Bromeliad Society of Broward County

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Aechmea Maria Regina with six spikes
courtesy of Colleen Hendrix

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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.

Affliliations: BSBC supports

The President's Message

Congratulations to Us All –

Thank you to all of those volunteers of our Bromeliad Society who made this year's Garden Fest event the best ever. If you were unable to participate or attend, you missed unusual tropical plants, orchids and bromeliads, pottery, orchid and plant supplies, artistic driftwood, bonsai plants, wind chimes, garden art from our 45 vendors. Food, wine and beer were also on sale.

Entertainment was provided by Flamenco guitarist David Fox, whose music drifted throughout the grounds and into the Art Exhibit in the Magnolia Room at Volunteer Park. We were fortunate to have 15 artists exhibit and next year we are planning more. Photos of some of the art works appear in this edition of the Scurf, including art from 5 of our members – Richard and Shirley Konefal, Molly Lesnick, Bill David, myself and participants from the Weston Art Guild, Plantation Art Guild and South Florida Bromeliad Society's own artist, Urzsula Dudek whose large paintings took over the main stage and gave bromeliads a new venue in oil paintings. Thank you Sandi Block-Brezner for helping set up the exhibit.

Special thanks to Colleen Hendrix, our Events Coordinator, who brought everyone together; Harriet Abo who donned on her hat and distributed Bromeliad Society information cards inviting attendees to come to our next meeting, get a sheet of raffle cards and possibly win a plant. That wild and crazy guy in the green hat, Larry Davis, put a smile on everyone's face while he sold them a 50/50 Raffle ticket and an even bigger smile on the Winner Yeni Logan of Lauderhill who won $172.50.

With only 7 members selling plants in our Society's booth, more than $1,000 of bromeliads were sold.

All of this and more was because of members like Carol Mordas, Suzee Newman, Bud Hendrix, Jm Kerns, Kenny Seesahai, Lee Magnuson, Maureen and Bill Frazel, Harry Sperling, Barbara Ladin, Ron and Linda Wiringer, Patti Zicarelli, Traci Moulton, Patti Zicarelli, Martha Gregory, Gayle Spinell-Gellers, Gloria Chernoff and last but not least, the GFWC Plantation Women's Club who without their valuable support would have not made it possible. If I missed anyone's name, I apologize, but am forever grateful for taking your valuable time to volunteer for our Society.

See you the April 21st. Will share with you how well we did financially and what our future plans are for the Society. Don't forget to bring your pencils and paper for our freshman class in Bromeliads 101 – you will be tested (LOL) after the lecture.

Becky

From the Vice President

Hi, Gang - - Wasn't the Festival a GRAND event! - - loved the plants - -the booths - - and that super art show - - but - - I had no trouble falling asleep Sunday night - - can't wait for what is next on our busy sked.

Earlier in the year, a survey was passed around and 27 of you responded - - 16 subjects for our programs were proposed - - 10 were asking about the basics of bromeliad care - - 2 were asking about hybridizing - - and 4 were about other specific subjects. Your club is responding to your requests - - the next two talks will be about bromeliad care and we are casting about for a future speaker on hybridizing.

This month I will be giving the talk on the very basic fundamentals of bromeliad care - - It will include identifications, information sources, basic pest control, proper potting mediums, sun allowances, water requirements, potting techniques, pupping techniques, vendor sources and just about anything else I can cram into 45 minutes - - there will be several pass-outs and questions will be taken - - be sure to bring pens for notes.

Now the tough part - - how will you be able to see this presentation? - - We are reserving the red tables with 36 chairs in the first two rows for guests, new members and anyone really anxious to learn the basics - - please fill the front row first - - you will be somewhere from one foot to 10 feet of the action - - the second row will be about 15 feet from ground zero - - the rest of the seating will be at tables centered in the room.

The second response to your request of bromeliad care will be our May talk, given by Bruce Zaret, who is in charge of our Show and Tell table. The title of his talk is "The Sex Life of Bromeliads."

Our raffle table (augmented by sales plants left at the Fest) and our sales table will both be open.

Larry

From the Garden Fest Coordinator

Hello Garden Fest Fans,

I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank you those of you who participated in Garden Fest this year. Especially to those who helped load and unload the vendor trucks. That is not an easy job, but the vendors and I greatly appreciate it. The music and food were great, the art exhibit was beautiful , the vendors were happy , the weather cooperated for the most part (no flying tents this year ….lol) and the customers were endless. I would also like to thank those of you (members and vendors) who helped with the advertising and the continual push to keep the event on the fore front of everyone's agenda. There are a lot of moving parts to this event from small to large and it does not go unnoticed – with a grateful heart, I just want you to know how much it means , so again thank you!!

