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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

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

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The Cryptanthus Society
http://www.iinet.net.au/~scrozier/Culture.html

Next Meeting: April 21, 2008

Time: 7:30 pm Plant sales begin at 7:00

Where: Jim Ward Community Center
301 NW 46th Ave (Park East Drive)
Plantation, Fl 33317

The Member Sales Table will be open
We will have our Raffle Table
Those who bring plants to sell are asked to donate plants to the raffle table.
*Election of Officers

Speakers: Shirley and Richard Konefal

Topic: "Driftwood Applications for Bromeliad Collectors".

About our Guest Speakers

Rich Konefal has spent his whole life around wood and the woodworking industry. Born into a family of contractors and woodworkers dating back to his grandfather, Rich owned and operated a successful custom kitchen and furniture business in Florida for 28 years. Collecting driftwood was always a passion of his. He and his wife, Shirley (both artists), spent several years doing traveling art shows, selling his driftwood creations and her paintings. They both became interested in bromeliads and orchids and he began incorporating driftwood into unusual displays and mounts for the plants. Shirley sells them, as well as bromeliads and other tropical plants, on their website thenaturecollection.com

The President's Message

Hello Everyone,

There is a lot going on the next couple of months. First, the field trip to Selby Gardens on April 19th to see the Sarasota Bromeliad Society's show and sale along with Harry Luther's research greenhouse. On April 26th at Liberty Tree Park (across from the Plantation Post Office on 5th street) our Society will be there to promote brom culture, membership, and doing demos. Please call me to let me know if you can come to the booth and help. The event is from 10 – 2. Then, on May 4th and 5th we will have a booth at Heritage Park. We will need help to set-up on Friday the 3rd around 3pm. Please call Tim Hendrix 954-931-1711 if you would can help set-up or tear down on Sunday at 5:00pm. If you plan on selling plants (it doesn't matter if it's one or 50) you must have a selling number and double tag all of your plants. Get your number from Larry Searle. If you are selling, please be aware that you must participate and stay for awhile and sell. Please get with Tim or me to let us know when you can come and for how long.

I received Andrew Steens' book from New Zealand last week, it is beautiful. I will bring them to the meeting, if you would like to purchase one the cost is now $32.00. Please make your checks out to BSBC;. It would make a great Mothers Day gift!!

I would like to say a few words about the raffle table. Anyone can donate plants or bromeliad-related items to the raffle table. If you donate, I would like to thank you in advance; however, please be sure that your plants or items are in really great shape. Always keep in mind that donations should be something that you would like to receive yourself. Thank you!

I know this is very early but I know how your calendars fill up fast , so for 2009 mark your calendars for April 4th and 5th – the date of our biennial show and sale. The committees are being put together now. We need as many people to participate as possible. We will be working with the Plantation Women's Club in this venture so please let me know in what capacity you would like to volunteer your precious time. That will be greatly appreciated.

Kim the Tee-shirt lady will be at the meeting with your shirts. They came out great!!!! She will also be taking orders for more. See you Monday, Colleen

Calendar of Events 2008

April 12-13—Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay & West Coast Bromeliad Society—University of So Florida Spring Sale, Tampa

April 12-20, 2008—Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society Sale—9:00 am—4:00 pm. Sanford Garden Club, US 17/92 and Fairmont Drive, Sanford, 9 am—4pm

April 19th – 20th Bromeliad Society of South Florida Show and Sale at Fairchild Tropical Gardens on Old Cutler Rd. in Miami, 9—5

April 19th – 20th Sarasota Bromeliad Society Show and Sale
Selby Gardens, Sarasota, Florida, 10 am—4 pm

April 24th at 7 pm—at the Clubhouse of the Woodfield Hunt Club in Boca Raton. Francisco Oliva-Esteve will be the speaker at the Boca Raton Bromeliad meeting and we have been extended an invitation to take advantage of this opportunity. The Boca Club had to change their meeting date and location to accommodate his schedule. The entrance to the Woodfield Hunt Club is on Jog Road just South of the intersection with Yamato Road on the West side. Just past the gate house turn right and the clubhouse is in the bend of the road past the 10th house on the right. There's no sign and the parking is limited so please encourage carpooling.

April 26th—Green Day at Liberty Tree Park, Plantation

April 26-27—Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society—Green Thumb Festival, St Petersburg.

