

The Scurf

Bromeliad Society of Broward County

February 2003



NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2003, 7:30 P.M.

SPEAKER: JAY THUROTT

PAST PRESIDENT OF FLORIDA EAST COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY.
PAST CHAIRMAN OF THE FLORIDA COUNCIL OF BROMELIAD SOCIETIES EX-
TRAVAGANZA. JAY IS VERY INVOLVED IN HALIFAX COUNCIL OF GARDEN
CLUBS.
CHIEF CHEMIST FOR DAYTONA BEACH AND ALSO TEACHES CLASSES AT THE

TOPIC: "ABC'S THE BASICS OF BROMELIADS"

Please note - Member Sales will be OPEN this month

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We meet the Third Monday of every month (except January)
at 7:30 p.m. in the Broward Agricultural Extension Building
3245 College Avenue, Davie, Florida

Calendar

February 15, 2003 - Bromeliad Society of Boca Raton is organiz-
ing a Bus trip to Tropiflora Nursery in Sarasota, FL. John Irvine,
561-547-5060, will give us all the details at the January meeting.

April 12 - 13, 2003 - BSBC Show and Sale
International Fishing Hall of Fame, Dania Beach, FL
This is our biannual big event. Start getting ready now.
For questions, please call Ann Schandelmayer, 954-583-1124

April 12, 2003 - Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies meeting
in conjunction with the BSBC Show and Sale at the International
Fishing Hall of Fame

May 3rd and 4th, 2003 - Plant Affair held at Heritage Park more
info to follow

July 26 - August 2, 2004 - 16th World Bromeliad Conference
Hosted by the Bromeliad Society International and the Greater Chi-
cago Bromeliad Society
Westin O'Hare Hotel in Rosemont (Chicago), IL
For more info... <http://bsi.org>

President's Message

We have breathed a sigh of relief that we really had no cold damage out here near Flamingo Road. However, one year, we had cold damage, Feb. 28. So, it is not time to call an "ALL CLEAR". Right now is a dry spell as well, so keep your plants in good condition. This is also a good time to check on plants you might enter in the April 11-12-13th show. Perhaps, the mix is too low and need to be replenished on top and most likely on the bottom and they need new pots and repotting; this will bring you a higher rated ribbon.

Among the cooks this month we had the travelers, Pat Boone and Jean Tease as well as Dave and Diane Tuttle celebrating Deb Wehnes's birthday. The left over Christmas gifts were placed on the plentiful raffle table so everyone had a field day.(Don't forget the goodies for February Birthdays).

This month, our show table will feature anything with an inflorescence, so lets see what's out there at this time of year! Once again we will vote on the most popular plant. Our members take the noting seriously and love to win the prize. This months prize was pineapple decorated napkins which was won by Polly Pascal who loves pineapples on anything.

Our nominating committee chaired by Sally Wurdack is hard at work, along with Susan Gutman and Dr. Jose' Donayre, please give them any help you can.

Everyone enjoyed the beautiful slides shown by Bruce Holz from Selby Gardens. We also got an insight into the problems of conservation in Belize.

Don't miss the March meeting as a grower from North Florida will share his experience with us. SEE YOU THERE!!!!!!

Maureen Frazel, president

Bromeliad of the Month



Tillandsia
abdita Mexican form

Blooming in the **shade** house of Tim Hendrix

February Show Table Competition!

The show table contest this month will be:

"Anything in bloom"

It's open to everyone. This competition will be judged by the members in attendance and a prize will be awarded!

Rules:

1. Any member
2. Any bromeliad in bloom
3. All other rules in the discretion of the President

January's winner for multiples:

Polly Pascal

Pepinia sanguinea

Bonus plant won by John Erwin — a Species Plant



Sneak Peek for March

March 17thGrant Groves

“ Latest Trip to Peru”

Grant owns Color Zone Nursery in Winter Park, Fl.

Editors Note

It is my pleasure at this time to introduce myself, I am Colleen Cope and I have been given the honor of producing “The Scurf”. I hope that you enjoy this months issue and as always your input and ideas are welcome. We want to make this as fun as possible, so pictures and fun stories are NEEDED! My e-mail is Timbo-169@attbi.com or bring your story to the meeting.

We would like to welcome Gini Vy Fvinkel as our newest member of the club. Also, please don't forget to wear you name tags, that can win you a beautiful plant!!!

See you at the meeting

General Store

Our general store will be open at the meeting. We have pots, identification tags, cork, and other items to help raise your beautiful bromeliads.

New Members

Gini Vy Fvinkel 954-522-7190

1739 SE 11th ST

Ft. Lauderdale, Fl 33316-1445

Save Florida's Native Bromeliads



Threats to Florida's Native Bromeliads

Many of Florida's native bromeliads have been on the state's list of threatened and endangered species for some time, because their populations are so rare and require very specific habitat conditions. Development in south Florida continues to reduce the habitat available for bromeliads, and several species are now found only on the protected lands of state and national parks.

Illegal collecting has also diminished populations of some species. Another threat has appeared more recently, one which is much more dangerous because it does not distinguish park boundaries.

This newer, deadlier threat is an insect pest, a weevil that immigrated to Florida on a shipment of imported bromeliads and has spread throughout the southern portion of the state.

Already, two species of native bromeliads previously abundant in Florida have been placed on the state's list of endangered species as a direct result of attack by the Mexican bromeliad weevil (*Metamasius callizona*), and populations of several other species that are already listed as threatened or endangered may potentially be destroyed as the weevil continues to advance. The Save Florida's Native Bromeliads project is an attempt to stop the weevil by managing it with biological control, and to save seeds of bromeliads at risk before it is too late.

For more information on this article, please visit:

<http://savebromeliads.ifas.ufl.edu/threats.htm>

Special thanks to the University of Florida for providing this article.

Letters to the Editor

Got Shade?

One of the top reasons your bromeliads may not be doing well is the wrong amount of sunlight. Direct sunlight will burn most bromeliads while not enough sunlight will produce strap-like leaves. Improper light will also affect the color of your plants. The best way to control sunlight is by using shade cloth which comes in many different % shades. The most popular ranges are 60 %, 70 % and 80% depending on what type of bromeliads you are growing. Shade cloth can be purchased online at many different places or locally at Universal Garden Supply 954-979-0600. They will cut and install grommets to any space, (although, I am not sure the guy that does the measuring will get the measurements on the money—you just kinda hold your breath).—Next month shade house basics.

Tim Hendrix

New Eastern Region Director

Polly Pascal one of our board members has been appointed as a Director of the *Cryptanthus Society*. Polly has been deeply committed to the *Broward Bromeliad Society* and has held numerous offices. As a BSI accredited Panel Judge she has at-

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attained Master Judge status and is currently the Florida BSI Judges Certification Committee Registrar. Let's extend a warm congratulations to Polly.



Change of Address

Ana Rouse 954-434-2896
6081 SW 195 Ave
Pembroke Pines, FL 33332

Stan McMillan
815 Cotton Bay Dr. West Apt 901
West Palm Beach FL 33406



Happy Valentines Day

Special Thanks

Diane and Dave for bringing coffee and deserts in honor of Debbie Wehnes's birthday.

Pat Boone and Jean Tease for also bringing deserts.

Matt Hendrix for his computer skills and helping with The Scurf

Reminders

February Birthdays: Please bring goodies for the refreshment table.

Announcements

We want your garden story!

Including pictures (If possible). Participation in The Scurf is welcome. We would like to have a special interest section dedicated specifically for our members in order to share and enjoy each others own personal backyard of treasures.

E-Mail your backyard fun to:
Timbo-169@attbi.com
Or submit to editor at meeting.