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Bromeliad Society of Broward County

April 2012

Garden Fest

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Bromeliad Society of Broward County

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Plantation, FL 33318

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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)

The Bromeliad Society of Broward County is a member of, and supports:
The Bromeliad Society International
http://bsi.org

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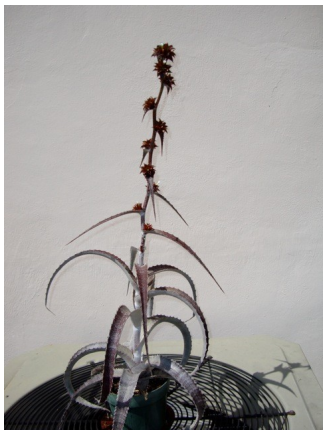
The Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies
http://fcbs.org

The Bromeliad Society of Broward County is a member of, and supports:
The Cryptanthus Society
http://www.iinet.net.au/~scrozier/Culture.html

Meetings and Speakers

From Our March Meeting

Bill David, Ann Schandelmayer and Bruce Zaret respectively shared their terrific tillandsias.



Orthophytum stardust

Tillandsia ionantha wreath

Tillandsia copanensis

Guest Bridget Sheeks scored great plants from the raffle table.

Joe Libertucci and Jeff Hutchinson chat plants with members. Definitely a fun presentation by fearless gardeners. Thanks again, Joe and Jeff.

Larry Davis & Harriet Abo took home the name tag plant.

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, April 16th, 2012 at 7:00 pm

Plant preview 6:30 pm - sales table will be open

Where: Deicke Auditorium
5701 Cypress Rd
Plantation, FL 33317

Guest speaker: Charlie L. Birdsong, Baton Rouge Bromeliad Society

Topic: Neoregelias with a focus on Neoregelia subgenus Hylaeaicum which includes the Amazonian Neos the species pendula, mooreana, eleuthropetala, wurdackii, rosea, five others and their hybrids.

The President's Message

Hey Bromeliad Lovers,

Well, I must start out by thanking ALL who participated and who came to Garden Fest 2012. It was a HIT! We had beautiful weather, huge crowds, well actually, it was swamped. The vendors gave us such great compliments with commitments on returning next year. Other clubs that visited told me how well organized, everyone was so helpful and that the atmosphere was so pleasurable. Mark your calendars for the next Garden Fest 2013. It will be March 23rd and 24th. The 2013 will be a show year for us so entries will be on the 21st, judging on the 22nd and open to the public on the 23rd and 24th. I know it sounds crazy to be talking about next year all ready, but our calendars get so booked up I want you to get this on there now. Your plants need to be picked out soon that you will be entering. If you need them identified, please take a pic or bring them to the meeting. If any of you would like to share any feedback or constructive criticism to make Garden Fest even better, please let anyone on the board know.

I would like to send out a get well and quick recovery to Harriet Abo, (Refreshment chair) and also to Bill Frazel (one of our long time standing members, and master judge).

I don't want to be a pest but….For those of you who have not paid your membership, or not sure if you have paid, please get with Marcia David our membership chair. The society absolutely relies on these dues to keep ourselves afloat. It is greatly appreciated.

See you on the 16th and again thank you for a FANTASTIC event!!
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 if you have any question about your membership status. Dues are extremely important to the club as they pay for the facility, speakers, refreshments, donations to weevil fund, etc. February 1 was our due date for renewal.

Welcome new member Cecelia Goodhue!

Editor's Note

Long ago near the town where submarines were first built, an elderly man walked his tiny granddaughter through the victory garden that had sustained him and others through the Great Depression. "Pull here," he said and the child gave a yank. Out popped a long, twisted carrot, the stuff of which dinners were made. The child stood speechless and fascinated. The elderly man was pleased. He knew another gardener was born in that moment. Time passed. In a home not far from one of the great cities of this nation, a mother, known for her enormous, amazing garden linked to her neighbor's garden of the same size and freeform design, passed a trowel to her young daughter, "You can have the little garden by the driveway." With eyes the size of saucers, the daughter began digging and planting cuttings from the plants in her mother's garden. Some actually lived that first year. Fast forward to a city not far from the ocean. The daughter, now grown, stares at her crescent garden filled, at long last, with purple blooms. Words of her neighbor still rang in her ears. "I know you are pleased with the flowers, but that garden doesn't fit with the rest." Sadly, but acknowledging the truth in her neighbor's words, she walked away in search of a solution. Circa 2009, the woman quietly slips into a meeting of the local bromeliad society and finds herself staring at a table of the most incredible plants, each unique unto itself in shape and color. A soft voice alongside says, "You should buy that plant. It's a good deal and you will get lots of pups." Out came the wallet, the plant was bought and the woman was hooked. The crescent garden, thanks to the society, now fits the house.

The above story is my story and means of introduction. This newsletter is our newsletter. If you would like to share your story, your gardening experiences, funny plant anecdotes, please feel free to contact me at yroftiger@aol.com or at our monthly meetings. With thanks to Grandpa Sam, my mother, Frieda Spinell, and the dear lady who welcomed me to BCBS and who started me on this journey.

