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Just a few of the prize winners from Bromeliads Gone Wild!

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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.

Affiliations: Bromeliad Society of Broward County is a member of and supports

The Bromeliad Society International
http://bsi.org

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

The Cryptanthus Society
http://fcbs.org/cryptanthussociety/

The President's Message

Hey Bromeliad Lovers,

Garden Fest 2013 was another successful event!!! We had lots of people from all over the state, great food, and lots of repeat customers. It is kind of like a plant reunion seeing old friends and making new. There were over 52 vendors, some new along with our loyal vendors. GF PWC had two members booths selling water and passing out information on the club. Also anyone who took information on PWC was entered into a raffle to win a beautiful orchid. Great idea to promote the club.

Bromeliads Gone Wild!, our 14th Biennial Bromeliad Show drew in a large number of people from around the Tri-County area. We had 12 judges from around the state and the Bahamas to judge our bromeliads and a what a beautiful group of broms were entered. There were about 165 entries with Jack Meharian winning Best in Artistic, Josepha Leon winning Best in Horticulture, Bob Moorman winning Best Miniature, Ann Schandelmayer division winner for her "Dining for Two" and yours truly winning the Sweepstakes (most award of merits). There were many more division winners and section winners. I am so proud of them. I would like to thank everyone who did enter plants. It is always such a pleasure to see what your fellow members are growing in their gardens. It is a double surprise if it is a first timer and they win and get on the top awards table.

I would like to thank ALL the volunteers that worked the event from both clubs and I would also like to give a special thanks to Maria, Ricky and Angel at Volunteer Park who gave us their undivided attention and helped in any way they could to have this event run smoothly. Thanks also to Martha Gregory, Wayne & Marilyn Barber, Susan Halliwell-Mather and Gayle Spinell-Gellers for volunteering over at Stranahan Park for "Spring in the Garden."

Here's to next year!!!

We will be meeting at the Plantation Community Church this month and in May. The Board has decided that due to Deicke being under renovation, our summer hiatus will begin as of June and run through August. You will receive abbreviated issues of SCURF via email during the summer months. We hope to be resume meeting at Deicke in September. Stay tuned.

Meanwhile, in keeping with our mission of community outreach, we have two upcoming volunteer opportunities—at the Ft. Lauderdale Women's Club and at the Plantation Community Church. Further details inside.

See you on the 15th!
Colleen

Membership News

Many thanks to all who renewed their memberships.

Welcome new members: Lee Magnuson of Deerfield Beach, Mitchel and Delores Bass of Parkland, Vann Elliott of Hollywood, Jane Von Waldburg of Hollywood and James "Jay" Thurrott of Port Orange.

Gloria Chernoff
Cori Glick
Cecelia M. Goodhue
Carol Mordas
Ignacio Moreno
Leslie Packer
Jose A. Rodriguez
Velene Smith-Myrie
Louella S.Weber

Did you read all about it? BSBC members Gene and Jillian Cain were featured in the Home & Design section of the Miami Herald on Sunday, March 17. Their garden is definitely, "A Living Work of Art." Congratulations to Gene and Jillian on such a lovely garden and a great article.

BSBC Community Outreach:

Wednesday, May 1…… 9:30 am—12:30 pm …… Ft. Lauderdale Women's Club
10 W. Broward Blvd.
Ft. Lauderdale, Fl

Bring your gardening gloves and help us maintain the very bromeliad garden we help plant some months ago. Parking is free in the lot behind the building and free lunch will be provided. If interested, email Colleen at timbo-169@comcast.net,

Date to be Determined: **Plantation Community Church**
6501 W. Broward Blvd.
Plantation, FL

As a way to say thanks to the church for allowing us to hold our April and May meetings at their facility, we are going to return the favor by fixing up their garden with…… bromeliads, of course!!! Contact Suzee Newman.

Harriet's Hoots

Hello all you plant lovers - - - It's almost time for our next meeting. However, it's farewell to Diecke for a bit - - but do not fear we do have a place to hang our hat……for a little while at least. We will be gathering at Plantation Community Church and the address is 6501 West Broward Blvd, Plantation. So, turn your GPS on and let it lead the way.

