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The Bromeliad Society of Broward County



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our treasury is \$1580.00 richer after a two hour auction conducted by Bill Frazel and a great team of feeders, transporters and tellers. The plants were varied, clean and attractive. Bromeliad note cards and pictures were also put up for auction. Many thanks to all those who donated plants for the auction; those who helped and especially those who came to bid. A good time was had by all.

Without your help we are not able to achieve our society goals "to increase our knowledge" by providing outstanding speakers. October 19th is a special date as we welcome, Paul Isley III; an internationally recognized hybridizer, author and nurseryman. It's hard to believe this is his first speaking tour in Florida and our club is excited about the prospect of seeing "The Newest and Greatest in Tillandsia's".

Another way of increasing our knowledge is by using our extensive library. We are desperate for a librarian, no experience is needed. Please see me to volunteer!

The Board is happy to inform you that we are donating from our society the sum of \$500.00. This gift will be paid in two installments to the Selby Gardens in Sarasota for the Bromeliad Identification Center (BIC) which is operated under the auspices of the Bromeliad Society International (BSI). The BIC has been under the directorship of Harry Luther. Many of you have heard Harry speak at our meetings and at our Extravaganza. He also conducted a tour of his greenhouses for our members last year.

We have a very special program this month presented by Paul Isley of Los Angeles, CA. Paul is a long time Grower and collector of Tillandsias. The first Isley book on Tillandsias has been widely acclaimed. It is now out of print and a new book is at the printer. Unhappily, it will not be available at the meeting but we will provide a sign up list for those of you who wish to buy it. Paul will have a box of Tillandsias available to us at our meeting. His plants will be available for sale at 6:30 P.M. Be there!!!!

We thank Marcia and Bill David for volunteering to host the next board meeting on Monday, October 26th. Please call me if you are unable to attend.

Maureen

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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. We also offer a Country Store with selected bromeliad and gardening supplies.

We meet the third Monday of every month (except January)

at 6:30 p.m.



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

The Bromeliad Society International

<http://bsi.org>



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

The Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies

<http://fcbs.org>

Our clubs' reps are: Dr. Jose and Sara Donayre

OCTOBER MEETING:

