

BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF BROWARD COUNTY

JULY 2018 SCURF

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Maureen Frazel had this lovely Neo outside her front door. Apparently the plant found a home for itself on a piece of wood and there it thrives.

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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 BSI, Cryptanthus Society and FCBS (2017-2020)





THE PRESIDENT'S JULY MESSAGE

Those beautiful Neoregelias that you had in the garden all winter long had beautiful colors, didn't they? You went outside everyday to admire them and show them off to family and friends. You were so proud! Then something evil happened....as summer came along those beautiful colors began to wash out, making your prized plants look dull and uninteresting and now you feel ashamed of showing them to anyone. Well, take heart. The solution to

this problem is an easy one. Those same plants that relished in the less intense winter sun are simply being, well.....cooked by the intense summer sun. What you should do at the beginning of summer is to move those same plants to an area of the garden where the plants can be protected from the noon day sun. Place them preferably on the east side of the garden where they would receive the more gentle morning sun which then would be followed by more shady conditions later in the day. Don't give them west sun exposure either as that light is also very intense and damaging. That should help maintain the colors in your Neoregelias, and when winter returns your can return the plants to their regular places in the garden where they will give you great color all winter long. Oh.....If you have plants that had been "washed out", don't worry. Bromeliads have a special trick – those bright colors can return with the lower winter light levels and forgive you for leaving them out in that intense sun.

Oh yes...we have some interesting field trips planned as well as other activities to enjoy, so come to the meetings and read your Scurf to find out what is happening.

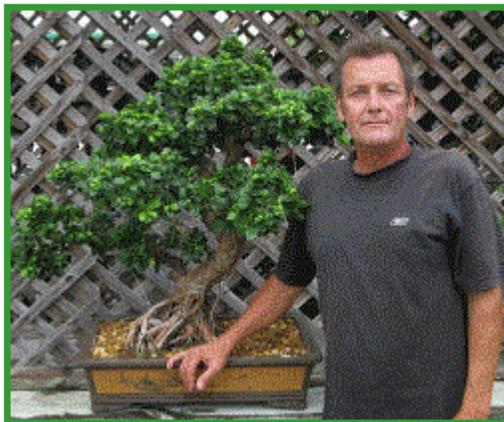
Enjoy your summer!
Richard

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Next Meeting: Monday, July 16, 2018 at 6:30 pm at Deicke Auditorium

**Guest Speaker: Dennis Clark from [The Bonsai Shop](#)
Topic: "The Art of Bonsai"**

The BSBC is excited to provide members an intro to bonsai (pronounced bone sigh) by our local expert Dennis Clark. Dennis has been working with bonsai for decades and his shop is renown for having a large, diverse collection of such plants.



Dennis will give a demo of the techniques used in creating a bonsai and raffle off the plant later in the evening. He will also be bringing plants for sale. From Morikami to Flamingo Gardens to the homes of local gardeners, bonsai are very popular and each is unique. Join us for what promises to be a fascinating night.



BSBC member Jack Mackey is pictured above with two stunning bonsai trees, one of which he recently won at a B.U.S.H. Club

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Howdy Everyone - -

Hope all of you are doing well. We're into July. Oh my goodness, time is going too fast. Well, at least the fireworks are all finished. Although I have to say that it wasn't too bad this year. We heard a few, but it wasn't like years before. Hooray - - I guess you get the idea that I'm not too fond of fireworks.



HARRIET'S HOOTS

I hope that all of you who are working in the yard with your bromeliads are not doing this in midafternoon where the heat is about 90 degrees. If you are outside, make sure you have a hat on and some cold water to drink and don't forget the sun screen. I know that Larry (hat guy) does work in the yard and of course he has a hat on (as always – but not a funny one – he keeps that for our meetings so that he can put a smile on everyone's face). He does go out in the hot sun and when he comes in the house, boy, he is just drained. He certainly works hard out there and much too long, but he is concerned about his plants. He always has his music playing and I guess that makes it more enjoyable. Come to think of it, I have seen some of his plants sway with the music, guess they like it also (LOL) .

Now it's time to thank our members who contributed to the refreshment table. Can I have a drum roll please? - - and they are

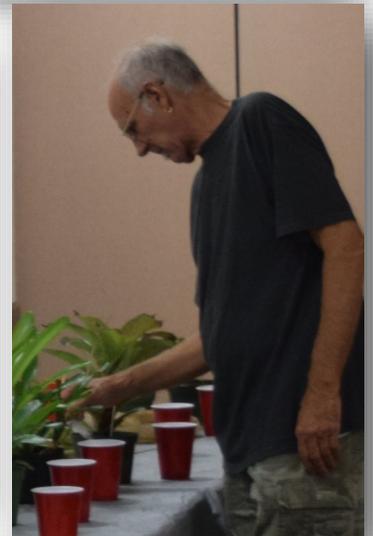
Judith Lathy – Lots of Mangos (Great choice)
Brad & Tammy Beardsley - - Blueberry Muffins (Delicious)
Ann Schandelmayer - - -Pasta Dish with Chicken and Sauce (Wonderful)
Molly Lesnick - - Bowl of Cherries (Yummy)
Lu Weber - - - Platter of Cookies (Love our sweets)
Susan Mather - - Apple Pie (Super)
Gayle Spinell-Gellers - - Deviled Eggs with Dijon and Dill (Tasty)
(Diane Leiner - - -Coffee Cake (Very good)
Bob and Barbara Morman - Port Stew & Blue Berry Cake (Wow-Great)
Maurice Bruet - - Mango Key Lime Pie (Yum, Yum)
Harry Sperling - - Banana & Strawberry Cake (Wonderful, as always)

If I have forgotten anyone I apologize and I'm very grateful for when you all bring something for the table.

