

BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF BROWARD COUNTY
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You just never know where bromeliads will turn up next.....

The American Museum of Natural History in the heart of New York City just opened its new exhibit *The Butterfly Conservatory*. Amidst countless butterflies were a wide assortment of bromeliads, specifically tillandsias.

The exhibit runs from 9/5/15 until 5/29/ 2016.

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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 and February.

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Missed many of you at our Fall Auction. But best of all, Hurricane Erika didn't blow away our great time and the unbelievable bargains in unusual bromeliads, those who attended and won. Several of the plants retailed at more than \$100, but sold for much less. Ann Schandelmeyer's tillandsia wreath was one of the hits of the Auction and the winning bid was the best buy of the evening. The hits of the Auction were the dog, cat and rooster planters with beautiful bromeliads. We also made the Plantation Forum, whole page and all. Two of our bidders left their "gift" basket with shawl and a large green and white striped plant. If you are missing these, please see me at our meeting.



We hope you can make our General Meeting on September 21, 2015, for a brief celebration of the life of our honorary member Sara Donayre. Sara was also an active member for many years in the Bromeliad Societies International and the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies. We will miss her dearly. Our thoughts go out to her family. Ann Schandelmeyer and Maureen Frazel will conduct a memorial at the beginning of our meeting.

Our **PROGRAM** this month will be presented by our knowledgeable members, Shirley Konefal on **Achmeas** and Lee Magnuson on **Neoregelias**. They will bring samples of these types of bromeliads and will provide slide show presentations to show you the expansive the number of these different types of bromeliads. Both Shirley and Lee are active growers and sellers. Shirley sells from her nursery on e-Bay.

With all this rain, you are probably overwhelmed with pups. Just to help you out, we will be having our **LAST PLANT SALE OF THE YEAR** at HERITAGE PARK in PLANTATION at Fig Tree Lane and Peters Road. The dates, Saturday, **October 17th** and Sunday, **October 18th**. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at our General Meeting for those of you interested in selling your plants. Remember, the Society provides the entry fees, the sales tables and canopies for the sales and pay the Florida Department of Revenue for your 6% sales tax. Our members receive 80% of their sales price. Sellers are expected to drop off and pick up their plants and sign up for a total of 4 hours to sell all members plants for the two sale days.

Country Store – we have bought two more sets of medium gauntlet gloves. We have 6", 7" and 8" pots, Promixed bromeliad soil, Osmocote fertilizer, tweezers, tag labels and pens. Left over from the Auction are two new bromeliad reference books, *Bromeliads for Home and Garden* by Jack Kramer for \$18. and *Air Plants, The Curious World of Tillandsias* by Zenaida Sengo for \$23., an angel and a frog wind chimes, each for \$20. We still have Broward County Bromeliad Society Polo Shirts in small and extra large sizes, only for \$11.95. Purchases of medium and large sizes will be offered in future months. Our coupon books are NOW FREE. Pick up one for the remaining months of 2015.

Just a reminder, the South Florida Bromeliad Society will be hosting the state wide **EXTRAVAGANZA** in MIAMI (near the airport) on **SEPTEMBER 26, 2015**. Mark it down on your calendar. There will be even more unusual bromeliads for sale from growers around the state and outside the state; informative classes and garden tours. Join me and many of our members and add to your knowledge and wonderful collection of bromeliads.

SEE YOU THERE.

Becky

FROM THE AUGUST AUCTION



SEPTEMBER MEETING



Next Meeting: Monday, Sept. 21, 2015

6:30 pm

Deicke Auditorium

5701 Cypress Road, Plantation, FL 33317

Memorial for Sara Donayre

Conducted by Ann Schandelmayer and Maureen Frael



**Our own Shirley Konefal presenting on Aechmeas
and Lee Magnuson on Neoregelias**

The Country Store will be open as will the sales table !

HARRIET'S HOOTS

Howdy Ho Everyone:

Another meeting coming up. Time is a-fleeting (Does that make sense to you????) Oh well if it doesn't that's ok. I love saying little odd things. Here are a few to start with..... Okey Dokey Smokey. In a while-crocodile. See you later – gator. Chop chop-lollipop. You snooze, you lose. You can go on and on. Think up some of these yourselves, it's fun. People may think you're crazy, but who cares. It's fun being silly.

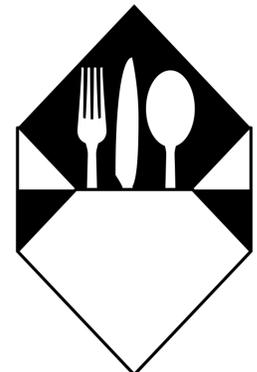


September is a quiet month as far as I can tell. However, October is the beginning of all fun things coming up. For instance, Halloween (BOO) better start thinking of costumes. Then Thanksgiving (I can just hear those Turkeys whispering among themselves as to who's getting the AXE) Next before we know it will be Christmas (time for the Ho-Ho-Ho Jolly Guy to appear) and last but not least - HAPPY NEW YEAR. Wow, where did the year go?

