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Bromeliad Society of Broward County

July 2004



NEXT MEETING: MONDAY JULY 19TH 2003, 7:30 P.M.

SPEAKER : JAY THUROTT

* THE MAGNIFICENT COLORS OF VRIESIAS*

PAST PRESIDENT OF FLORIDA EAST COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY.
PAST CHAIRMAN OF THE FLORIDA COUNCIL OF BROMELIAD SOCIETIES EXTRAVAGANZA. JAY IS VERY INVOLVED IN HALIFAX COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS. ALSO, HE IS THE CHIEF CHEMIST FOR DAYTONA BEACH.

Plant sales will be **Open** to members

Plant Raffle will be held!

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 of Events for 2004-2005

Aug 11 - 15 - 16th World Bromeliad Conference

hosted by the Bromeliad Society International and the Greater Chicago Bromeliad Society ...email: jarse@one-claven.net
Westin O' Hare Hotel in Rosemont

August 11 - SCHOOL II OF THE WORLD CONFERENCE BROMELIAD JUDGES SCHOOL SERIES World Bromeliad Conference, Chicago, IL 8:00AM - 5:00PM. There is a nominal fee and you must be registered for the school one week prior to the conference. For more information, contact Betty Ann Prevatt, 2902 Second St., Fort Meyers, FL 33916. Phone 239-334-0242 or email bprevattpec@aol.com

August 21st & 22nd - Seminole Bromeliad Society Display and Sale 9am - 4pm both days Sanford Garden Club, 200 Fairmount Drive, Sanford, FL For more information - hallnan2039@cfl.rr.com or shipsley@msn.com

September 18-19 - SAN DIEGO BROMELIAD SOCIETY

SHOW/SALE The San Diego Bromeliad Society will hold its 30th annual show September 18-19, 2004. Show times are 12 noon-4pm on Saturday and 10-4 on Sunday. The theme for this show is 'Love those Bloomin' Bromeliads.' The show and sale will be held at Balboa Park in the Casa del Prado complex. Admission to the show is FREE. Come get a look at the venue for the WBC2006.

October 23, 2004 - Extravaganza

Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society

PLANT SALE

The plant sale will be held at the Florida Botanical Gardens, located at 12175 125th Street North, Largo, Florida 33774. The sale hours are 9:00 AM. - 4:00 PM., a holding area is available for purchased plants. There will be guided tours of the Gardens at 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM, and 2:00 PM, for a fee of \$1.00 per person. Food vendors will be on site from 11:30 AM until 4:00 PM. For vendor/sales information contact Gary Lund 727-586-5865 or glund@tamupabay.com

October 14-17 2005 - Bromeliads XIII - Australasian

Conference - The Bromeliad Society of Queensland Inc. is to host the next Australasian Conference for Bromeliads XIII in Brisbane in 2005. The Conference will be held over four days from Friday 14th October, to Monday 17th October, 2005, inclusive.

See <http://www.bsq.org.au/conference.html> for more information.

BSI World Conference- Chicago

It's just around the corner!!

Great things are planned. You will see and buy spectacular new plants and hybrids as well as old favorites; great seminars, some super sightseeing along with the Art Museum, Botanical gardens and Science Museum should not be missed. Then, there is the moonlight boat trip, a beautiful site to see. Also, the fellowship of those with like interests is to be enjoyed. All this is topped off with the rare plant auction and the Saturday night dinner. You will not regret the decision to make this trip.

August 11th - 15th, 2004

For further info call Maureen or Bill Frazel

954-474-1349

Universal Garden Supply has Moved

After 33 years, the D.O.T. is forcing them to move. Their new location is the back half of "Advance Contract Service" at 1950 N.W. 15th St. (less than one mile away) from Powerline Rd. it is directly east of Artistic Statuary. So, their new physical address is:

Universal Garden Supply
1950 N.W. 15th Street Bay 2
Pompano Beach, FL 33069

The
President's
MESSAGE



Hi Bromeliad FANS,

If you haven't noticed it is the middle of July and it is hot. Now is the time to keep an eye on your plants as a week or more can go by with no rain. Make sure to water at least weekly. Also, the sun is very bright now so keep your plants shaded and happy. You also can try singing as this is a great stress reliever for both your plants and yourself.

Last month's speaker was John Russell, I know I learned a lot about Tillandsias which are some of my favorite plants. Hopefully, he will return and speak to us in the near future.

We are trying to organize a bus trip the first weekend in November to visit some great gardensmore info to follow. I would like to thank Harry Sperling for doing some of the leg work.

Our show is coming up in April, I am hoping everyone will participate, each member should enter at least one plant. If you have any questions see me at the meeting.