Couldn't have done it without you – looking forward to next year!!!!

Thank you again,
Colleen Hendrix

Save the Date!

Membership News

APRIL

Maurice Bruet
Gloria Chernoff
Jackie Matuseski
Carol Mordas
Ignacio Moreno
Leslie Packer
Jose Rodriguez
Velene Smith-Myrie

Welcome New Members:

Josie Riviera-Abdo from Plantation
Richard Sedlak from Wilton Manors

Special Request

We (BSBC) are still collecting dog and cat food for
100+ ABANDONED ANIMALS OF THE EVERGLADES 501C-3
Leashes, collars, crates & toys are also needed.
PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATION TO OUR NEXT MEETING.

Membership reminder!

Membership renewals: the rate is $25 for an individual and $30 for a family.
We will accept, cash, check, Visa or Master Card.

Although we are no longer members of the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies at this time, BSBC members are still be able to access the Council's newsletter on the home page http://fcbs.org under the Newsletters button. That area, as with the entire site, is public. The Council's Facebook page is also public and intended to promote bromeliads,

The New Tradition

In the last few months we have been attaching newsletters from our sister bromeliad societies in Chicago and New York. The news from those folks certainly has been interesting, so keep an eye out for the bromeliad news from up North.

More Membership News

Many thanks to Diana Guidry of Broward Nature Scape Program for filling us in on this exciting opportunity to get our gardens certified. A number of BSBC members already have achieved this status. There are two options: certify through the National Wildlife Federation and/or have through the Florida Yards & Neighborhoods program. For the former, you need to have a garden which provides four basic components for wildlife: food, water, cover and places to raise offspring. Florida Yards and Neighborhoods honors landscapes which utilize Florida friendly landscape principles to promote water conservation. All the info you need and the forms necessary are on the web. The site also has a map which notes where the certified gardens are located. There is also a useful list of plants native to your specific zipcode.
Lots of tillandsias were on the list.

A thank you gift for Colleen for all her years of work on behalf of BSBC.

Our Next Meeting: Monday, April 21, 2014 at 6:30 pm

Deicke Auditorium, 5701 Cypress Road, Plantation, FL

Guest Speaker

VP Larry Davis
presenting back to the basics with
" Bromeliads 101 "
There is always more to learn!

Yes, there will be a raffle table.
And, of course, it will be another terrific evening!

Info Fun Friendship Plants Food

Harriet's Hoots

Happy April to all - - - Ok, so how many of you played an April Fool's joke on someone or had one played on you? Come on, let me know.

No one is quite sure how the tradition of April Fool's day began. The time around April 1, and also near the Vernal Equinox, used to mark the start of the New Year. That changed to January 1 with the switch to the Gregorian calendar by France in the 1500s, and some believe that people unaware of the change continued to celebrate on April and were deemed fools, giving rise to April Fool's Day.

Not everyone buys the calendar theory, though others say that the occasion evolved from festivals of spring renewal when people hid their identities. While it is not officially recognized as a holiday, many celebrate by pranking or pulling practical jokes on family, friends, colleagues, etc. So, keep this in mind for next April 1st.

Ok, back to business. We had our Garden Fest and I believe it went very well. Good turnout, lots of beautiful plants and how about the Art Show! I thought that the pictures presented were great. Very talented artists, if I do say so myself. I'm sure that whoever came to the Fest, enjoyed themselves and I hope that our club inspired people to come to our next meeting to see what we're all about and hopefully we will get some new members. That's what we want our club to strive for— happy and friendly members who enjoy bromeliads, meeting new people and just having a grand old time.

Speaking of our members, hat's off to the following for their contribution to the refreshment table at the March meeting:

Tracy Moulton - - Assortment of Green Cookies (Very Good)
Brigitte Sheeks - - Cheese, Grapes and Crackers (Nice Selection)
Shirley Konefal - - Chicken and Pasta with Farfalle (Wonderful)
Harry Sperling -- Pistachio Cake (That was so yummy)
Sue Hallliwell-Mather – Colorful Green Cookies (Everyone loves cookies)
Eddie Yi - - - Slaw and Korean Seasoned Cucumbers (Always a treat)
Louella Weber - - Cookies with Green Herbs (Nice touch)
Patty Zicarelli - - Ye Ole Grains and Greens and Lucky Links (Fabulous)