So, how about that Garden Fest?????? Did we get a lot of winners???? I hope all of you had fun. Lots of booths, lots of people, and the weather was great, a little windy on Sunday, but at least it didn't rain.

Below as always is our thank you list - - you know, where I commend everyone for their delicious contributions. We really do have some good cooks and bakers. Hey, I have an idea - - Let's all open up a restaurant - - - Who's up for that (hahaha) Ok, you all think about it. Well, here we go and the Oscar goes to…… opps, I'm in the wrong venue. Backtrack, and my thanks go to……..

Harry Sperling - - Blueberry Cake (so delish)
Jack Meharia - - - Delightful Sugar Cookies (wonderful little treat)
Shirley Konenfal - Salad with Chipotle "Ranch Dressing (it was GREAT)
Carol Mordas - - Pineapple Upside Down Cake (another winner)
Lou Weber - - - Mint Fudge Cookies and Pineapple (very nice selection)
Tracy Moulton - - -Parmesan Artichoke Rounds (Excellent – I loved them)

I think I have everyone listed; however we all goof now and then so if I have not mentioned you and your wonderful treat, I do apologize. I'm usually around the food table, however I do wander (just ask Larry, lol), so if you do bring a dish and you don't see me, just track me down and let me know what you've brought so I can make a note of it.

Ding, Ding, Ding - - Reminder – Birthday people, please bring a dish to share and show everyone your culinary talent.

Well, that about wraps it up for now. Hope to see everyone at the next meeting.

Hugs,
Harriet

From Our March Meeting

Many thanks to Tom Wolfe for sharing his expertise on Neoregelias. His slides were great and the folks he mentioned are definitely a Who's Who in the world of neos and neo hybridizing. Our gardens are richer due to the efforts of Tom Wolfe, Paul Deroose, Grace Good, George Anderson, Mulford B. Foster (aka Father of the Bromeliad), Chester Skotek, RL, Fraser, Harvey Bullis, Peggy Bailey, Joe Carrone, and Jim Elmore. How cool that these leaders in bromeliads span the globe from Belgium to Costa Rica to New Orleans.

Interesting note: Chester Skotek also wrote a novel, *Searching for Miss Fortuna, The Hunt for a Bromeliad.*

For Our April Meeting

Next meeting: Monday, April 15, 2013 at our new location:

Plantation Community Church
6501 W. Broward Blvd.
Plantation, FL 33315

Time: 6:30 pm
Sales table will be open!

Guest speaker! Our own Dr. Bruce Zaret !

When not managing a large private practice, native Philadelphian, Bruce Zaret can be found on the terrace of his Pembroke Pines home caring for nearly 400 species bromeliads which he has collected over the last three years. (Leave it to a former bio major to focus on species plants!) If you happened to have been at Bromeliads Gone Wild, you undoubtedly saw the visual splendor of just some of Bruce's beautiful plants which had ribbons attached.

Bruce will present a taxonomic approach to Streptocalyx and similar Aechmea forms. He will have an extensive handout for the members to aid them in the future.

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
3rd Monday	Bromeliad Society of Broward County	Plantation Community Church
3rd Tuesday	Bromeliad Society of So. Florida	Fairchild Gardens
3rd Wednesday	Equality Park Garden Club	Pride Center
3rd Wednesday	Plantation Garden Club	Hawthorne Village Club House 9:30 am—noon
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