Best Regards

Vriesea

This genus has its name after the Dutch botanist W. De Vriese. Vrieseas inhabit the tropical zones of Mexico, Central America, and South America with the majority of species being native to Brazil. They have adapted to a variety of altitudes ranging from sea-level to 3500m. They thrive in the shade at a high humidity in mist or rainforests, epiphytic on bushes and trees, as well as terrestrial in permeable humus ground.

Being a genus of a subfamily Tillandsiaceae, they produce spineless leaves with entire margins. In most Vrieseas, the trunk rosette is formed out of flexible green, often glabrous, or broad stiff leaves. This physique enables them to store water for a certain period. Water and nutrients are preferably absorbed through the leaves since the roots primarily serve as adhesion organs.

The combination of color of the simple or branched inflorescence may vary between light yellow through orange to bright red, with the flowers being white, green, yellow, or bluish violet. Some species, and the night-flowers in particular, are noteworthy for the striking mosaics, banded patterns, or speckles of the rosette. The inflorescences of many night-flowers produce large bell-shaped flowers whose fruit-like smell and sweet secretion attracts bats and moths for the purpose of pollination. They open late in the evening and withered the following morning. Therefore the pleasure of their beauty is short-lived. Vrieseas are frequently pollinated by hummingbirds. The hummingbird is named *Hypopertila melanorrhoa*. A vast majority of the species is cultivated in Text ú-shade, mesic, and in shallow pots. Stale air obstructs growth and some of them require a lot of light or even a sunny place. Among them are the smaller, gray, often hard-leaved Vrieseas, such as *V. espinosae* or *V. barclayana*. Like the silvery gray Tillandsias they are cultivated as epiphytes.

@ Blooming Bromeliads by Baensch



John Russell
from Russell's
Bromeliads
brought some
beautiful
Tillandsias.
we couldn't
resist!!!

There's a
buying
frenzy going
on.....





John Russell from Russell's Bromeliads brought some spectacular tillandsia's that the members could not resist buying. His program focused on the tips and tricks of being a commercial grower. He show us how long it take to grow a tillandsia from seed and that he has had great success taking pups off the mother as soon as he could which he found produced many more pups. He also is a firm believer in Dyna-Gro. He uses it in his fertilizing applications. If you want to know more about Dyna-Gro go to, www.dyna-gro.com

Thank you John for a very informative program!!!

The Mystery / Show and Tell Table

Thank you to those of you who brought plants to our Mystery / Show and Tell table. It is always a pleasure to have everyone participate especially newer members. Below is an e-mail show and tell bromeliad grown by Dr. Jose Domayre. Another "hot ziggitty", this is a cross between an Aechmea and an Ananas.

O.K.....so, if everyone would bring one of your favorite vriesers to the next meeting for the show and tell table. Jay Thurott will be able to comment on each one and tell us what judges look for and what a vrieser a winner. Now.....don't be shy, this is a great education for all of us.

Also, any new plant you need identified now is the time to do it. Bring it to the **MYSTERY TABLE!!!!**



Reminders

July Birthdays bring goodies
August meeting *canceled*, see you in
September!

Happy Birthday to.....

Becky Blackwood
Jim Kerns
Donna Maxwell
Marge Feuerman

Thank You

Naomi Shirley for jumping in and helping with the
raffle table last month and
To those of you that helped with the refreshment table!

Announcements

Congratulations to.....

Steve and Kerri Smith, they had twin boys!!!!

On the Cover

Tillandsia streptocarpa

Native to semi-arid regions of South America these are often
found clustered on thorn bushes. This species always looks
slightly untidy, but this is remedied by the lovely violet-blue
fragrant flowers with relatively large petals, held on a branched
flower spike. @ Bromeliads for the contemporary garden.
Andrew Steens

Grown by : Bud Hendrix
Photo by : Tim Hendrix

Personal Note

A Get well soon goes out to Jean Terse.....Jean prints the beautiful bromeliad water color printings along with selling tickets for the raffle table. We wish her a speedy recovery. Hope to see you at the next meeting!

Editors Note

Hello Everyone,

I wanted to send out a big welcome to our new members.... We have had quite a few in the past two months. I hope the meetings are everything you would like them to be. If any of you have suggestions on programs or what you would like brought up at the meetings please don't hesitate to see Tim or Jose.

A reminder that we will **Not** be having a meeting in **August** due to the fact that the World Conference is around the same time. So, Happy Birthday to all the August babies. Now, for September, Jose has lined up.....

"Lee Moore, The Adventurer"

He will be speaking on "The Bromeliads of Peru", I will be able to give you more info in the August Scurf. I hope everyone enjoys their summer, try to stay cool. See you in September (I believe that's a line in a song, "Summer Love")

Colleen Hendrix