Bromeliad Society of Broward County

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Ananas Erectifolius
image courtesy of Sandi Block-Brezner

Sandy got this plant from David McLean when she went to his nursery for one of his tours...at least 5 or 6 years ago. There are now 2 plants in bloom and two keikis!

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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

Happy Holidays To All Our Members:
As I write this article, we are recovering from another recent cold front. Some of my landscape trees can't decide whether to put forth new leaves or drop the ones they produced in the last two months. Bromeliads don't seem to mind the changes in temperature. Mine are pupping so much I have scheduled this week-end for potting.

If you weren't at our March meeting, you missed a slide presentation by Mike and Lynn Thompson on bromeliads being grown in Hawaii. Hawaiian bromeliads – are not really native to that state. Bromeliads started there with donations from a Bromeliad grower in our hemisphere. But, as usual, these bromeliads did not know they couldn't grow there. The gardens and bromeliads were beautiful. Several of our members recognized most of the bromeliads but there were several not recognized by our seasoned growers. We missed our "expert" stand-bys: Maureen and Bill Frazel, Ann Schandelmayer, and Pepe Donayre. Even more interesting were the photos of volcanos, within and on top and the unusual plants that grow only there.

Our Silent Auction had 3 collection plants provided by Bruce Zaret. Take a look at the special auction plants at our April meeting. You may be able to buy one at a much lower price than it would be in the market place or at commercial growers.

On March 15th and 16th, the Tropical Plant Affair in Wilton Manors was a great success for our members. We sold more than $2200 of plants and art with plants. Congratulations to our selling members, Bill David, Shirley and Rich Konefal, Kenny Seesahai, Larry Davis and Harriet Abo, Gina and John Havens, and especially Lee Magnuson, who helped me load and unload canopies, umbrellas and chairs. Thank you Kathleen and Jack Mackey for volunteering.

Saturday and Sunday, April 4 and 5, Larry Davis and Harriet Abo will be at the Flamingo Gardens Orchid & Bromeliad Show in our Society's booth. They will be passing out membership forms, information cards and have bromeliads to sell. Stop by and say hello.

On **Saturday April 11 and Sunday April 12,** our next plant sale will be held at the Westfield Mall (Broward Mall) at Broward Blvd. and University Dr. in Plantation. **Set up** is on Friday night, **April 10th** from 9 pm to 11 pm and Saturday morning from 8 am to 10 am. **Sale times** will be **10 a.m. – 6:00 pm Saturday** and **11:00 am – 5 p.m on Sunday.** The Mall will provide security for our booth after these hours. Our booth will be located across from Kay Jewelers at the main East mall entrance. The plant sale is being sponsored by the Plantation Garden Club and the Mall. Even if you have only a few bromeliads for sell, bring them and we will help sell them for you. Contact-Treasurer Carol Mordas for a sale number. Her e-mail address is: donaldm3@bellsouth.net .

Come see what is going on at our April 20th meeting. Great food, great program, Country Store, plant sales, raffle plants and the Library will be open. Our book list is on Page 11. – *Becky*

BSBC Vice-President Introdcution

Hi, I'm Maurice Bruet and I want to thank you for electing me to be your new Vice President/Program Planner for the coming year. Smiling Larry has done a superlative job and will be a tough act to follow. I look forward to his help and guidance.

A little about me, I graduated from Michigan State University in 1974 with a Bachelors in Landscape Architecture. I had a Landscape Design business in Syracuse NY in the '70's and went to New York City in the '80's to work in planning and design firms. The last 25 years of my career were spent working for the NYC Dept. Of Transportation where I renovated highway landscapes, several with mature plant material left from the Moses era. We had about 25 thousand acres of landscape under our care/jurisdiction.

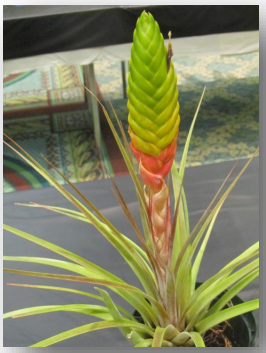
I retired in 2013 and came to paradise so I could play with plants year 'round. Bromeliads were a revelation and are now a prominent part of my small condo garden. I'm happy the Society exists, I've learned so much in the lectures over this past year. If anyone has ideas for future topics or lecturers, please let me know.

Our Upcoming Events –

April 11 & 12	Westfield Mall Plant Sale – Participating vendor
May - 2 &3	Plantation Historical Society Plant Sale at Heritage Park – Participating Vendor
May 19	Bromeliads 101 at Gateway Christian Academy
Upcoming Garden Tours –	Josefa Leon's Sunshine Bromeliads
	Larry Searle's Garden

SCURF Feature

March Mystery Plant Identified



Tillandsia magnispica

Win a raffle sheet with 20 tickets

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

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March meeting

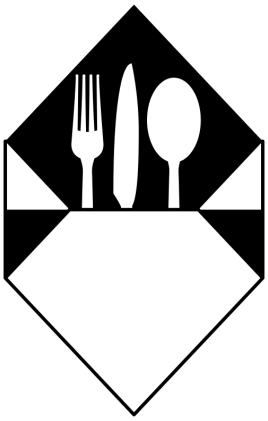
Harriet's Hoots

Hi Gang:

Well, here is another holiday coming up - - I'll give you a hint……Here comes Peter Cotton Tail, hopping down the Bunny Trail. It's Easter on Sunday, April 5th. Does everyone have their Chocolate Bunnies and their Jelly Beans and don't forget the Marshmallow Peeps. I like the yellow ones, but they have all sorts of colors.