May 4, Sunday—Members' Day at Flamingo Gardens, 9:30—3:00

May 9th-11th Bromeliad Society of Central Florida -Mother's Day Show and Sale at Orlando Fashion Square, Orlando

June 24-29, 2008—BSI World Bromeliad Conference. The 18th World Bromeliad Conference is being held in Cairns, Australia. Enquiries to Lynn Hudson, 47 Boden Street, Edge Hill, QLD 4870 or Lynnie@Ledanet.com. Also information at http://bsi.org

August 29-31, —Bromeliad Rainforest Fantasy -Extravaganza Sponsored by the Florida Council of B.S. Hosted by Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay at Sheraton Suites Tampa Airport. E-mail Tom Wolfe at Bromeliadsociety@juno.com for details or see the February issue of the Scurf.

Save these Dates

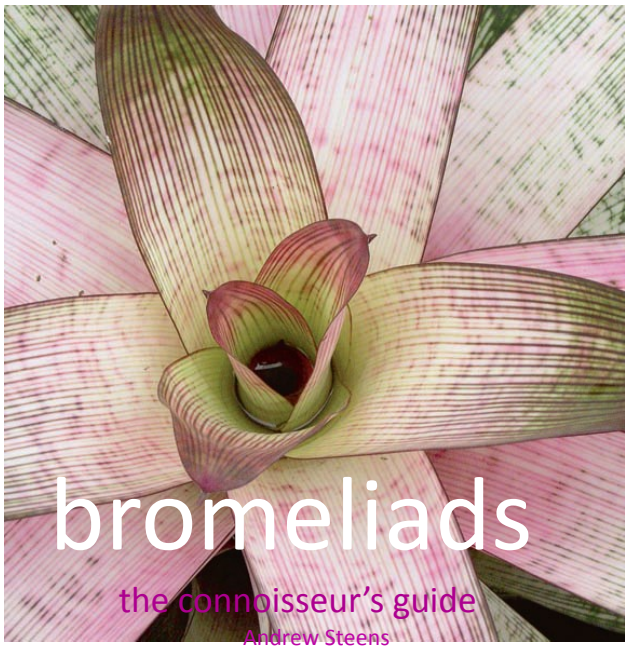
April 26th City of Plantation Green Day. 10 am to 2 pm at Liberty Tree Park, 7421 NW 5th St. BSBC will have two tables - 1 for membership and 1 for potting and mounting demos. We need Volunteers to man our booth. Contact Colleen Hendrix or Maureen Frazel to sign up to help at our booth. T & C Tropicals will have a table. For application to have a table of your own to sell plants contact City of Plantation Department of Landscape Architecture at 954-797-2246. Bring your family, friends and neighbors for a very special day at Liberty Tree Park.

May 3rd-4th Bromeliad Society of Broward County Sale
Spring Plant Affair at Heritage Park , Plantation.
Members who bring plants to sell are expected to stay and help sell.

April 4th-5th, 2009 Bromeliad Society of Broward County Biennial Judged Show and Sale at Volunteer Park. Start growing and grooming for this Big Event!

"Bromeliads the connoisseur's guide" by Andrew Steens

Bromeliads are those extraordinary epiphytes to which collectors and connoisseurs quickly become completely addicted. In this follow-on from his highly successful *Bromeliads for the Contemporary Garden,* bromeliad expert Andrew Steens takes bromeliad fanciers — both neophytes and the more experienced — on a wonderful journey into the wilds of South America, explaining bromeliad habitat and threats to their ecosystems with David Attenborough-like energy. Then he proceeds to a roll call of over 300 exotic, rare and essential bromeliad species. Complete with growing (greenhouse and outdoors), hybridising and collecting
advice, this comprehensive book is a must-have for the bromeliad lover. Andrew Steens is a commercial bromeliad grower who runs a nursery near Matakana, north of Auckland, New Zealand.



Election of Officers for 2008 / 2009

Election of Officers for our society will take place at the April meeting. The new officers will assume their offices in May. The Nominating Committee presented the following slate at the March meeting.

