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Bromeliad Society of Broward County

June 2004



NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, JUNE 21ST 2003, 7:30 P.M.

SPEAKER: JOHN RUSSELL

*** BASIC TILLANDSIA CARE & COMMERCIAL TECHNIQUES IN LARGE SCALE TILLANDSIA NURSERY***
RUSSELL'S BROMELIADS ARE CENTRALLY LOCATED IN SANFORD, FL CHECK OUT THEIR WEBSITE.....

WWW@RUSSELLAIRPLANTS.COM

Plant sales will be *Open* to members

Non-Tillandsias, Potted Plants only!

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

June 25th - 27th - Sarasota Bromeliad Society 24th Annual Bromeliad Show Selby Botanical Gardens

911 S. PALM, SARASOTA, FL

Show, SALE, BANQUET, RARE PLANT AUCTION

SALE ONLY on the 25th, SALE & SHOW 26th & 27th

Show CHAIRMAN Rob Branch 941-358-4953

SAT 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM BANQUET 6:00 PM AUCTION 7:00 PM

SUN 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM EMAIL ldolatow@trumpbray.com

Aug 11 - 15 - 16th World Bromeliad Conference

hosted by the Bromeliad Society International and the Greater Chicago Bromeliad Society ...email: jar56@one-flaven.net

Westin O'Hare Hotel in Rosemont

August 21st & 22nd - Seminole Bromeliad Society Display and Sale 9am - 4pm both days Sanford Garden Club, [200 Fairmont Drive, Sanford, FL](http://www.200FairmontDrive.Sanford.FL)

For more information - hall-nan2003@cf1.rr.com or shipsky@msn.com

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 125 Street North, Largo, Florida 33774. The sale hours 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., a holding area is available for purchased plants. There will be guided tours of the Gardens at 10:00 a.m.; 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. for a fee of \$1.00 per person. Food vendors will be on site from 11:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. For vendor/sales information contact Gary L. King 727-586-5865 or glking@comcast.net.

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.

News Flash!!!!!!!!!!!!

The date for OUR biennial show and sale has been set for April 2nd - 3rd 2005 at the Fishing Hall of Fame.

We would like to thank Ann Schandelmayer for her persistence in getting us this venue to hold our show (that will be judged) and sale.

We would like to encourage all of you to participate in the show, even if it is only a few plants. It is a great feeling to have your plant be judged and to know what kind of award all of your hard work will bring. Start picking out the plants that you believe will win an award and put them in a special place or put a flag

inside the pot in order to identify which ones you would like to enter. By the way, if you need plants identified please start bringing them to the meetings so that members such as Bill or Maureen Frazel, Bud Hendrix and Anne Kruffman can help you with your needs.

We are very excited to have these show dates this far in advance. So again, thank you Ann.

* Also, the Fishing Hall of Fame has asked us to landscape their patio area (just off the food court) we happily obliged. Bill Frazel, Bud Hendrix and Jim Kerns will be doing this project June 9th - when you get a chance, go check it out (next Scurf I will have pictures for you).

Pat DeLeon giving an insightful program on hybridizing and how his curiosity keeps him on the cutting edge of creating these incredible new hybrids of

Guzmanias and vriesers. He also brought one of his new hybrids, vrieslandsia 'Ultimate' that was auctioned off and the lucky winner was Larry Scarle.



Hey Larry, "how about a pup?"

NAME TAG WINNER - Becky Blackwood - Pineapple carving beard
And Kerri Smith - Puerto Rican large fern
GENUS PLANT WINNER - Harry Sperling - New "beb work"



Larry Searle and Nat DeLeon
with vrieslandsia 'ultimate'
Larry is collecting his auction winnings!

BSI World Conference- Chicago

Great things are planned. You will see and buy spectacular new plants and hybrids as well as old favorites. Great seminars, some super sightseeing, don't miss the Art Museum, Botanical gardens and Science Museum. Then there is the moonlight boat trip. Fellowship of those with like interests. All this topped off with the rare plant auction and the Saturday night dinner. You will not regret the decision.

August 11th - 15th, 2004

For further info call Maureen or Bill Frazel

954-474-1349

It's just around the corner!!!

The
President's
Message.....



Hello Bromeliad FANS,

Our last meeting was great! NAT DeLeon's presentation was inspiring. His knowledge of bromeliads reminds us of how much there is to learn. How about that ruction? As all of you know that were there the bidding for NAT's super hybrid vrieslandsia 'Ultimate' turned into a frenzy. Two hundred dollars for the plant was collected, which was donated to the weevil fund along with NAT's speaking fee which our society also matched.

This months speaker is John Russell from Russell's Bromeliads. He will be speaking on Tillandsias, which is a wonderful topic as they are blooming this time of year. Try not to miss this one.....

I wanted to personally thank Ann Schandelmayer for getting the dates for our show at the Fishing Hall of Fame, it was such a success in 2003 we want to surpass that so we want as many of you to participate as possible. More info will follow

If any of you would like to donate a plant or two for the world conference in Chicago for the rare plant ruction, Bill and Maureen will happily accept and get them to the conference. Please contact them to make arrangements. One last item, the Board came to the conclusion that we will **CANCEL August's meeting** do to the timing conflict with the world conference. We will resume our

meetings in September. I would also like to thank everyone who is staying after the meetings to help clean up. Thanks!

