

# Scurf

Bromeliad Society of Broward County

June 2012



Nidularium Leprosa from Bruce Zaret



Triple Neophytum Galactic  
Warrior from Bud Hendrix



Nidularum Sao Paulo from Bud Hendrix

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## BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF BROWARD COUNTY

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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)

**Affiliations: The Bromeliad Society of Broward County is a member of and supports:**



The Bromeliad Society International

<http://bsi.org>



The Cryptanthus Society

<http://www.iinet.net.au/~scrozier/Culture.html>



The Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies

<http://fcbs.org>

# Meetings and Speakers

## FROM OUR MAY MEETING....THE INSIDE SCOOP

A lot goes into running a society of this size. Members got a behind the scenes look at our last meeting. Pepe explained how the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies, which began in 1977, is currently an organization of eleven societies from across the state. The Council fosters discussion between groups, exchange of information on speakers and nurseries and this year will host Orlandiana 2012. Colleen gave an overview of all BSBC is involved with from being a member of the Florida Council and BSI to managing our society but also to promoting our showcase event Garden Fest which just keeps growing and growing. Nancy, our VP, is on a never-ending mission pounding the pavement literally to find the best speakers for our meetings while promoting the club. Cori maintains the society's Bible of emails and important documents while Suzie handles important correspondence. Kenny gave the financial picture stressing how memberships fees and Garden Fest are the essentials to keeping us on solid footing enabling us to pay for hall costs and speakers.

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## NEXT MEETING: BSBC— Dr. Terrie Bert

**MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2012 at 7:00 pm**

**Plant preview 6:30 pm**

**Sales table will be closed.**

**Where:** Deicke Auditorium  
5701 Cypress Rd  
Plantation, FL 33317



### Score another coup for BSBC!

This month's guest speaker will be Dr. Terrie Bert. Dr. Bert's involvement with bromeliads starts with her own collection of nearly 1,400 different types of bromeliads some of which have won top awards at local shows and at international conferences. She has longtime memberships in local organizations such as the Sarasota Bromeliad Society and the Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society and she also volunteers for the Bromeliad Identification Center at Marie Selby Gardens. Moving to the state level over an 8 year period, she has held all executive offices on the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies. On the international front, Dr. Bert continues to serve on the Bromeliad Society International (BSI) Board of Directors and chairs the Nominations Committee for the Board. She is an internationally accredited judge, the author of four articles in the Journal of the Bromeliad Society International and a frequent presenter at Florida bromeliad groups.

# The President's Message

Hello Bromeliad Lovers,

Thanks so much for the great response to last month's meeting - we were not sure how well that type of meeting would be received and turns out that a lot of you really enjoyed hearing how the society works and what goes into each branch of the board. Sorry we ran out of time and didn't get to explain about the our library, but we will get to that at one of the upcoming meetings. This month's meeting with Dr. Terri Bert will be great and very informative so please, don't miss it. She always usually brings great plants for sale too.



March 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> will be the next Garden Fest and Bromeliad Show - We need to name the show!! On Monday when you come to the meeting, I will give each of you a sheet of paper for you to put a "title" or "name of the show" such as "*Tropical Magic of Bromeliads*" (that cannot be used, that was the name of one of our shows already) The board will select the top 3 which we will then bring to a vote at the next general meeting. YOU just may win something FABULOUS!

Well, happy gardening, see you Monday and stay Cooooool!

Colleen



## Calendar of Other Local Plant Society Meetings

1st Tuesday

Plantation Orchid Society

Deicke Auditorium

3rd Monday

Bromeliad Society of Broward County

Deicke Auditorium

3rd Tuesday

Bromeliad Society of So. Florida

Fairchild Gardens

3rd Thursday

Bromeliad Society of the Palm Beaches

Mounts Botanical

4th Thursday

Shade Brigade

Plantation Bldg. Dept.

4th Monday

BSBC Board Meeting

Deicke Auditorium

## Membership News



Please sign in when you attend a meeting so we can better track attendance.