Ok, have to get going – but I will see you all at our next meeting which is Monday, July 16th .

Hugs - - -
Harriet

FROM THE JUNE MEETING





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FROM THE EDITOR



Over my six year tenure as the editor of SCURF, I have written about the Crescent Garden in front of my home a number of times and how it has evolved from Ixoras and weeds to a brom garden with palms and other blooming buddies. Other than the weeds which are a constant item, the garden is coming along so we are moving to yet another challenge in the yard: The Garden Under the Arches.

Our Prez Richard in his July statement nailed the very issue my Garden Under the Arches faces. Sun. Lots of it. And the impact upon the plants. Alas, the otherwise hardy Neos which did just fine in the Crescent Garden produced pups which could not handle the sun only ten feet away. Both gardens have Eastern exposure but a world of difference exists nonetheless. Mac Rivenbark of Mac's Orchids made a comment at the last Equality Garden Club meeting that really summed up the situation. Each home, each location has its own micro environment. The soil, the light, the wind all can vary and hence, the results a gardener can get for the same plant can vary as well. Been trying to make the same things work in two places when they clearly won't. It is both a relief to know it isn't just me and yet a new challenge to come up with what will work. The sun hits the Arches a few hotter hours later and that makes a world of difference along with stone laden soil.

Our beautiful Chinese Fan Palm which started as a seed courtesy of the birds and which loved being too close to the house proves the point as well. We had it professionally moved to the front yard so it could be a statement plant. We had visions of it rising above the broms and catching the eye of residents as they drive or walk by. Sadly, the tree has taken a beating from the wind that just seems to whip around in that exact location. The palm looks beaten and fried. After two tries of putting a tree in essentially the same area, we get the message. The broms will not have a buddy shading them. Accepting what you have to work with —the good and the not so good— will help eliminate disappointments. Time for a new plan.

Back to the subject of weeds, you might find something useful in Mike McGroarty's posting. [Weeds](#). Mike sells lots of very small plants from his nursery and he posts many helpful guides. He has a great sense of humor and endless enthusiasm for gardening. A kindred spirit in Ohio.

Meanwhile, be sure to join us this Monday night. So excited to learn about bonsai! I have loved them ever since the first visit to Morikami. The timing is perfect as Literati Grove will be presenting **Miami's National Bonsai Exhibition on Sat., July 28, 2018 at History Miami Museum, 101 W. Flagler St., Miami. 10 am—5 pm. Tickets are limited but free!**

The gardening adventure continues!
Gayle

Mystery Bromeliad of the Month

Be the first to identify the mystery plant to the right. It is a Chester Skotak plant which was acquired by the owner at the World Bromeliad Conference in Orlando several years ago. If you can identify it, you will win a raffle sheet with 20 tickets.

Email: yroftiger@aol.com with your answer.



PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO SEE

7/28/2018 10 AM— 5 PM	Miami Bonsai Exhibition	Museum Miami, 101 W. Flagler Street, Miami
11/9/2018 9:30 AM - 11/11/2018 4:30 PM	Fall Garden Festival, featuring the 77th Annual Ramble	Fairchild Gardens, Coral Gables
Sat., April 13, 2019 9:30 AM to Sun., April 14, 2019 4:30 PM	Spring Garden Festival and 39th Annual Spring Plant Sale	Fairchild Gardens, Coral Gables
Oct. 17-20, 2019	Golden Broms	Queensland, Australia !!!!
2021	Australasian Bromeliad Conference	New Zealand !!!!!

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JULY MEETING

**MONDAY, JULY 16
6:30 PM**

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Blooming Bromeliads	Ulrich Baensch	1998
Brazil Orchid of the Tropics	Mulford & Racine Foster	1945
Bromeliaceae Andreanae	Edouard Francois Andre	1983
Bromeliaceae Ole Proceedings of the 1982 World Bromeliad Conf	Corpus Christi Bromeliad	1982
Bromeliaceaes of Venezuela	Francisco Oliva-Esteva	1987
Bromeliaceas en Flor (In Spanish)	Ulrich Baensch	1996
Bromeliads	Francisco Oliva-Esteva	1996
Bromeliads - Genera, Species, Hybrids	Louis Dutrie	none
Bromeliads Copy #1	Victoria Padilla	1973
Bromeliads Copy #2	Victoria Padilla	1973
Bromeliads for Contemporary Gardens	Andrew Steens	
Bromeliads for Home Garden & Greenhouse	Werner Rauh	1973
Bromeliads Horticulturalist Guide	Jack Kramer	1981
Bromeliads in Cultivation	Robert Gardner Wilson	1964
Bromeliads in the Brazilian Wilderness	Elton M.C. Leme	1993
Bromeliads in the Atlantic Forest	Elton M.C. Leme	1997
Bromeliads, Houseplants of Today & Tomorrow	Walter Richter	none
Bromelien (German)	Werner Rauh	1973
Canistropsis - Bromeliads of the Atlantic Forest	Elton M.C. Leme	1998
Jewel of the Tropics - The Bromeliads	Lyman B. Smith	1969
Nidularium - Bromeliads of the Atlantic Forest	Elton M.C. Leme	2000
Searching for Miss Fortuna - The Hunt for a Bromeliad	Chester Skotak	2007
Taking Bromeliads		
The Colorful Bromeliads - Their Infinite Variety Copy #1	Victoria Padilla	1981
The Colorful Bromeliads - Their Infinite Variety Copy #2	Victoria Padilla	1981
Tillandsia II	Paul T. Isley III	2009
University Press of Florida		2011