Ok gang – time to exit but not without saying again, if I have missed thanking anyone, I apologize and thank you, thank you. Until our next gathering, stay cool, be happy - -

Hugs,
Harriet

From the Editor

Isn't this the BEST time of the year for a gardener? Great weather, broms are pupping and we have events like Garden Fest… plants, art, music, food! Love having such diverse plants to choose from all in one place and there are always some unexpected finds that require a double take. It was worth going to Garden Fest just to watch our librarian Tracy scour the stalls for yet another plant that she had to have. How many times did you say, "What is THAT plant?" and then decide that you absolutely had to have it. Along with several broms, I found an ox blood ginger that had to come home with me. Did you see the tillandsias mounted into urchin shells to form jellyfish? Had to have one of those and then had to make some to match. Happily all the plants have adjusted now. Our yardman expanded a front garden to make more room! Hope you snapped up some real finds for your own garden.

The video of Garden Fest 2014 is in production so be sure to check our website after next Monday's meeting. Only fitting that it include some flamenco music which added so much to the ambiance of Garden Fest.

Online tours of two gardens created by BSBC members are also in the works. You are going to love Gloria's Garden and Tracy's Treasure Trove of Plants. Thanks for the tour, ladies.

March also meant the Ft. Lauderdale Garden Club Sale. The proceeds from this sale each year fund horticultural camp participation for a large number of local students. As a retired educator and as a gardener, I feel it is a really important mission to raise the next generation of gardeners so, although I don't belong to the club, a stop at that sale is also a must. Snapped up a few small broms and a couple of other irresistibles. Am thinking of donating a few plants next year just to support the cause.

Happy planting, Gayle

SCURF Feature

March Mystery Plant Identified

Neoregelia Mercury is in Love

Want to win a raffle sheet with 20 tickets?

Be the first member to email the SCURF editor at yroftiger@aol.com with the correct name of the bromeliad featured below.

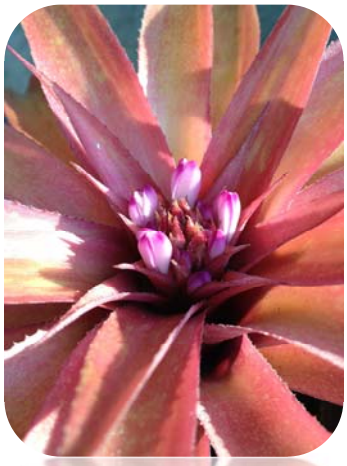

Photo courtesy of Bruce Zaret

A Noteworthy Note

While we are aware that light has a large effect on the size and color of a Brom's leaves, there is an obvious effect on the inflorescence and its structures.

The two photos are plants from the same mom. The plant on the left was brought inside (into the kitchen) when it started to show inflorescence, and the other plant on the right stayed outside in the shade without direct sun.

The sepals are red in the outside plant and yellow on the inside plant; the petals are light violet on the inside plant and purple on the outside plant. Although the two plants are genetically identical, one might think based on the inflorescence, that they are different. The leaves of the two plants remain identical. Just another important variable to consider when identifying our plants.

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	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

Mar. 5—May 18, 2014	**Epcot International Flower & Garden Festival**	9 am—9 pm	Epcot Orlando, FL
Apr. 19-20, 2014	**Flamingo Gardens Orchid and Bromeliad Expo & Sale**	9:30 am—4:30 pm	Flamingo Gardens 3750 S. Flamingo Rd, Davie, FL
Apr. 26—27, 2014	**Mounts Botanical Garden Springs Plant Sale**	9 am—5 pm 9 am—4 pm	Mounts Botanical Garden 559 N. Military Trail West Palm Beach, FL
Apr. 26—27, 2014	**Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Sale**	9 am—4 pm	Garden Club of Sanford on 17-92, one block south of Lake Mary Blvd
May 3—4, 2014	**Broward County Plant Affair**	9 am—5 pm both days	Plantation Heritage Park 1100 S. Fig Tree Lane Plantation, FL Admission: $1.50 per per-son
May 9—11, 2014	**Bromeliad Society of Central Florida Mother's Day Show and Sale**	All day	Orlando Fashion Square Mall
Aug. 16—17	**Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Sale**	9 am—4 pm	Garden Club of Sanford on 17-92, one block south
Sept. 8—13, 2014	**Bromeliads in Paradise 21st World Bromeliad Conference**		Ala Moana Hotel Honolulu, HI

Business

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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

"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!!

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Have a bromeliad question?
Email yroftiger@aol.com and we'll ask our experts.