Marcia will be at a desk in the lobby to help with membership concerns. [Click here](#) for the BSBC membership application. If you have moved or changed your email address, please be sure to give Marcia the updated information.

## Editor's Note

In an effort to get my plants in a row so to speak, I pulled out a copy of the BSBC Standing Rules. First and foremost are our two-fold objectives:

- A. to serve the mutual interests of our members by consistent endeavor to increase their knowledge concerning all aspects of the Bromeliad family
- B. to promote wider public appreciation and knowledge of the Bromeliad family by participating from time to time in public displays or other means of educational endeavors.

So, it comes down to learning and sharing, resources and relationships. According to the BSI website, there are over 3000 described species of Bromeliads in approximately 56 genera. Wow, that is some learning curve. Hence, as Colleen mentioned in her piece, in an upcoming meeting we will learn what reference materials our own library has to offer. Just got a hint of that when in search of a copy of the *Florida Gardener* magazine. It wasn't in any bookstore. It wasn't available electronically, but the current issue was resting on the shelf at Hoffman Library with a little label "Courtesy of Bromeliad Society of Broward County." Just what this gardener ordered and thanks to our very own society! Pretty good magazine, by the way. Will return to Hoffman to check for back issues. Thanks BSBC!

As for the sharing end of things, at the last meeting, one of Bruce Zaret's suggestions was that new members might consider seeking out a BSBC mentor. Hmm. In my professional past, having a mentor was a terrific experience. A bromeliad mentor? Great idea and I am zeroing in on someone I would like to ask to be my mentor. Definitely something to consider.

Happy trails,  
Gayle

# W h a t ' s H a p p e n i n g

## Harriet's Hoots

Greetings to All:

I missed the last meeting as I was out and about taking my grandkids to Disney. It's kind of a tradition I do every year. Let's see - 3 kids ages eight, six and three for 5 days, hmmm - maybe I should have opted for the meeting. No, I'm only kidding, we had fun and they were good, well most of the time, but kids are kids and I guess there is a certain amount of "He did this, and she said that", etc. etc.

Anyway, I heard that the meeting went well and that you all know now exactly what goes on and what each of us do. I would like to thank Melissa Garvey for helping out with the refreshment table. I would also like to thank my honey, Larry Davis for really taking on my duties along with his own duties at the raffle table. I know it was not easy for him taking care of two positions but he came through with flying colors. He also tried his very best to get a list of who brought what so that I can thank everyone as I always do.

For your information, a new procedure will be implemented starting with our June meeting. I will have a clip-board at the refreshment table with sheets that say Snack Donations. If you bring a contribution to the table, please jot your name down and what you brought. This way, I can give you a ticket for the drawing of a plant and make sure that no one is forgotten in next month's article and I can properly thank you

Now with that being said, I would like to thank the following members who brought goodies and again this is the list that Larry gave me, so let's assume all is correct.

Shirley Konefal - Chicken Noodle Casserole (I'm sure it was great)

Nancy Long - - Bean Dip and Chips (Good Choice)

Sarah Donayre - Chocolate Chip Cookies (Who doesn't love cookies)

George Henderson - Short Bread Cookies (Larry's favorite)

Cori Glick - Apple Puffs (Sounds good to me)

Norma Jean Flack- Chocolate Chip Cookies (Never too many)

Melissa Garvey - Juice (I'm sure it was refreshing)

Ok, that about raps it up for this month, so I will see you all at the next meeting. I hope that that everyone remembers to sign in with what you brought, but don't worry, I will be at the tables to gently remind you.

Hugs - - Harriet



Joann Heyer  
Robert Moorman  
Ann Schandelmayer  
Linda Wiringer

## FROM OUR MAY MEETING....THE INSIDE SCOOP CONTINUED

Marcia addressed her job of maintaining the membership spreadsheet, reviewing the sign in sheets as well as taking care of badges. Bruce suggested, as we have many knowledgeable folks right in the BSBC, we maximize our resources by inviting our own members to be presenters and that we continue to expand the scope of the species we discuss. Gayle presented SCURF by the numbers. The May issue had 8+ contributors, required 6 different computer programs and took 22 hours to create and distribute. Here is a look at the evening:



Bill David and one of his driftwood/brom displays



Tracy Moulton



Tim Hendrix at the sale table



Anne showing her Vriesea splenreit.



