

BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF BROWARD COUNTY

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SCURF SEPTEMBER 2016



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**Searle Brothers
Extravaganza Sale
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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.

Affiliations: BSBC supports



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome back from summer vacations to the Zika virus. Many of you are wondering if you need to get rid of your bromeliads in order to eliminate Zika mosquito larvae. Then you ask, what do I do if I chose not to – flushing, spraying – all of your questions will be answered on **MONDAY, September 19, 2016**, with our scheduled speaker, Dr. William Kern, Jr., noted entomologist. Dr. Kerns will address your concerns and tell you the best solutions for keeping your beautiful plants. Our Members' Plant Sale table, Country Store, Raffle Table and Silent Auction tables will be open.



Please take time to read the Searle Brothers Fall Sale Event ad here in the SCURF. Larry Searle is one of our members and our support is important to our nursery growers and in keeping bromeliads at the forefront in landscaping gardens. If you go, let Larry's staff know you are a member of our Society.

I must apologize for my absence at our August meeting but I had an upper respiratory illness I did not want to share with you and others. My Board and fellow members did a great job in my absence. Thank you, Larry Davis, for your annual presentation of BROM 101. Your handouts and your safari hat (for those seeking the facts) especially contributed to the education of our new members, guests and repeated information some of our other members may have forgotten.

OCTOBER 2016 will be a busy month for our Society. **OCTOBER 17th** will be our Fall Auction. If you are a new member, it is a wonderful time to get different varieties of bromeliads for your garden. If you have been a member for several years, you know it is the best time to purchase "collection" bromeliads at a reasonable price through our Auction. Our local and Homestead wholesale bromeliad nurseries donate unusual plants for our support. Each member is asked to donate 3 plants for the Auction – potted, free from scale and clean. Those teaching moments from the last two meetings should help you with these requirements. Refreshments and finger food will be served, too. This is our major annual fundraiser for the Society and one you shouldn't miss. Cards advertising the event will be available Monday – take one or more to invite your friends and neighbors.

OCTOBER 22 and 23, 2016 – HERITAGE PARK at Peters Road and Fig Tree Lane in Plantation. Our last public plant sale of the year. I would like to encourage ALL members who have extra plants to sell to "thin" out their gardens and participate. If you have only a few (less than 10), then bring them by our tables at Heritage Park (AFTER YOU GET A SALES NUMBER FROM CAROL MORDAS AT OUR MEMBERSHIP TABLE). Those of us who have more than 10 plants, will be selling at the event and must set aside 4 hours only during the two days of the sale, plus drop off and pick up of your plants. A Volunteer Sign-up Sheet will be available at our General Meeting Monday. Make sure your plants are clean and free of scale. Potted and root plants (unpotted) are acceptable. Remember 80% of the sales goes to the seller and 20% to the Society for Florida Sales Tax and Society costs. Come by and see us that weekend. Lots of other plant vendors will be there, too.

NOVEMBER 21, 2016 – Our guest speaker will be Dr. Teri Bert, a well-known authority on Bromeliads.

DECEMBER 12, 2016 - Our Holiday Party, great food, fun, games and free plants. Mark your calendar.

Lastly, **JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2017 GENERAL MEETING DATES ARE RESCHEDULED DUE TO FEDERAL HOLIDAYS.** Our January meeting will be **TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2017.** The general meeting for February will be on **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2017.**

SEE YOU MONDAY,
BECKY



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

S E P		Denise Addison	Christoph Knoess
		Sandi Block-Brezner	Jeff Price
		Oscar Correale	Kenny Seesahai
		Bill Frazel	Mariana Yi
		Susan Gutman	

FROM THE EDITOR

Well, it has been quite a month. When it hasn't been sizzling, it has been pouring. My poor Crescent Garden has gone from being a source of pride, joy and achievement to being identified as a garden of concern on my neighborhood's online forum. The posting was all about hoping the homeowner was going to be a responsible gardener with respect to zika. I quickly posted right back that I was engaging in a multipronged approach— weeding out some plants, flushing out others and treating all broms that had a tendency to retain water with Mosquito Dunks as well as a spray of oil in the cups. With eighty or so plants, vigilance is in order. Very grateful that Dr. Kern is coming again to our club so that we can be right on top of doing what is right while maintaining our collections. What worries me are homes that are unattended, standing puddles, and clogged gutters.

Many thanks to Gloria Chernoff for helping the BSBC select books as memorials to Sara Donyare, Marcia David and David McClean. These books will become part of the circulating collection of the Hoffman Library each with a notation that the book was donated by the BSBC in memory of....



David, Marcia and Sara respectively.

Speaking of books, Dudley Reynolds of the East London Bromeliad Society of South Africa has just published a coffee table book entitled, *Dramatic Leaves of Aechmea orlandiana and its Cousins*. The book has over 60 images of these plants and is on sale for R340.00 South African which equals \$23.788 US dollars plus additional cost for mailing. If you are interested in this book, you can contact Dudley by email at dudleyreynolds1@gmail.com.

Garden on!



