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Bromeliad Society of Broward County

November 2004



NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH, 2003, 7:30

Speaker: George Aldrich
owner of Plants N' Things in Ocala
"Collecting Bromeliads in Peru"

Plant sales will be **open** to members

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

December 11th 2004 - Bromeliad Society of Broward County Annual Holiday Party - Will be a luncheon starting at 1:00 pm for Hor d' oeuvres and 1:30 lunch will be served. Then plant exchange will begin. This all takes place at the Sea Watch Restaurant (right on the beach), 6002 N. Ocean Blvd. Ft. Lauderdale, FL.
For more info please call Colleen at 954-530-0076 or e-mail Timbo-169@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>



The Presidents Message

Hi Bromeliad FANS,

The auction last month was great and thanks to everyone who participated. A special thanks to Bill Frazel who does such a spectacular job as auctioneer with detail of plant heritage that only he can do. The money generated by this auction and your membership dues are a major source of revenue for our society.

A reminder.....Please pay for the holiday party at this meeting or mail your checks to Bill Frazel. This is going to be the best society party ever so plan on going and bring a friend. Great food, good people, ocean-front restaurant and beautiful bromeliads mean an event you don't want to miss. If you have any questions see Colleen.

Hopefully you are looking after a plant or two for the show in April. The theme this year is "Color in the Tropics." If you have any questions about the show please ask and I will get the answer for you.

The January meeting has been changed to Wednesday the 19th due to Martin Luther King Day.

See you at the meeting.....Tim

Holiday Party

December 11th, 2004

1:00pm Hors d' Oeuvres

1:30 Lunch and 1:31 Fun!!!!

This year our annual Holiday Party will be held at the Sea Watch, 6002 North Ocean Blvd, Ft Lauderdale, 954-781-2200.

We will be having a luncheon holiday party that will begin at 1:00 pm with hors d'oeuvres and lunch will follow promptly at 1:30pm.

For those of you who have not experienced the Sea Watch; it is a quaint ocean side restaurant with a nautical theme and a fantastic 2nd floor bar overlooking the Atlantic. We will also have the plant exchange (the rules are on the next page)we will start with Hors D' Oeuvres and you will have the choice of the following.....

Entrees

Fresh Florida Red Snapper (Hot)

Grilled Orange Roughy (Hot)

Breast of Chicken (Hot)

Fresh Blackened Dolphin Salad (Cold)

Dessert

Warm Godiva Chocolate Torte

Tickets for the luncheon will be \$20.00, however if you donate 5 plants to the auction you will receive a \$2.00 discount, your ticket will then be \$18.00.

Bill Frazel will be collecting the money and the

Deadline is December 1st

Rules for the Holiday Plant Exchange

To participate your plant must be clean and free of scale, one that you would like to receive yourself as a gift. Put it in a paper bag so that it cannot be seen and bring it to the party. When you arrive at the party you will be given a number (only if you have brought a plant) so you can participate in the drawing, which works like this....

- 1) The numbers are drawn one at a time, randomly.
- 2) The first number drawn selects from **ALL** plants on the table removed from the bag and shown to the group.
- 3) The next number drawn has the option of selecting an unopened bag from the table **OR "TAKING"** the plant previously selected. If the previously selected plant is **"TAKEN"** then that person then selects another **UNOPENED** plant from the table.
- 4) The last number called gets to pick from **ALL** previously selected plants **except** from anyone that has had their plant taken twice. **The EXCEPTION:** No one can have more than **2** plants taken from them, you get to keep the **3rd**.

Happy Exchange

Correction for the last Scurf.....First place winner at the World Conference in Chicago should have been Tillandsia Coriacea instead of Tillandsia Mooreana. The plant was not ready to bloom otherwise, it could not have been mistaken because it has such a colorful multi-branched bloom.



Billbergia Poquito Mas
Purchased by Jose Donayre at the World Conference in
Chicago.



Bill Frazel
getting
people fired
up. Bud
Hendrix and
Richard
Sollak
Delivering
plants to the
highest
bidder



Richard
Sollak
collecting
members
names that
brought
plants

Two weeks later, however, on our way to the oil fields, we spied a tree trunk covered with just what we were looking for, *G. musaica*, but it was at dusk and we dared not linger, then, along the way as the fierce Motolone Indians haunted this area making it unsafe to be out even in the day time, not to mention after dark. All windows and doors in the cabins were covered with hardware cloth to prevent arrows from entering. All night I dreamed of those plants; at six in the morning I rushed out into the jungle and found the tree I had seen the day before. There, like a feast awaiting the hungry, were ten beautiful plants of *G. musaica* encircling the tree trunk in a spiral vine-like rhythm on their long stolons . . . and they were in flower! It was a rewarding sight, well worth all the discomforts and disappointments of the miles of dangerous searching.

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