

BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF BROWARD COUNTY
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See Page 5 for an amazing
offer from our upcoming
speaker, Dennis Cathcart !!!

Encholirium 'Angelita'
image courtesy of Bruce Zaret

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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 and February.

Affiliations: BSBC supports



The President's Message

Congratulations -

To our members who have completed our 3 classes on Basics 101, The Sex Lives of Bromeliads and Hybridizing of Bromeliads. I hope you learned some information about bromeliads you didn't know - I did. If you were unable to make June's General Meeting, you missed our last class on hybridizing bromeliads with Mike Michalski. Mike showed how to hybridize two plants to produce a new hybrid. Mike stated it could take 4 years to produce a new hybrid plant by this process. For those of you who took home some of the hybridized seeds in containers from the two plants, Bruce Zaret stated his seeds are growing; approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ inch high in the first step.



Ann Schandelmayer and Josefa Leon were recognized as honorary members at our June meeting for their support and educational contributions to our Society and our South Florida communities. We will be featuring them in upcoming editions of the Scurf.

Worried about too much rain? Keep an eye out for debris from fallen vegetation that comes with it in the form of leaves, pollen or dead insects. Too much rainwater can stimulate algae and also has the potential for mosquitos in your bromeliads and in any standing water.

After much research (about 15 websites including reviews) and looking for a reasonable price, I was able to find "gauntlet" (to the elbow) gardening gloves and that are resistant to thorns. Prices are \$20 and \$24 includes taxes and shipping. Five (5) samples in sizes Medium, Large and Extra Large will be at our meeting for your review and try-ons. Interested? Please sign up with the appropriate size. If Medium is too large, indicate Small.

We have a special sale on Polo Tee Shirts with our Logo. The Society will be paying for colored Logo Setup. The costs to our members is \$11.95. There are 14 colors. Pictures of the unisex shirt will be available at our general meeting with the available colors. Sizes are from small to 3X. Plain white tee shirts with our printed logo are \$3.95. Delivery after ordering will be by the next meeting. Sign up at the meeting and pay when delivered. Extras will be ordered.

Come and enjoy Dennis Cathcart of Tropiflora at our meeting Monday. If you want something special, go on Tropiflora's website and order it immediately. Dennis will save you shipping costs by bringing your order with him. Just mention that on your order.

See you Monday.

Becky

From the Vice President



Hi, Gang -- Harriet and I enjoyed seeing all of the super people who stopped by at our Open House -- Showing off and selling is fun, but just chatting about the bromeliads, while being catered to by Harriet, is just about the neatest thing you can do on a Saturday morning. And now, much to Harriet's chagrin, I have started on an addition to the largest shade house adding about another third. I just finished putting in nine more 4X4 poles to anchor the addition. Anyone is welcome to stop for a look see -- should be finished about October first.



What a speaker will visit us in July! **Dennis Cathcart** is a real giant in the world of bromeliads! I fondly remember about 12 years ago reading about his latest trip to the faraway reaches in some exotic foreign land and his stories of discovery of some new plants that he planned to bring back to cultivate -- and that I could actually own in a few months. The stories Dennis told were always punctuated with people he met, some problems that popped up and the joy of exploring and identifying new plants. I could only dream of the fun it would be to leave my 9-to-5 job to join him in his travels.

Today is altogether a new day with all of the world closing its borders to such explorers. (Come on Dennis, how many new seeds did you "accidentally" bring back? -- and how soon can I get my wanna-be-explorer hands on them?).

On another future date we will ask Dennis to let us look again at his fantastic task of shipping millions of plants to Singapore to populate the world's greatest new botanical garden or maybe to just take us down his memory lane to experience his last 20 or so years in the bromeliad world.

This meeting we will be able to join him on his latest trek to Brazil to search out some new Dyckias, Hectias and whatever else his eagle eyes detect. And he plans to bring along about 4 or 5 tables of goodies for us to fight over. Last time I saw Dennis, I ended up with 2 super Tillandsias and a few other prizes that I didn't need but just couldn't live without. Bring your pocket book and be prepared to find several things that you didn't even know existed.

