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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.

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: AUGUST 21ST ,2006

Guest Speaker: Jay Thurrott

We meet the third Monday of every month (except January)
at 7:30 p.m. in the Broward Agricultural Extension Building
3245 College Avenue, Davie, Florida

Plant sales will be open!

We will also have our plant raffle

About our Guest Speaker

Calendar of Events for 2006

August 19-20 - **Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society**Fall Tropical Plant Sale Garden Club of Sanford
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Sudi Hipsley at 352- 728-5002 or Bud Martin at 321-363-7351 The public is invited. Admission is free.

September 30 - **Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies' Extravaganza** Sale, banquet and rare plant auction. Miccousukee Indian and Gaming Resort Convention Center. Miami, Florida USA. For more information visit www.fcbs.org.

November 18 & 19, 2006
Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society Annual Sale
Terry Park, 3410 Palm Beach Blvd., Fort Myers, Fl
For more information contact Larry Giroux,
email:DrLarry@comcast.net
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The Presidents Message

This month our general meeting will be a very different one. We are trying to build a social activity into our traditional monthly event. JoAnn Heyer has arranged for a rather varied meal contributed by our members and our Society to be the center of our meeting. In addition, we will have a Mini-Auction of some very attractive bromeliad items donated by several members and some special plants the Society has been keeping under covers for the occasion. This is to raise funds for the 2007 Extravaganza we are in line to host next fall. And to close the event Jay Thurrott will show us his photos of the San Diego Conference and talk to us about forcing blooms.

The next mega event is, as you know already, the 2006 Extravaganza to take place at the Miccosukee Resort on September 30 hosted this year by the Bromeliad Society of South Florida. Several of our members are preparing to participate. We hope many will take advantage of the occasion and bring their good plants for sale. The Society will take a place where all members will be together under our banner and take turns in showing, selling and managing the table. More information in the ad inside and during our September 18 meeting.

Pepe

Book of the Month

We are bringing to your attention one of the three large format books by Elton Leme in his series on the "Bromeliads of the Atlantic Forest". This one is dedicated to Canistropsis and will be offered at the upcoming Extravaganza on September 30. You could get one free if registering at the hotel and buying two dinner tickets.

This exceptional book covers not only the interests of the beginners who will marvel at the colorful illustrations, but also those of the experts who will follow the taxonomic details used by Leme to describe 14 of these beautiful plants some of which we are familiar with. That is the case of the C. Seidelii with its bright complex yellow inflorescence or the C. Billbergioides whose flowers can be deep blue to light pink.

'Blooming Bromeliads' by Baensch, 'Bromeliads for the Contemporary Gardens' by Steens and the Tillandsia booklet will be there for consultation at the meeting

Member's Gallery
By Jose Donayre

Harry Sperling, born in New Jersey has been a Floridian since 1953 after two years in Korea. Retired from Amtrak in 1991, time on his hands, he became a super collector of all Florida could offer. He joined the Society in the 80's "when Polly Pascal was President" he remembers. Had a 7 year lapse, but came back in the early 90's. He was our Recording Secretary in 2005-2006.

His garden shows an eclectic mix of several types of plants generally in complex settings where color and form are the selecting factors. Some, above, are in the ground as on the left and many are also placed to climb trees as on the right.

Another climber on the right probably Neo. 'Sheeba', covers already a large portion of a palm tree.

Among all his plants, he has a clear preference for bromeliads as seen in the picture at left. A blooming Ae. Chantinii finds company with a large Ae. Blanchetiana in the back, some colorful Aechmeas and Neos on the side and two Albomarginated Canistrum Lindenii in the front at left.

While most of his plants are in open spaces, arranged so as to get a measured amount of light under natural shade, he has built several shade houses. These are now very handy after hurricane Wilma brought down his large mango tree. In one of them where he has several orchids, clumps of small Neos. in baskets and many varieties of bromeliads. He is showing a variegated Guzmania in bloom

Tillandsias are also some of his favorite bromeliads. Apart from having them in pots and containers, he has placed them in a tree where they can be seen blooming all around.