Ok, I'm rushing things - - back to September... So, how about our Auction last month. I thought it went very well. Our auctioneer was great and I think that everyone had a good time. The refreshment table was filled with goodies and I want to thank everyone for bringing finger type foods. Even if it wasn't quite finger type, don't worry, we made it work.

Let's give a hand (Clap-Clap-Clap) to the following members.....

- Shirley Konefal - - Chicken Salad on Crackers (was yummy)
- Harry Sperling - - - Oatmeal Cookies (wonderful as always)
- Gloria Chernoff - - Assorted Pastry Bites (good and sweet)
- Norman Grover - - - Chocolate Chip Cookies (goes great with milk)
- Ann Schandelmayer - - Cream Cheese sandwiches with olives (nice choice)
- Molly Resnick - - Chocolate Cake with Nuts (very tasty)
- Bill David - - - Strudel Fruit Cake (my favorite)
- Eddie Yi - - - Babaganouch & White Bean Humus (enjoyed by all)
- Maureen Frazel - - Apple Strudel Cake (another sweet treat)



Ok gang - - time to wrap up and I'll see you at the next meeting
Hugs - - Harriet

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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| Denise Addison | Lisa Ivers |
| Sandi Block-Brezner | Miguel Nicolas |
| Bill Frazel | Jeff Price |
| Martha Gregory | Kenny Seesahai |
| Sue Gutman | |

Position Open! The BSBC Board is looking for someone to be our new Recording Secretary. Now is your chance to get more involved. See Becky.

Welcome new member **Vicky Madaloni** of Plantation

SCURF FEATURE

August Mystery Plant Identified



Tillandsia 'Sparkler'

Win a raffle sheet with 20 tickets

Be the first to email
yroftiger@aol.com
with the correct
name of this brom



FROM THE EDITOR

Patricia Zeiler, the Executive Director of the Ft. Lauderdale Historical Society asked if the BSBC could stop by the New River Inn Museum of History to identify the many bromeliads in the gardens surrounding this historic building. She would like to have the plants identified to increase the educational merit of the gardens and she envisions future workshops and presentations about bromeliads. All this is consistent with the BSBC's mission statement. Thus, armed with camera, cell phone and clipboard I headed out in late August on another sizzling afternoon to shoot the needed pictures.

Some buildings have a presence about them and this Museum is no exception. Built in 1905, it was a hotel for 50 years. In the 80's it was a beloved hands-on children's science museum. At one point in time, the sailboat from the PBS series *The Voyage of the Mimi* starring a young Ben Affleck, was docked right outside on New River where the museum hosted related field trips for local school children. As I walked around the gardens, I could almost hear Peter Marston singing the sea songs he had sung as part of those Mimifests. It was the best of times. Somewhere along the way, the science museum moved up and out to become the Museum of Discovery and Science a few blocks away and the Historical Society moved in. Eventually the building became the first property in Broward County to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places. At some point, somebody planted a huge array of bromeliads. There are masses of them near the charming gazebo and along the walkway by the railroad tracks. I took well over a hundred photos, noting at least 40 different types of bromeliads, many of which were in bloom. The photos were assembled later that day and forwarded on to Maureen Frazel who volunteered to identify the plants. This is a chance to be part of preserving the heritage of Ft. Lauderdale while promoting our treasured plants. More to come.

Garden on!



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CALENDAR OF LOCAL PLANT SOCIETY MEETINGS

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| 1st Tuesday | Plantation Orchid Society | Volunteer Park |
| 2nd Friday | Ft. Lauderdale Garden Club | Birch State Park |
| 2nd Monday | BSBC Board Meeting | Deicke Auditorium |
| 2nd Friday | B.U.S.H. | Trinity Church Community Rm |
| 3rd Monday | Bromeliad Society of Broward County | Deicke Auditorium |
| 3rd Tuesday | Bromeliad Society of So. Florida | Fairchild Gardens |
| 3rd Wednesday | Equality Park Garden Club | Pride Center |
| 3rd Wednesday | Plantation Garden Club 9:30 am—noon | El Dorado Community Center |
| 3rd Thursday | Bromeliad Society of the Palm Beaches | Mounts Botanical |
| 3rd Thursday | Shade Brigade (no meetings July & Aug.) | Plantation Bldg. Dept. |

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO SEE

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| Sept. 25, 2015 | Bromeliads in the Magic City | Double Tree Hotel 711 NW 72 St., Miami |
| June 13-19, 2016 | BSI World Bromeliad Conference | Westin Galleria Hotel Houston, Texas |

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