Monday, October 19, 2009

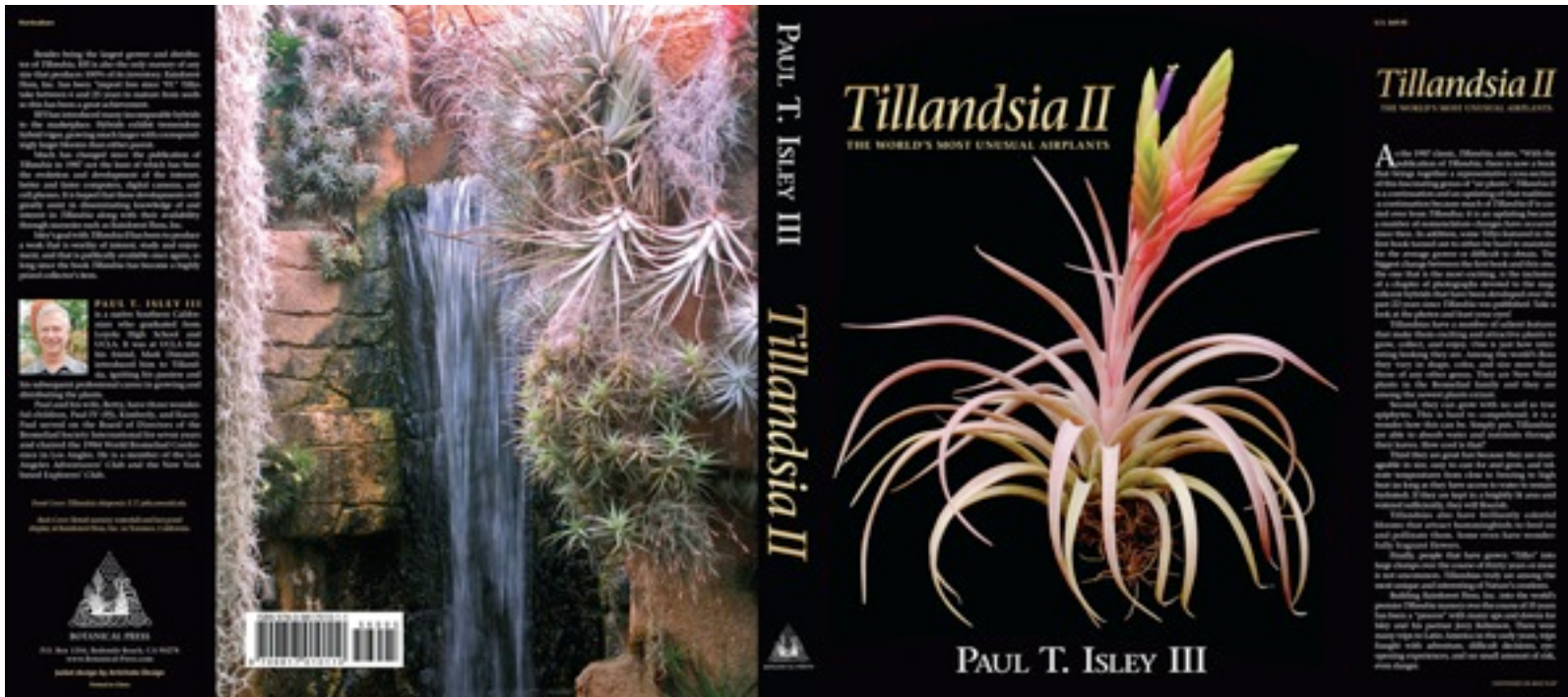
The Sales Table will be **CLOSED**

Paul will have plants available for sale beginning at 6:30!!!

The Raffle Table will be **OPEN**

Paul T. Isley III

THE NEWEST AND GREATEST IN TILLANDSIAS



Paul Isley was introduced to Tillandsias while a student at UCLA in the 1960's. He was fascinated by these incredibly unique looking plants that grew with no soil. A few years after he graduated from UCLA from with a degree in Economics, he and a friend traveled through Mexico and Guatemala collecting some plants. Paul flew back up to Los Angeles from Guatemala City in the summer of 1974 and a few months later he began gluing them onto pieces of grapewood and offering them at swap meets and arts and crafts fairs.

After two years of doing this he invited his friend Jerry Robinson to join him. He had met Jerry while on a diving expedition in the Caribbean that was searching for Spanish Galleons. Jerry graduated from UCLA with a degree in Geology and had been managing a K-Mart store in Sacramento. He came down for a few weeks and made the committment to the business and he has been an integral part of the operation ever since. The two have built Rainforest Flora, Inc. into a respected nursery concern. There are many interesting episodes, anecdotes, vignettes, and narrow escapes that occurred over the course of the 28 years since the business was begun.

The goal of Rainforest Flora, Inc. has always been to provide the best quality plants at the best prices to the most markets and people. This business was begun with a passion for Tillandsias and it has expanded to encompass other Bromeliad genera and other plant genera and families as well.

Happy OCTOBER Birthdays

to

Bill David, Larry (Smiling Larry) Davis, Sara Donayre,
Shirley Konefal, Robert Russotto, Molly Lesnick,
Kathleen Mackey, Jack Meharian. Lillian Redlich,
Josette Richards, David Tuttle, John Wrench.



A very happy birthday to you all!

OCTOBER and DECEMBER birthdays - please bring a contribution to the Refreshment Table for October. Contribute refreshments in your month and get a free raffle ticket for a special drawing. If we missed your birthday or have you listed in the wrong month please correct me.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The following new persons have joined over the past few months.
Peter P. Hartig, Ron Lennen, Robert Russotto, Sibyl Cotten,
Alfred and Trisha Ciffo, Robert C. Meyer, Karen Dougherty and Azfar Syed.

WELCOME!

NOTICE OF BOARD MEETING for October

The Board will meet on Monday, October 26th, at 7:00 P.M.
We will meet at the home of Marcia and Bill David.
An email will be sent to Board members with directions.
Please make every effort to attend or call Maureen to be excused.

CONDOLENCES

Heartfelt condolences are extended to Larry Davis
upon the recent death of his son, Cory.
We are all thinking of you and extend our sympathies.

CO-LIBRARIAN'S NEEDED

We have an outstanding library that we would like to see used. We need somebody with an interest in books and room for a standard bookcase. Two people would be perfect so that there would be a responsible person at every meeting. Most of these books are out of print.
See Maureen Frazel to volunteer!