Another holiday to be celebrated is Passover and that starts one day before Easter on Saturday, April 4th and continues until Saturday, April 11th. Passover has matzoh, which gets wrapped up and hidden for the children to find and if they find it they get a prize. Ok, let me think, chocolate candy or matzoh, what would be your choice??? (LOL) Well, whether it's Easter or Passover, both holidays are important, so I wish all of you a Happy Easter or Happy Passover, which ever one you celebrate.

Ok, time to thank our wonderful members for their contributions at our last meeting and they are……



Bill David - - Double Chocolate Brownies (Great, they were gone in a flash)
Shirley Konefal – Balsamic Chicken (Very delish)
Harry Sperling - - Maple Walnut Cake (A winner as always)
Judith Lahey – Plate of Tomatoes (Good and healthy)
Brigitte Sheeks – Plate of Crackers and Fruit (Very nice)
Carol Mordas – Various cupcakes (Nice choice)
George Henderson – Pound Cake (MMM-good)
Patty Zicarelli - Irish Bread w/Butter and Cucumber w/Onion (Great)
Kathleen Mackey – Pecan Cake (Very tasty)
Sandy Block-Brezner – Dark Chocolate Almonds (Yummy)
Sally Biggs – Pasta with Cheese (Wonderful dish)
Eddie Yi - - Cucumber Dish and Slaw (Always a treat)

Wow, we had a lot of food, so good. Thank you all so much and I'll see you at the next meeting. Stay well and as they say in French……"Au revoir" (Until I see you again)…….. I just loved Paris.

Hugs,
Harriet

Membership News

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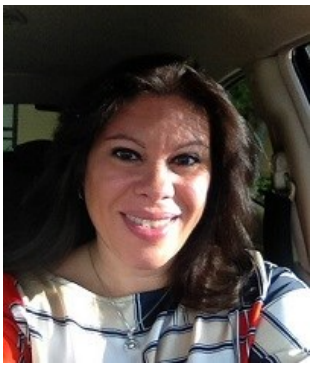
Maurice Bruet
Gloria Chernoff
Cori Glick
Cecilia Goodhue
Jackie Matuseski
Carol Mordas
Ignacio Moreno
Leslie Packer
Jose Rodriguez
Velene Smith– Myrie
Louella Weber



Our New Recording Secretary!

Josie Rivera-Abdo

April Meeting

Meeting: Monday, April 20, 2015
6:30 pm at
Deicke Auditorium
5701 Cypress Road, Plantation, FL 33317

Guest Speaker: Diana Guidry

Natural Resource Specialist
for the
Broward County Natural Resources
Planning and Management Division

"Ten Native Plants That Will Attract Birds and Butterflies"

The Sales Table will be open. There will be both a Raffle Table and a Silent Auction with some more terrific special plants. Our Country Store will have the very supplies you need. Join us for an information-packed fun evening.

From Our Education Chair

Neoregelia cruenta (on left) and its hybrid 'Ravenala' (on right) the latter of which is has shape like Dyckia estevesii and is named for the palm genus Ravenala which shares this shape also.

Aechmea ampla

This plant grown in 70% sunlight. Mom is 25 inches tall and 18 inches wide. Pups are 15 inches tall. Green and red contrast is unsurpassed. Decorative pot is in great accent color. This species is a reluctant bloomer.

From the Editor

You just never know what will pop up in one's email account. A trowel has been extended across the pond all the way from South Africa and the East London Bromeliad Society South Africa . How totally cool is that? Their March newsletter is attached and it makes for truly enjoyable reading. We referred them to our website for back issues of the SCURF and will be forwarding our current issues to them directly as well as referring them to our website. ELBSSA has a presence on Facebook so check it out when you are surfing around.

I can't stay out of the garden and I can't stay out of book stores either. Wandering around our local fav literary vendor, I naturally meandered to the gardening section off in the corner. What's with the corner? We all know that section should be front and center. Anyway, one new title grabbed me right away….. *Air Plants* by Zenaida Sengo. February I had to have the auctioned plant Ae. Perez which seems to be adjusting well to its new home. Today, it was the book. If you are looking for terrific book on tillandsias jammed with information and stunning pictures, this book is it. What a find!