And **News Flash!**

Go on-line to scan Tropiflora's inventory and take use of a great deal. Go to www.tropiflora.com. Log in, if you want and go to **Shop Online**. Click on **bromeliads** or whatever you want to check out and then to a **selection**. I usually choose the **alphabetic list**. This runs thru the entire inventory with pictures, descriptions and prices. This is going to take you forever if you want to check everything. You can find Achmea Del Mar, Encholirium martinellii (which I'm going to order), Tillandsia tectorium and 100's more. You can order thru their standard order form or you can drop Dennis an email at dennis@tropiflora.com and let him know who you are, that you are with the BSBC and what you want. He will deliver it at the meeting with no shipping cost. What a terrific deal! Gang, this is the absolutely best way to get some really nice hard-to-find plants.

On another subject -- Mike Michalski, our speaker on hybridizing last month, sent me an email to tell me that a member of our club called him for an invitation to see his garden. She showed up, toured the grounds, and bought a few things. He wanted to let me know that guests are always welcome. I've been to his house and it's well worth a trip to Miami. You can just give him a call at 305-279-2416 to make an appointment and he'll welcome up to two carloads at a time.

See you Monday! Larry

Membership News

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Becky Blackwood
Marcia David
Vann Elliott
Dr. Norma Flack
Jim Kerns

Welcome the following New Member to BSBC !
Gigi Louis of Plantation

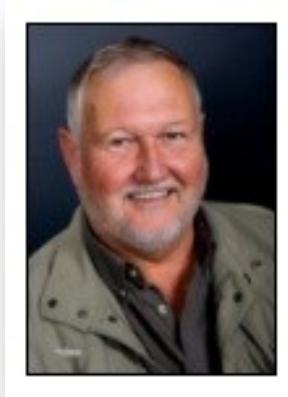
Membership reminder!

Membership renewals: the rate is \$25 for an individual and \$30 for a family.
We will accept, cash, check, Visa or Master Card.

Although we are no longer members of the [Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies](http://fcbs.org) at this time, BSBC members are still be able to access the Council's newsletter on the home page <http://fcbs.org> under the Newsletters button. That area, along with the entire site, is public. The Council's Facebook page is also public and intended to promote bromeliads, regardless of the source.

More Membership News

Our next meeting: Monday, June 21, 2014 at 6:30 pm
Deicke Auditorium, 5701 Cypress Road, Plantation, FL



Guest Speaker

Dennis Cathcart
Tropiflora, Sarasota, FL



Very exciting news! We have another terrific guest speaker lined up for this meeting. Dennis Cathcart, owner and operator of the well-known Tropiflora Nursery, will be sharing his recent trip to Brazil, the heart of the bromeliad world, with us.

Dennis and his wife Linda have traveled extensively over the years making about 100 trips to some 25 different countries in search of adventure and amazing plants.

As Dennis will be bringing some of his terrific plants for purchase, our usual **Plant Table** will be closed.

There will be a Raffle Table at this meeting and the Country Store will be open. Count on another great plant auction!

"DIAPER YOUR PLANTS"

Please diaper the 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 the recently renovated Deicke Auditorium as clean as when we got there. Thank you!!!

Harriet's Hoots

Hey Gang - - - How is everyone? Good, I hope. Well, we're into July and guess what????? It's sunny and bright outside, no rain in the forecast as of right now anyway. I mean some rain is ok, but give me a break, every afternoon there is thunder, lighting and rain..... Did we upset the "Rain God" in some way (hahaha) Ok, Ok, we apologize..... Hey, do you all remember the song from "Hair" and the lyrics that say, "Let the sunshine, Let the sunshine in, The sunshine in....." Opps there I go again, singing.

Ok, back to reality. Last month Larry and I had our open house and we had a great time thanks to all the members that came. We enjoyed a nice breakfast together and after that, there was roaming of the yard, members picking up some of our bromeliads to take home and then we all just sat around, relaxed, had another cup of coffee and chit-chatted with everyone who came. All in all it was a very enjoyable day.

Well, it that time again to say thank you to our members for their contribution to our table and here they are.....