Gayle



HARRIET'S HOOTS

Happy Labor Day, everyone - - -

If you are still working (like I am - - Ugh) then you get a day off from work (Hooray). If you are retired (so lucky), then it's just another day for you but, you should celebrate. It also means that it's about the end of the summer and we will be going into the holiday season starting with October. However, I do love October, because it's Halloween time and I love Halloween. Hey, maybe at our October meeting we can all wear a costume or maybe even just a mask. Think about it; it would be fun.

Before I get into thanking our members who contributed to our refreshment table, what did you think about our speaker at our last meeting – Larry Davis, a very knowledgeable and funny guy? Didn't you just love it when he threw out some pups? People were so excited – and when he said, "Who wants this?" as he was giving out some plants – wow – everyone was raising their hand. I thought he did a great job and I'm sure that you did, too. He really does know his plants and how to take care of them. So, when you have a problem with one of your plants and need some information, he's the guy to go to. Just look for a silly hat and you will find him.

Ok, so now I would like to thank all our chefs for their contributions.

Shirley Konefal - - Chicken Wings (Yummy)
Harry Sperling - - - Mocca Walnut Amaretto Cake (Delish)
Gloria Chernoff - - Assorted Pastry Bites (Good and sweet)
Judith Lahey - Lasagna (Wonderful)
Ann Schandelmayer – Brownies (So good – love them)
Molly Resnick - - Mango with Mango Sauce (Absolutely delicious)
Gene Cain – Brownies (Love those sweets)
Gayle Spinell-Gellers - - Blueberry Pinwheels (Great idea)
Jackie Fisher - - Platter of Hummus and Crackers & Rice (Very nice)
Sandi Block-Brezner - - Chocolate Chip Cookies (Mmmm-Good)
Susan Mather - - Hummus and Crackers (Another healthy dish)
Patty Messina, Fran Salz & Rhonda Brignoi - Bags of Bagels (WOW)



Ok, Gang - - Time to wrap up so I will see you all at the next meeting.

Hugs - - Harriet



IMAGES FROM THE AUGUST MEETING



Again, many thanks to Larry Davis for a fun class on *Broms 101*. Those who sat up close really lucked out as Larry tossed some terrific pups to the audience!



SCURF FEATURE

Congratulations to Harry Sperling who correctly identified the August mystery plant!!!



Tillandsia capitata 'Rubra'

Win a raffle sheet with 20 tickets—

Be the first to email
yoftiger@aol.com with the correct
name of this brom on the right.



SEPTEMBER MEETING

Monday, September 19, 2016

6:30 pm

Deicke Auditorium, 5701 Cypress Road, Plantation



Dr. William Kern, Jr.

The BSBC brings an authority right to you!

Dr. William Kern, Jr. will present on Zika and other mosquito pests.

Learn the real scoop!

The Country Store will be open. The Raffle Table will have great plants to win! There will be some stellar broms for silent auction. And, of course, there will be tasty morsels to enjoy.

Special Requests... !

If you have extra **plastic bags** from a grocery, we can use them for taking home plants and for the local food bank.

Remember Amazon Smile! Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible AmazonSmile purchases to a charity of your choice which could be the BSBC. NO COST to you. Log on is easy at smile.amazon.com. Funds go the organization directly.



PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO SEE

Sept. 15-17, 2016	The Landscape Show	Orange County Convention Center International Drive, Orlando, FL
Sept. 24, 2016	Plant City Garden Fest @ Train Depot 9 am -3 pm	102 N. Palmer St. Plant City
Oct. 8, 2016	St. Lucie County Master Gardener Fall Family Fest and Plant Sale 8 am—2 pm	8400 Picos Road Ft. Pierce
Oct. 8 & 9, 2016	26th Annual Fall Plant Festival 10 am—4 pm; 10 am—3 pm	USF Botanical Garden 12210 USF Pine Drive, Tampa, FL 33620
Oct. 22 & 23, 2016	Heritage Park Broward County Plant Affair	1100 S. Fig Tree Lane Plantation, FL 33317
Oct. 22 & 23, 2016	Gainesville Fall Plant Sale with Orchid Show 9 am—5 pm	Kanapaka Botanical Garden 4700 S.W. 58th Drive Gainesville, FL 32608
Oct. 22, 2016	3rd Annual Munn Park Garden Extravaganza 8 am—4 pm	201 Main St. Lakeland, FL
Nov. 5, 2016	Growvember Mead Botanical Garden Fall Plant Sale; 8 am—4 pm	1500 S. Denning Drive Winter Park, FL 32789

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Arrive early for the best selection, as certain plants have limited quantities. Bring your wagons and carts!

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Fall 2016 Schedule:

October 7th, 8th, 8:00AM - 5:00PM

October 9th, 9:00AM - 4:00PM

Following Weekend:

October 14th, 15th, 8:00AM - 5:00PM

October 16th, 9:00AM - 4:00PM

FREE BBQ LUNCH!

FIRST WEEKEND, SAT. AND SUN. FROM
11:00AM - 2:00PM OR UNTIL SUPPLIES LAST.



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NO SALES PRIOR TO Friday, October 7th
WE ACCEPT ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS

NO PETS PLEASE



FINAL REMINDER....

**MONDAY NIGHT, SEPT. 19TH!
BSBC MEETING @ DEICKE
6:30 PM**