He has also been puzzled by the capricious Neo 'King's Ransom' whose descendants are rarely the same as the extraordinary mothers we always fall for. Here, for instance, on the left, a large plant which bloomed normally started growing a pup in the cup while one of the two original pups seem to be developing the expected inflorescence. In the picture on the right, an additional plant, in the center, shows some coloration but not the characteristic formation and bright red color of the center leaves. The plant on the left in both pictures is a Neo. 'Victoria" for comparison.

Heads Up..... August Meeting will be a SUMMER SOCIAL and Mini Auction!!!

Can we possibly have more fun at a BSBC monthly meeting than we normally do? Your Board of Directors believe we can by having a covered dish dinner at the August 21, 2006 meeting. This is a "heads up" for you to be thinking about your favorite recipe. We would like each of you to participate. At the July 17, 2006 meeting more discussion will be had regarding this inviting event. A form will be circulated to accumulate a list of the type of food items all will be bringing. Even if you lack culinary skills or motivation, we would be grateful for such items as bread and beverages.

In the event you are not able to attend the July meeting but want to participate in the Summer Social in August, you can call JoAnn Heyer at (954) 436-5348 with your choice of a food item for the menu..

Name

What will you be bringing ????

Appetizer ? Entrée hot or cold? Desert hot or cold? Drinks?

Please list the food item _____

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Turn this form into JoAnn or Pepe at the next meeting (if you cannot make the next meeting but will be there for the August meeting, please call JoAnn, her number is above) Continued...

About the August Mini Auction.....

We also thought that since we were doing something different for the August meeting by have a covered dish social; we thought that we could hold a Mini Auction of various items donated by you the members relating to Bromeliads. The proceeds from the auction will be put in our 2007 Extravaganza Fund. We will only have two plants to be auctioned however, this time, we will also have beautiful and fun items other than bromeliads but RELATING to bromeliads to auction off. These items can be..... Art work , garden art , gift item , basket full of potting material , tools , anything that has to do with planting, growing or just looking at something beautiful that has to do with bromeliads. Please see Pepe, JoAnn or Colleen for more info on donating. We appreciate all of your help on this. The Extravaganza is quite a big project and we need to start NOW to capitalize on each event. With your participation we can do it!!!!!!! Below are the two plants that will be auctioned off in August.....(along with the other goodies).

Neo. 'Inkwell' Variegata.
This is a complex hybrid by Tropiflora (Carolinae x Concentrica) x (Carolinae x Concentrica) x 'Big Blue'

Neoregelia 'Rainbow' Shown by John Boardman 2003 Mothers Day Show, BSCF

Neo. Carcharodon "Rainbow". Carcharodon or not, when fully grown this is a spectacular plant with black tips, wide, spiny, greenish gray and pink to reddish leaves. Ie: FCBS

2006 Bromeliad Extravaganza

Presented By

Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies

Hosted by

The Bromeliad Society of South Florida

Saturday, September 30th, 2006

At

Miccosukee Resort & Convention Center

500 S.W. 177th Ave

Miami, Fl 33194

305-925-2555 or 877-242-6464

305-221-8309 or 305-925-2556 (fax)

Room rates: single or double $95.00

suites $139.00

Rates in effect until August 29th,2006

Sale, Banquet and Rare Plant Auction will be in the same location

Receive a free copy of Elton Leme's, Bromeliads of the Atlantic Rain Forest!

Receive a select bromeliad from Deroose Nursery!

Look for DeLeon's Bromeliads elaborate display in the lobby area!!!

Reminders

August Birthdays please bring goodies!

Happy Birthday to.....

Welcome All New Members

A big Thank You goes to.....

On the Cover.....

Aechmea fascini

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Colleen Hendrix

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Membership Application

(Renewals – Just correct the mailing label on the other side)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone : _____

E-mail: _____

Month of your Birthday_____

Do you want a name tag? YES _____ NO_____

Would you be willing to work on a committee or other capacity? Yes_____ No_____

Membership Dues are:

$15 per year for individuals

$20 per year for more than one member at the same address

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