Please bring your blooming plants for the Show and Tell Table



TILLANDSIA'S



Tillandsia is the largest genus in the family, with 650 known species and more being discovered frequently. They are typically gray-leaved plants native to bright, semiarid habitats; most do not hold water in their centers. The culture described here is for these atmospheric types; for the soft-leaved tank types, follow the culture for *Vriesea*. Instead of symmetrical rosettes of leaves, some Tillandsias have twisted, undulating, or curled leaves. Others have succulent leaves, or form hollow bulbous structures at the bases of the plants. Still others develop long, almost vine like stems. Much of the appeal of this genus is due to these strange growth forms. The inflorescences range from barely visible with the flowers nestled among the leaves, to long, multi branched spikes. The foliage of the spikeless species often turns red at flowering time. The spikes are frequently very colorful and may be either round or flattened. The showiest parts are usually the pink, red, or lavender bracts enclosing the flowers. A number of species have large flowers that may be of almost any color, and those of several species are fragrant. Flowering of some species lasts only a couple of weeks; others remain colorful for several months to a full year.

LIGHT The light requirements of Tillandsias can usually be deduced from the foliage. The harder or thicker the leaves and the more gray their color, the more light they need. The thick-leaved, gray-to white-leaved species can tolerate full sun in humid climates, but 4000 to 7000 foot candles is recommended for best appearance. The green and gray-green, softer-leaved species need less sunny conditions, 2000 to 4000 footcandles. Experiment by moving the plants each season until you determine what they prefer in your area.

TEMPERATURE The commonly available Tillandsias are tolerant of a wide range of temperatures, from above 100°F/38°C to freezing. Most must be protected from frost though some are hardy to 20°F/-7C.

AIR Atmospheric Tillandsias are less tolerant of dry air than are tank bromeliads. Without the water storage reservoir to draw from, the plants tend to dehydrate in the dry air of most homes. They can still be grown well indoors if proper watering is practiced. Outside, a minimum humidity of 50% is recommended though you can compensate for drier conditions with more frequent watering.

WATERING Water by drenching to the point of runoff whenever the whole plant is dry. The frequency may range from daily to less than twice a month, depending on temperature, air circulation, humidity, and the size of the plant. When checking for dryness, look at the leaf bases and the interiors of clumps. Plants are prone to suffocate and rot if any part is kept wet for long periods. Misting is not recommended; it does not supply sufficient water for indoor plants, even if done daily. In the dry air typical of most homes Tillandsias tend to become dehydrated. Common symptoms of excessive water stress are wrinkled, flaccid, or rolled leaves. Drenching will seldom reverse such dehydration; the plants should be soaked by immersing them in water overnight (not more than 12 hours). Soaking about every two weeks will maintain healthy indoor Tillandsias. Water quality is not important for most Tillandsias. The scaly leaves of most species tend not to show salt spots from hard water, nor does acidity seem to affect them. The miniature species are notable exceptions; those smaller than *T. ionantha* (about one inch/2.5 cm) tend to become calcified by hard water and gradually deteriorate and die.

POTTING AND MOUNTING Most Tillandsias grow well when mounted on wood or other decorative background as described in the basic culture section. Many will also grow well hanging on strings with no substrate, where they may form perfect spheres. It is less aesthetic but equally acceptable to the plants to place them on an open mesh tray that permits air circulation from below.

Species with symmetrical rosettes generally can be grown in pots, where they tend to grow much larger than if mounted. Those with irregular rosettes of twisted leaves and those with white (very scaly) leaves tend to occur in more arid habitats and generally do poorly in pots. Their roots are adapted to exposure on tree branches or rock surfaces; they require plentiful fresh air.

FEEDING Tillandsias will survive with no fertilizing but will grow very slowly and flower less often. For larger, more vigorous plants, feed at least once a month. Adding a small amount (one-quarter teaspoon per gallon) of fertilizer to the water used for soaking takes care of two chores at once.

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S A N D
T H I N G S F O R S A L E

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON at the PLANTATION PRESERVE

Saturday, December 12th at 11 A.M.

Carolyn Plechac (954-927-0015) is taking your reservations.