Please remember if you are selling plants to dump the water out before bringing them into the building and to have them in plastic bags.

See you at the meeting.

Tim

ON a Personal Note

*Polly Pascal had shoulder surgery in March. On May 25th she had a repeat of the same surgery. Our thoughts and well wishes Polly.

*Maggie Pearl had hip surgery early last month. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

*At the May 17th meeting some of the late Dr. H.Y. Seidel's plants were on the raffle table. Mrs. Jean Seidel donated these to the society as "he enjoyed the Society so much" Thank you Jean!

*A member of the Bromeliad Society of Central Florida, Bert T. Foster, born March 14 1919, died May 6, 2004. Mr. Foster was Orlando's first landscape architect and founded Orlando's first landscape architectural firm which exists today as Foster Contract & Assoc. His father, Mulford B. Foster, was the first to collect bromeliads in Brazil for growing and hybridizing. After his death, Bert continued his fathers work in his own nursery, Tropical Arts, Inc.

@Orlandiana

The Good News about Merit (imidacloprid)

I hate using *Cygon*, so when I heard that Merit would kill scale, I tried to find out as much information as possible. I talked to Craig Morell, a well known horticulturalist at the Boca Raton Hotel. He told me Merit would kill scale on contact and was also systemic. Merit is harmless to animals and most insects. As with most small growers, I found it difficult to ascertain the proper mix because commercial growers use a powder form which is packaged to cover acreage.

After buying Bayer's *Tree and Shrub insect Control* (which contains Merit), Jose Donayre and I tried to determine the proper formula to use. Of course, he thinks in metric terms while I think in cups and ounces. We arrived at an amount which proved to be satisfactory. We have both used this formula for over a year with great success. Bill Frazel uses two cups of Merit in his three gallon sprayer (mix well). *Tree and Shrub insect Control* is available at Home Depot in the one quart container for \$19.95. The effects of the mixture we are using normally lasts one year so the product seems worth the price. This product has a very low percentage (1.47%) of Merit (imidacloprid) compared to the powder formula which is available at Lesco, it comes as a two ounce vial of powder and that is 75% Merit and costs \$46.00. This would be a more economical approach for trees if you have problems on a large scale like in a ^{Text} commercial setting. You can buy this product from Lesco. It comes with

Instructions but not specifically for use in bromeliads.

Mist has made growing bromeliads easier and safer for me. I hope this information will be of help to our members.

Anne Kruffman

Our Mystery / Show and Tell Table is Back.....

We used to have a *mystery plant table*, any plant that you could not identify or wanted to know more about and also we did a *Show and Tell*, any plant that you wanted to show off. Well we somehow got away from it and we want to bring it back!!!! This means any plant that you would like to show off, tell your story; any plant that needs a little help or your having a hard time growing please feel free to bring it and put it on the table. That is what the club is for, so don't feel shy or embarrassed and if your proud of your plant then be proud and tell us all about it!

June's meeting we will focus on *Tillandsia's*. Since this is their prime time most are in bloom, there should be a lot to show off.

To the right
Nat DeLeon
Bud Hendrix
Bill Frazel



Reminders

June Birthdays bring goodies

Happy Birthday to.....

Ann Schandelmayer

Ken Marks

Timmy Marks

Kerri Smith

Dr. Genevieve Chung

Thank You

Jean Tease

*For the beautiful greeting cards that she hand painted
and donated to the club
Her designs are gorgeous!!!!*

Announcements

Check out our new website.....

[Http://www.kromeliadsocietykc.com](http://www.kromeliadsocietykc.com)

Make sure you have your speakers on and
sound up!

On the Cover

Aechmea "Red Wing"

Grown by: Bud Hendrix

Photo by: Tim Hendrix

Running With the Ball

About six months ago, the board voted to purchase a replacement for the missing "Bloomington Bromeliads" book. The only form available was in Spanish with an English translation. Jeff Kiker volunteered to acquire the book at the best price possible and collected money from nine other enthusiasts to do so. Jeff then drove to Miami and secured our copy. This copy was given to our librarians the DeNayres'. Since they are fluent in Spanish they offered their English version in exchange. Through all this, we now have a copy of the Brensch book in our library for REFERENCE. This same book has sold on e-bay for \$250.00.

The board also approved the purchase of a book written by Andrew Stone. This book is a smaller less detailed book but has a lot of information for the casual grower. Polly purchased the book from FLEMING GARDENS for \$30.00 (less 10% for members) this book is available to be checked out on a monthly basis by current members.

Also, to be checked out is a copy of the Judges Handbook. This will be useful for those members who have not previously entered a show and are planning to do so in 2005.

MURREEN FRZEL

From the Pen of the Treasurer

If you did not receive your free cultural handbook, you have not paid your dues for 2004/2005. As of June 1st you are in arrears. The dues are \$15.00 per person or \$20.00 per household. Please send a check to BSBC in c/o the post office box as printed on the outside cover of the Scarf or submit at the June meeting.

Also, this will be your last Scarf if dues are not current... Sorry, but your dues are a part of supporting the production of the Scarf and we want each of you to receive it, so check with me ASAP we don't want you to miss out on anything!!

Bill FRZEL