any hybridizing, of course, you must grow up your seedlings to see the results of your efforts.

The biggest problem in growing from seed is maintaining an even moisture level. If the seedlings dry out, even once, even briefly, they are probably goners. The other side of this coin is preventing the seedlings from being washed out of the medium or drowning from over-watering.

Protection from wind, cold, falling leaves, slugs, snails, and other nasty critters is also necessary.

Providing good light levels is a major part of the equation. Too much light, and they burn up. Too little, and they grow soft and leggy.

A simple and inexpensive method for starting seeds is the 2-liter greenhouse. Here's how to make it: Start with an empty 2-liter soft-drink bottle. Any brand will do, but these days Coca-Cola products are sold in retro-style bottles with the classic "contour" shape. This shape simplifies construction. Save the cap for possible later use.

About 3" from the bottom of the bottle, wrap cellophane tape all the way around, lining up the ends so that you have marked a level border. On a "contour" bottle, this cut will be made in the narrower "waist" area. Carefully cut through the plastic along the top edge of the tape. I use a mini-size box cutter with a retractable blade that extends only 1/2". Scissors are a poor choice for this task, and long knives can be dangerous.

You now have two pieces: a "pot" and a clear domed "roof."

If you are using a "contour" bottle, the "pot" will taper toward the top. Make another cut all around on the "roof" at the top of the "waist" where the vertical sides begin. This spot is rather obvious, and probably doesn't require taping first.

Now the "roof" will nest nicely over the "pot."

If you use a non-contour bottle, you will have to make vertical slits several inches long from the bottom edge of the "roof" so that the top can be nested over the "pot." This can be done with scissors more easily than with the box cutter. Also make an inverted "V" cut where each pair of flaps meet at the bottom so they do not hang up on each other. Also trim any shreds hanging on so they do not interfere when nesting the two halves.

Now you control how much moisture will be retained in the medium by where you cut drainage slits in the bottom of the "pot." There are four or five bumps on the bottom of the bottle that serve as "feet." You will cut a drainage hole in each bump by plunging your box cutter through the plastic, pulling it out, turning it at a right angle, and plunging again, forming an "X." This makes a drainage hole that allows the water to weep, rather than pour out, giving the medium adequate time to absorb the moisture.

If you cut a drainage hole at the very bottom of each bump, virtually all the excess water would drain out, provided you placed the system on screen or gravel so the holes were not blocked. If, however, you cut the drainage holes higher up on the outside of bumps, you create a small reservoir for the water in each bump.

Where you put the drainage holes will be determined by how much water you expect the system to get, how much moisture your seedlings will need, and the rate of evaporation you observe. Further moisture control is gained by installing or removing the cap from the neck of the bottle.

Generally, there is no shortage of seeds when you grow on this scale. You could try three or four "greenhouses," each with a different moisture level, and compare results.

Watering the system may be done by removing the "roof" and misting, then replacing the dome. If the cap is left off the neck, some water will enter from rain or from your sprinkling. Such water will usually run down the inside surface, and cause no erosion of the medium. Without the cap, there will also be more evaporation, and thus the temperature will be lower in the medium.

[If you use a non-contour bottle, when installing the "roof," don't try to get all the "flaps" of the dome to fit over the "pot." Instead, put most of them on the outside, and a few inside the lip. Try to spread out the "innies" and the "outies" so the dome balances well. There is an advantage to this, too. If rain or sprinkling water hits the roof, it will run down the outside of the dome and some will make its way into the medium. The more flaps that go inside, the more water will be introduced to the medium, and vice versa. Be sure to plan for this when placing the drainage holes high or low on the bumps.]

Once your structure is ready, crumble new peat into the "pot" and level the peat out without compressing it. Water by misting or placing the pot in a shallow pan of water until the medium is moist.

Then sow your seeds right on top of the medium. Plumose seeds, such as *Tillandsia*, may be placed directly on top of the moist peat. Seeds in jelly, such as *Aechmea*, may be squeezed out first in lines onto a cheap paper towel. Once dry, cut the towel into narrow strips with the seeds attached, and lay the strips on top of the medium. Place the system in bright light, not full sun, watch and wait.

With this system, you can easily see the condition of the medium; dark is wet, light is dry. You can also watch as the seeds germinate and your little seedlings grow. Snails and slugs cannot reach your plants, nor can weed seeds blow in.

Of course, this system will work for virtually any small seeds. Carefully thin your crop as the plants grow. You might simply cut the crop into quarters and spread the bounty into four systems. Repeat until the plants are big enough to brave the elements without a roof over their heads. Then pot them up separately or in small groups.

Good luck, and good growing!

Larry R. Groshart



# Business

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\$10.00  
PER MONTH



T & C Tropicals  
*Specializing in  
Bromeliads*  
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954-931-1711



## **BUD'S BROMELIADS**

BUD HENDRIX  
824 N. BEL AIR DRIVE  
PLANTATION, FL 33317  
954-583-8636

## 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 Tim Hendrix  
@ 954-530-0076

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## "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!!

## "How Your Garden Grows"

Please email Bill at [marbilld@mac.com](mailto:marbilld@mac.com) if you would like to be considered to have your garden photographed. We take 'em any way we can get' em! Small scapes to larger scapes! Don't be shy, cause your plants love the camera!

Thanks, Bill David, Photographer, BSBC





## Membership Application



Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone : \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month of your Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to serve on a committee or otherwise assist?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Name Tag? No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Paid \_\_\_\_\_  
Name tags are \$5.00

Membership Dues are:  
\$20 per year for individuals  
\$25 per year for more than one member at the same address

Please make check payable to:  
Bromeliad Society of Broward County and mail this page to:

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