Vriesea splenreit.



Bruce Zaret and Pepe Donayre admiring the beautiful bromeliads.

## For your reading pleasure



Sitting with a cup of coffee on Sunday morning with The Miami Herald in hand, I pulled out the Home & Design section only to be instantly thrilled by the beautiful picture of a bromeliad. Great! Yay! Our favorite plants getting some press. As if that wasn't terrific enough, the article turns out to be all about our President, Colleen Hendrix, and her path to discovering bromeliads. The article is not only charming, but chock full of information with great photos. "Simply Beautiful" starting on Page H1 by Deborah S. Hartz-Seeley makes for wonderful reading. Here is the link:

<http://www.miamiherald.com/2012/06/09/2837786/simply-beautiful.html>

**Way to go, Colleen!**

# Places To Be, Things To Do

Wed., June 20	Equality Park Garden Club	7:30 PM	Pride Center, 2040 N. Dixie Hwy, Wilton Manors Guest speaker: Wade Matz on "Tillandsias in Your Garden"
Sat., July 14	Tropical Ranch Botanical Gardens Summer Sizzle Sale	9 am - 3pm	1905 SW Ranch Trail Stuart ( <a href="http://www.trbg.us">http://www.trbg.us</a> )
Sat., July 14 & Sun., July 15	USF Tropical Plant Fair	10 am - 4 pm, 10 am - 3 pm	USF Botanical Gardens, 4202 E. Fowler Avenue Tampa ( <a href="http://www.cas.usf.edu">http://www.cas.usf.edu</a> )
Aug 18-19	Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Sale	10 am- 5 pm	Garden Club of Sanford
Sep. 19-22	Society of Amer. Florists Convention		The Breakers, Palm Beach, FL



**ORLANDIANA**  
**2012**

**20TH WORLD BROMELIAD CONFERENCE**  
**ORLANDO, FLORIDA**

**September 26 - 30, 2012**  
**Caribe Royal**  
**8101 World Center, Orlando, Florida 888-258-7501**  
**A link to hotel reservations is at [fcbs.org](http://fcbs.org)**

The conference will include sales, a Rare Plant Auction, seminars, tours and an opportunity to meet bromeliad collectors and growers from all over the world! The Bromeliad Show, Art Show and Sales will be free and open to the public on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 28th, 29th and 30th. There is no charge to enter these areas and no charge for parking. The hours for Friday & Saturday are 9am-5pm, Sunday 9am-3pm.

**Save the date: March 23 - 24, 2013 Garden Fest Show & Sale !**

# Business

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PER MONTH



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*Specializing in  
Bromeliads*  
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Plantation, FL, 33317  
954-530-0076  
954-931-1711



## **BUD'S BROMELIADS**

BUD HENDRIX  
824 N. BEL AIR DRIVE  
PLANTATION, FL 33317  
954-583-8636

## 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

Contact Bill David  
@ 954-321-9229

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### "DIAPER YOUR PLANTS"

Please "diaper" your 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 our new meeting place as clean as when we got there.

Thank you!!



Whether you are in staying town or on the road this summer, please keep your cell phone or camera handy to capture terrific bromeliads you encounter. Just email the image(s) to the editor at [yroftiger@aol.com](mailto:yroftiger@aol.com) with any info you have.

Got a bromeliad question? Send an email to the same address above and we'll post the question for our experts in SCURF.

## Ask the Brom Experts....

Query from an anonymous member new to bromeliads.....

Photo from today's walk in the garden. What do I do now? Do I leave the plant alone? Do I cut the bloom back? There is one pup on the upper left. Should I separate it from the original plant? Do I sit down and sigh, fondly remembering when the bloom was full and all was good?



And the Answer is:

To be revealed at Monday night's meeting!

See you then!