A worthwhile reminder popped up on my Facebook feed this past week. It was a link to a website dealing with the dangers of gardening. Many familiar key points were listed—- wear gloves, sunscreen, have a current tetanus shot (going to address that issue pronto), stay hydrated and BOLO for animals that sting, slither or jump. Neither this site nor others specifically mentioned dealing with my latest animal adversary, one very distinctive looking Muscovy duck. A neighbor from the other side of the canal came by recently inquiring if I had seen the friendly, slightly kooky Lucy Goosy…. She had been feeding Lucy but had not seen her in awhile and was concerned. Lucky us, Lucy took a shine to our family making it all the way into the kitchen one

sunny day when a workman left the front door ajar for an instant. Last week she snuck up on me in the large brom garden and tapped me on the back of my leg. I jumped three feet. This past week she tried to hitch a ride to work with my husband. She nipped at my yardman. Today, I was working on the broms in the crescent garden when Lucy reappeared and proceeded to follow me in and around the garden for over a half hour as I attempted to freshen things up. Thursday morning and I find myself trying to talk to and reason with a duck. Thankfully no cameras were rolling or for sure there would be one more gardening blooper video clip on You Tube starring yours truly. No, I do not make this stuff up.

Meanwhile my yardman Scott stopped in with an irresistible offer. He has too many large dark-leafed broms that send up a red inflorescence and he asked if I would like some. Oh yes, we will find a home for those babies. Can not wait to see these plants. Gardeners are the most generous and fun people.

Happy Gardening,

Gayle

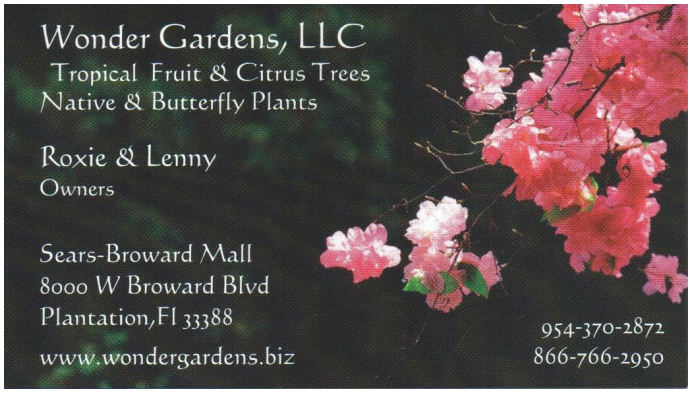
Calendar of Local Plant Society Meetings

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

April 4 & 5, 2015	Flamingo Gardens Orchid & Bromeliad Show & Sale		Flamingo Gardens, 3750 S Flamingo Rd, Davie
April 11 & 12, 2015	Westfield Mall Plant Sale		Westfield Mall 8000 W. Broward Blvd, Plantation, FL
April 25 & 26, 2015	Spring Plant Sale, 9-5; 9-3		Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 North Military Trail, West Palm Beach
May 2 & 3, 2015	Broward County Plant Affair, 9-5, 9-4		Plantation Heritage Park, 1100 S. Fig Tree, Plantation
Aug. 8, 2015	Bromeliad Sale		USF Botanical Gardens, 4202 E. Fowler Avenue NES107, Tampa
Sept. 25, 2015	Bromeliads in the Magic City		Double Tree Hotel 711 NW 72 St., Miami

Businesses



BSBC Book Collection

Title	Author	Copyright
Blooming Bromeliads	Ulrich Baensch	1998
Brazil Orchid of the Tropics	Mulford & Racine Foster	1945
Bromeliaceae Andreanae	Edouard Francois Andre	1983
Bromeliaceae Ole Proceedings of the 1982 World Bromeliad Conf	Corpus Christi Bromeliad Society	1982
Bromeliaceaes of Venezuela	Francisco Oliva-Esteva	1987
Bromeliaceas en Flor (in Spanish)	Ulrich Baensch	1996
Bromeliads	Francisco Oliva-Esteva	2000
Bromeliads - Genera, Species, Hybrids	Louis Dutrie	none
Bromeliads Copy # 1	Victoria Padilla	1973
Bromeliads Copy # 2	Victoria Padilla	1973
Bromeliads for Contemporary Gardens	Andrew Steens	
Bromeliads for Home, Garden & Greenhouse	Werner Rauh	1973
Bromeliads Horticulturalist Guide	Jack Kramer	1981
Bromeliads in Cultivation	Robert Gardner Wilson	1964
Bromeliads in the Brazilian Wilderness	Elton M.C. Leme	1993
Bromeliads of the Atlantic Forest	Elton M.C. Leme	1997
Bromeliads, Houseplants of Today & Tomorrow	Walter Richter	none
Bromelien (in German)	Werner Rauh	1973
Canistropsis - Bromeliads of the Atlantic Forest	Elton M.C. Leme	1998
Jewel of the Tropis - The Bromeliads	Lyman B. Smith	1969
Nidularium - Bromeliads of the Atlantic Forest	Elton M.C. Leme	2000
Searching for Miss Fortuna - The Hunt for a Bromeliad	Chester Skotak	2007
Taking Bromeliads		
The Colorful Bromeliads-Their Infinite Variety Copy # 1	Victoria Padilla	1981
The Colorful Bromeliads-Their Infinite Variety Copy # 2	Victoria Padilla	1981
Tillandsia II	Paul T. Isley III	2009
University Press of Florida		2011