George Henderson - - Pineapple Cake (Yummy)

Patty Zicarelli -- Cheese and Crackers (Nice choice)

Louella Weber - - Cookie tray (We all love cookies)

Tracy Moulton - - Pizza Bites & Pigs in Blanket (Very good)

Susan Mather - - - Antipasto Salad (Great choice)

Ann Schandelmayer - - Artichoke Dip, Crackers & Brownies (Fabulous)

Harry Sperling - - Banana Blueberry/Strawberry Cake (Great, as always)

Brigitte Sheeks - - Cheese, Crackers and Grapes (Good Healthy Choice)

Shirley Konefal - - Deviled Eggs (Very tasty)

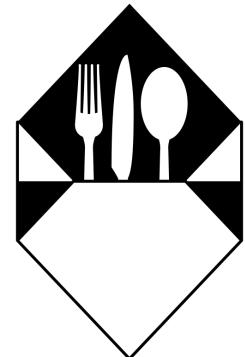
Barbara Morman - - 7 Layer Brownies (Who doesn't love brownies?)

Mariana Yi - - Bruschetta (Wow, that was great!)

Martha Reichman - - Sweet and Sour Cabbage (Absolutely delish)

Sandi Block-Bezner - - Assorted Brownies (Can't get enough of those)

Steven Weissberg - - Assorted pastries (Very good - - we love our sweets)



That's a wrap as they say in the movies - - - until we get together, keep those umbrellas handy.

See you all at the next meeting....

Hugs, Harriet

From the Editor

Growing bromeliads never ceases to amaze me. Not only are the plants an endless source of wonder but so is the generosity of our fellow members. Weeks back Susan Halliwell-Mather shared with me the coolest bromeliad. The blossom was yellow. The blossom is now bright red and just as perfect now as it was back in May. Birds built a nest right behind it. The plant I bought at Larry' and Harriet's sale is a showstopper. See below. Bruce Zaret shared a *Guzmania 'ice cream.'* It is blooming like crazy in its new home. Harry Sperling's neos LOVE my weeping hibiscus and sharing space with a tillandsia that our VP had. I hope you were among the lucky folks to get bromeliad seeds from Mike Michalski last month. While I have raised two sons, I wasn't sure about raising bromeliads from seed. It brings gardening to a whole other level in my mind. Well, Bruce and I were comparing notes at the recent board meeting as to how our seeds were doing. We are both psyched that we have multiple baby plants. These little wonders are very light sensitive and need to be turned everyday. Check out that image below also. As Larry mentioned, Mike said we could stay in touch so an email is enroute to him to ensure the baby plants thrive.



This is way too much fun.

Happy gardening, Gayle

SCURF Features

June Mystery Plant Identified



Want to win a raffle sheet
with 20 tickets?

Be the first member to email the SCURF editor at yroftiger@aol.com with the correct name of the bromeliad featured below.



Calendar of Local Plant Society Meetings

1st Tuesday	Plantation Orchid Society	Volunteer Park
2nd Friday	Ft. Lauderdale Garden Club	Birch State Park
2nd Monday	BSBC Board Meeting	Deicke Auditorium
3rd Monday	Bromeliad Society of Broward County	Deicke Auditorium
3rd Tuesday	Bromeliad Society of So. Florida	Fairchild Gardens
3rd Wednesday	Equality Park Garden Club	Pride Center
3rd Wednesday	Plantation Garden Club 9:30 am—noon	El Dorado Community Center
3rd Thursday	Bromeliad Society of the Palm Beaches	Mounts Botanical
3rd Thursday	Shade Brigade (no meetings July & Aug.)	Plantation Bldg. Dept.

Places to Go, Things to See

Aug. 16–17	Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Sale	9 am—4 pm	Garden Club of Sanford 200 Fairmont Dr. Sanford, FL
Sept. 8–13, 2014	Bromeliads in Paradise 21st World Bromeliad Conference		Ala Moana Hotel Honolulu, HI

Business

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Have a bromeliad question?
Email yroftiger@aol.com and
we'll ask our experts.

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

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