Cost: \$30.00 per person payable by: **December 2nd, 2009**

Menu

Grilled Mahi-Mahi with Tropical Fruit Salsa

Macadamia Nut Encrusted Chicken /Frangelica Cream Sauce

Prime Rib /Peppercorn Cream Sauce

Red Roasted Potatoes and Mixed Vegetables

Chef's Chocolate Cake with Raspberry Coulis and Whipped Cream

1 Drink Ticket per Person which includes a choice of:

Domestic, Imported Beer, House Wines, or Single Liquor Call Brand Mixed Drinks, Soft Drinks

DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR CHECKBOOK!

BROMELIADS FOR SALE

Ann Kauffman is moving and will be selling off her entire collection of bromeliads.

She is keeping her Tillandsia's.

Plants are for sale by appointment only.

Call for appointment.

954-966-5890

INK FOR SALE

The club's old HP printer bit the dust last week and I have a lot of ink left that possibly could be a gold mine for someone.

It is HP ink - 5 colors plus black.

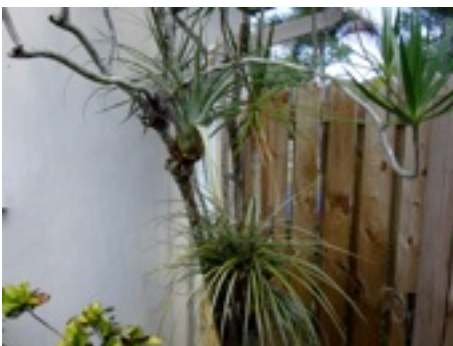
The numbers are: HP C877 followed by one of the following numbers(1-2-3-4-5).

Some of it is HP ink and some are refills that work just fine.

Call me at 954-321-9229 if you are interested.

Would prefer to sell very reasonably so the club will benefit a little.

All Tillandsia are owned by and photo's taken by Bill David.





NOVEMBER 13th - 15TH, 2009
 FCBS Bromeliad Extravaganza

Hosted by the Bromeliad Society of Central Florida
 Renaissance Orlando Hotel Airport
 5445 Forbes Place, Orlando
 contact: Betsy McCrory
betsymccrory@aol.com
 or
 1-407-348-2139

BSBC Country Store

The Garden Shop has the following items for sale at great prices!
 See Bill Frazel to purchase.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
Five and Six inch pots	5 pots for \$1.00
Plant Name sticks	50 sticks for \$1.00

Other supplies may be purchased direct from:
 Universal Enterprises Supply Co.
 2171 Blount Rd.
 Pompano Beach, Fl. 33069
 954-979-0600 or 1-800-432-3009

Location

Directions from I-95:

Exit onto Copans Rd. west (exit #38), drive two miles west; turn left at the light for Blount Rd; as you're heading south, stay in your far right lane; it is actually a turning lane; stay in it, then make a right hand turn as it ends; pass the Coca-Cola plant and follow the road to the end.

Directions from the Turnpike:

Exit at Pompano Beach (exit #67) - Coconut Creek Pkwy & Martin Luther King Blvd.; after the toll booth make a left at the light onto Martin Luther King Blvd., then make an immediate left turn; you'll be heading north parallel to the Turnpike; go .08 of a mile; turn left when you see our sign - we share the road with a Coco-Cola plant; they are at the end of the road.

EMAIL ADDRESSES NEEDED

The Scurf has gone GREEN and your email address is needed to receive your SCURF.

The price to mail the Scurf has risen to 44 cents.

Only persons without computers will receive the Scurf by mail.

Email your address to marbilld@comcast.net now to keep receiving your SCURF.

Thank You !!

BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF BROWARD COUNTY
Membership Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

Telephone #'s home _____ cell _____

Month of your birthday _____ - _____

Would you be willing to serve on a committee or otherwise assist? Yes ___ No ___

Permanent Name Tag? No ___ Yes ___ Paid ___

Membership Dues are:

\$20.00 per year for individuals.

\$25.00 per year for more than one member at the same address.

Please make your check payable to:

Bromeliad Society of Broward County and mail this page to:

Tami Newett, Treasurer

P.O. Box 17272

Plantation, Fl. 33318

**We meet at 6:30 PM on the 3rd Monday of the month, except January, February and December.
at the**

Jim Ward Community Center

301 NW 46th Ave.

Plantation, Fl. 33317

954-585-2353

Dates for January, February and December will be announced in the Scurf prior to the meeting.