Wishing each of you happy trails and the plant of your dreams,
Gayle Spinell-Gellers

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

Harriet's Hoots

Greetings to All:

Last month I gave out some tidbits about Leap Year and this time I see that the March meeting was held just two days after St. Patrick's Day. With that being said I thought I would bring up some fun facts again.

St. Patrick's Day was observed by the Irish as a religious feast day, where people would dance, drink and feast. Well, we did not dance, but we did drink (Iced Tea, Lemonade, and Juice) and our food table was surely a feast. Also, did you know that the Shamrock was considered a sacred plant in ancient Ireland and it symbolizes the rebirth of spring. I think that we should name one of the bromeliads a sacred plant – what's your opinion? Last but not least, the Leprechaun is a symbol of this holiday. If captured by a human, the leprechaun has the magical power to grant 3 wishes in exchange for their release. Ok, everyone, let's get out there and look for that little fellow as I'm sure we would all like to be granted 3 wishes – what would yours be?

Ok, back to business – Joe Libertucci and "Bob" (aka Jeff Hutchinson) were our speakers and while we learned, we ate from the plentiful food table. The following members contributed and my thanks go out to them.

Nancy Long – Great chicken wings
Louella Weber – Beautiful decorated cookies
Molly Lesnick – Excellent Loquats
Judith Lahey – Nice little sausages
Patti Zuckerelli – Lovely cheese, crackers & blackberries (I have to buy them again)
Cori Glick – Car Bomb Brownies (wow – what a kick)
Peter Hartig – Great assortment of cakes (especially loved the lemon ones)
Kathleen Mackey – Healthy Hummus with Crackers & Carrots
Norma Jean Flack – Wasabi Peas (crunchy & spicy) & Chips
Shirley Konefal – Delicious Garlic Shrimp with pasta

If I have forgotten anyone, I do apologize and thank you for your contribution. Any contributions to our food table from any member would be greatly appreciated. Your food hostess signing off for now – see you at the next meeting.

Hugs – Harriet

Gloria Chernoff
Cori Glick
Cecelia M. Goodhue
Carol Mordas
Ignacio Moreno
Charles Nicholls
Leslie Packer
Jose A. Rodriguez
Velene Smith-Myrie
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Above is the "Slate of Officers" for 2012/2013. Voting will take place at this month's meeting with those elected taking office in May.

Our "Country Store" will continue to be handled by Bill David. If you need supplies, contact him at 954-321-9229.

In charge of other operational details for 2012/2013 are:
Harriet Abo—Refreshments
Larry Davis—Refreshments and Raffle Table
Velene Smith-Myrie - Raffle ticket sales
Raffle Table Runners - for those of you who help distribute the raffle plants to members
Jim Kern - Plant Sale Table
Tim Hendrix - Plant Sale Table
Melissa Garvey - Librarian

Hear ye, hear ye, all Tillandsia growers! If you are interested in rare varieties of Tillandsias known as collectibles, you may want to get in touch with grower, Rick Enthoven. Rick has been growing such Tillandsias in Central America and now has brought them to his nursery in California. Many of the plants are from seed, some as old as 20 years. Here is the contact information:

Rick Enthoven
(805) 886-4156 - Cell Phone (805) 934-0070 - Fax
rickenthoven@comcast.net - Email rickenthoven@hotmail.com - IM

Places To Be, Things To Do

April 21-22	Bromeliad Society of South Florida Show & Sale @ Fairchild Gardens
April 20-22	Sarasota Bromeliad Society Wonderland Show & Sale at Manatee Convention Center, Palmetto, FL
April 20-22	Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Bromeliad Express Show & Sale
April 21	Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society Master Gardener Plant Faire Deland, 8:30 - 12 pm next to Volusia County Fairgrounds
April 28-29	Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society Green Thumb Festival Walter Fuller Park, St. Petersburg
April 28 -29	Mounts Botanical Spring Plant Sale, West Palm Beach
May 11-13	Bromeliad Society of Central Florida Mother's Day Show & Sale Fashion Square, Orlando

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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

This world class event includes outstanding sales, a Rare Plant Auction, seminars, tours and an opportunity to meet bromeliad collectors and growers from all over the world !

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

Business

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Specializing in
Bromeliads
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Plantation, Fl., 33317
954-530-0076

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

"DIAPER YOUR PLANTS"
Please "diaper you 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!!

The Florida Council of Bromeliads Societies will be publishing a list of state registered and inspected bromeliad nurseries in the May issue of their newsletter. There is no charge for being listed in the newsletter or on the council's website http://fcbs.org If you own such a nursery and would like to be included in the list, email Karen@digital.net by April 25. Include the name, owner, address and contact information of your nursery as well as web address, phone numbers, hours of operation and if an appointment is needed. A brief description is also welcome.

Membership Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone : _____

E-mail: _____

Month of your Birthday_____

Would you be willing to serve on a committee or otherwise assist?
Yes_____ No_____

Permanent Name Tag? No_____ Yes_____ Paid_____
Name tags are $5.00

Membership Dues are:
$20 per year for individuals
$25 per year for more than one member at the same address

Please make check payable to:
Bromeliad Society of Broward County and mail this page to:

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