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Thank you,
Nominating Committee
George Henderson, Chair
Beck Blackwood
Naomi Shirley

On the Cover

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BOOK REVIEW OF THE MONTH

Our Librarian has been in the woods this month. Literally (if you'll pardon the pun). Larry Searle took off for the mountains (smart move don't you think, now that the weather has turned hot) and has hiked the Old Appalachian Trail for the past 2 weeks Do you think he found any bromeliads along the way?? He journaled at the end of each day of his hike and you can read his entries online at www.trailjournal.com.
Therefore, he hasn't had an opportunity to do a book review for us. However, he will bring a book or two to the meeting on Monday. Anyway, each month we will notify you in the Scurf the title of the book(s) that will be available for check out at the general meeting. The book must be returned to Larry within 30 days—by the next meeting. If for some reason there is a conflict in your schedule in returning the book you MUST call Larry and make arrangements to get the book returned. There is a form for you to complete upon checking out the book. Members are responsible for returning the book within 30 days in the condition in which it was lent. If the book is damaged, lost or stolen, the member is responsible for replacement cost

The Board made a unanimous decision to have the books available to our <u>current</u> members in this fashion. After all, what good is the library if our members can't access the books. We just hope that you will appreciate and use TLC with these books, as it has taken many many years of collecting through purchases and donations to have such an extensive library. Most of these books are out of print and unobtainable, so please handle with care.
Thank you ,
The Board

for
Larry Searle
BSBC Librarian

Show, Tell and Admire

Bring in your Blooming Broms to show off to us. There will be a table in the front of the room to display them. Always remember, if you are having trouble with one of your plants, or need a plant identified, or have a question about one, bring it to a meeting and we'll help you with it.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Annual dues were due February 1st. Be sure to send in your check to remain on the mailing list for the Scurf and the meeting notice e-mails. Send the form (inside back cover) and check payable to Bromeliad Society of Broward County to

Larry Searle, Treasurer
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$20.00 for individual membership or $25.00 for multiple members at same address. The increase in dues was approved by the membership at the February general meeting.

Reminders

April Birthdays please bring contribution to the Refreshment Table!
And get a free raffle ticket for a special drawing

Happy Birthday to.....

Griffin Bancroft, Tammy Dinneen, Gina Havens, Ignacio Moreno, Charles Nicholls, Leslie Packer, Gail Shirlaw, Lisa Synalovski, Lou Weber,

If we missed your birthday or have you listed on the wrong month , than please correct me!!!!
Happy Birthday to you

Our own David McLean giving us some growing basics and bromeliad tips at the March meeting.

Harriet Abo, Refreshment Chair, really piled it on for St. Patty's Day

Colleen, Gail and Larry fighting over Andrew Steens' new book. Colleen was taking orders for the volume (see page 6) available only from New Zealand.

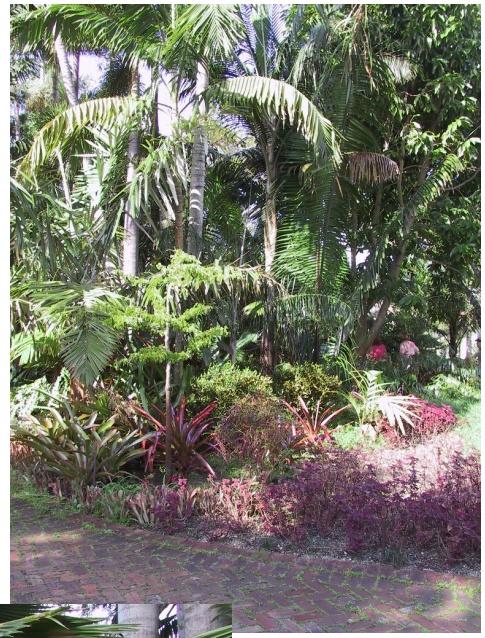
George Henderson is filling in for Pat Boone and Jean Tease, selling raffle tickets. Doesn't he look serious!

March's Bonus Plant Winner and Name Tag Winner
Karen Dougherty and Norman Grover

The yard at Rose Butman's place—on the February tour.

Field Trip to Charles Slater's Home—February 23, 2008

Charles Slater telling us the history of his property



Bromeliads and palms

The lagoon and pool deck

"Jungle" island in the middle of the Slaters' yard.

Detail in the "Jungle" island.

Lawn and partial view of the garden at Charles Slater's

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Specializing in Bromeliads
21 Holly Lane
Plantation, Fl., 33317
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Tim and Colleen Hendrix

BUD'S BROMELIADS

BUD HENDRIX
824 N. BEL AIR DRIVE
PLANTATION, FL 33317
954-583-8636

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? Yes_____ No____ Paid____

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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We meet on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at:
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