Apr. 9—May 19, 2013	Epcot International Flower and Garden Festival	9:00 am—9:00 pm	Epcot
April 12, 2013	Amy Stewart, author of *The Drunken Botanist* and *From the Ground Up, The Story of a First Garden.*	8:00 pm	Books and Books Miami, FL
April 13 & 14, 2013	Bromeliad Society of South Florida " On Your Own" show and bromeliad sale	9:30 am-4:30 pm	Fairchild Tropical Garden 10901 Old Cutler Road Coral Gables, FL **Happy 75th Birthday to Fairchild !!**
Apr. 27—28, 2013	Mounts Botanical Garden Spring Sale	Sat. 9 am—5 pm Sun. 9 am—4 pm	559 N. Military Trail West Palm Beach Free to members, $10 for non members
May 4 & 5, 2013	Broward County Plant Affair	9 am—5 pm both days	Heritage Park 1100 S. Fig Tree Lane Plantation, FL
May 17-19, 2013	Redland International Orchid Festival	9 am—5 pm all days	Fruit and Spice Park 24801 SW 187 Ave Miami, FL
July 12, 2013	Bromeliad Symposium (part of Monocots V, 5th International conference on Comparative Biology of Monocotyledons)		New York Botanical Garden

Bromeliads Gone WILD

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL 27 SHOW ENTRANTS

By entering our recent show you enhanced your lifetime experiences as well as our visitors.

We had over 200 entries each one beautifully grown and carefully groomed and staged. The quality was very high with 75 scoring over 95 points.

I want to thank each and every person who helped so graciously to pull it all off.

The Awards and trophies and cash went to the following.

Best in Show Horticulture to Josepha Leon for a quadruple Billbergia 'Casablanca' all in bloom.and the BSI Mulford B. Foster Plaque
Best in Show Artistic for a design by Jack Maharian &the BSI Morris Henry Hobbs Plaque
Best single foliage Josepha Leon for Neoregelia 'Tossed salad'
Best single blooming Josepha Leon for Vriesea saudersiixbituminosa
Best multiple foliage Josepha Leon Vriesea Oespinae var. Gruberi
Best multiple foliage Josepha Leon with Neoregelia 'Tiger Cub'
Best multiple blooming Josepha Leon with adouble 'Orange Crush'
Best Horticulture Display foliage Tim Hendrix with Catopsis sublata
Best Horticulture Display blooming Colleen Hendrix for Tillandsia harrissii
Best Artistic Design to Ann Schandelmayer for her table for two
Best Decorative Container to Shirley Grills-Konefal for her Tillandsia fasciculata Tropiflora on wood in a metal stand.
Best Mini under 5"won by Maureen Frazel
Best cut specimen in glass container to Maureen Frazel for Hohenbergia inermis
Best Mini 5" design to Robert Moorman
Best Novice to Robert Moorman for assorted Tillandsias
Best of the Judges to Lisa Robinette from Orlando For Neoregelia 'Rumba'
Sweepstakes for most blue ribbons in 20 entries in three sub families to Colleen Hendrix
Cryptanthus Plaques to Jillian Cain for Best Species C. bivittatus pink starlight and Best Hybrid C.Peaches xCalnagoi

Many Thanks to all winners and participants both inside and outside and although everyone needs rain, we were grateful we only had wind to contend with.

Maureen Frazel
Show Chairman

From the Editor

Sometimes an event has just too many photo ops for one newsletter. Garden Fest was just such an event. Hence, it seemed advisable to create a video of the sale and post it to YouTube. Well, that one video was about the sale…. Certainly Bromeliads Gone Wild deserves its own documentation. Therefore, another video of just the show is in the works. Just too many great plants not to share them. Will provide the link for that in the next newsletter. Until then, here are a few more images to enjoy and Happy Trails. Gayle

designed by Ann Schandelmayer

Dykia Fosteriana; Colleen Hendrix

Neoregelia Volga; Lisa Robinette

Nidularium innocentii; Shirley Grills-Konefal

Maureen Frazel and Josefa Leon

Melissa Garvey

Top Winners

Gardening Quotes

The love of gardening is a seed once sown that never dies.

-Gertrude Jekyll

What happens in the garden, stays in the garden.

There are no gardening mistakes, only experiments. **-Janet Kilburn Phillips**

Business

ADVERTISE HERE……..

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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

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"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!!

Got a bromeliad question? Send an email to yroftiger@aol.com and we'll post the question in SCURF.