Bromeliad Society of Broward County

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AUCTION THIS MONTH!

Pitcohnia burle-marxii x Deuterocohnia longipetala

From the photo gallery of our
Education Chair, Bruce Zaret

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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.

Affliliations: BSBC supports

The President's Message

IN MEMORIAM

TO THE DONAYRE FAMILY: Our heartfelt prayers and thoughts go out to you for your loss of our beloved member, Sara. We will honor her passing at our September meeting on 9/21/15. Members and friends, please join us for a memorial honoring Sara and her contributions to our Society, the Bromeliad Society International and the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies.

LESS THAN 3 WEEKS TO GO:

MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2015 is our Annual Fall Auction!

Board members are working hard to insure we have a variety of bromeliads for our bidders. We are also asking our members to donate 2-3 of their best plants to auction. This is our major fundraiser this year. Our outside plant sale events benefit our members.

I will be contributing one of my giclees (an original bromeliad painting print on canvas with added paint strokes), "Neoregelia Medusa" for the auction. Ann Schandelmeyer is donating a Tillandsia wreath. The Board has purchased bromeliad reference books for our Auction baskets. We are also adding some of the goodies from our Country Store and other garden tools and décor. If you have any garden décor you have not used and wish to donate for our auction, write me at cblackwood@bellsouth.net and I will make arrangements to pick the item or items up.

Unusual bromeliads will be auctioned – donated by our members and wholesale nursery supporters locally and in Homestead. Now is the time to buy those plants you've been admiring and just in time to plant for the rest of the summer and early fall. The great thing about auctions is it's possible to buy the plant you always wanted at lower prices.

Our Master of Ceremonies, Peter Kouchalakas, will be returning from last year. Peter is very knowledgeable about bromeliads and has great stories to tell about growing them.

For our member plant donations, please bring your plants on August 31st between 5:00 pm and 5:30 pm to set them up. We will be accepting cash, checks and credit cards. Light refreshments will be served.

For those of you who signed up to volunteer, I will be contacting you the week before for your assignments. Auctions are fun. Bring your friends and help support **OUR SOCIETY**. Your support keeps our society alive, educates our communities about bromeliads, contributes to the conservation of our environment, while adding to our communities' beauty.

Neoregelia Medusa

See you on the 31st,

Becky

Harriet's Hoots

Greetings to all !

Well, we are into August and boy the months are going fast. Before we know, we'll be singing Xmas songs - - - Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer had a very shiny nose…….
Oh my, I'm singing again (LOL) .

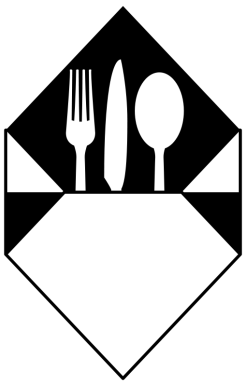
Ok, on to important matters……our meeting this month is going to be our famous and fabulous Auction. The meeting date will be Monday, August 31 and you can drop off your plants between 5:00pm – 5:30pm. Preview of all the plants will be at 6:00 pm and the meeting starts promptly at 6:30 pm. So, start exercising those arms as you will need to raise your paddles high and BID, BID, BID. It's going to be a fun night for all.

Our refreshment table will be up and running as always. I would like to ask anyone who plans on bringing something for the table that it be a finger type food, something that you can just pick up and pop into your mouth. Some examples could be chunks of cheese, deviled eggs, veggies cut up, sliced brownies, mini cookies, chicken nuggets, little smokies, hummus with crackers, small pretzels, sandwiches cut in four triangles, fruit bowl, etc. etc.

The reason for my request is that it will be easier for people to grab a small plate with some goodies on it that they can just pick up with their fingers. (Don't panic, I still will have utensils on the table.) Just trying to give you all an idea but you are all so good with your cooking skills that I'm sure you will come up with some wonderful food items and I do appreciate all your contributions.

Before I thank our members who contributed to last month's table, I would like to mention that our food table raffle plant was won by Shirley Konefal. The plant that she got to take home was a very colorful Neo 'Gazpacho.' I hope that Shirley is enjoying it.

Now, let's give a shout out to the following members…….



Shirley Konefal - — Chicken with Pasta (Delicious)
Carol Mordas -- - Coffee Cake (Very Nice)
Jill Price - - - Sliced mangos (Mmmm – very tasty)
Vicky Madaloni - - - Mango Bread (Another version but great tasting)
Becky Blackwood — - Bruschetta and Ham & Tomato Pie (Nice Choice)
Harry Sperling - -- Orange Blueberry Cake (Always so good)
Jackie Matuseski — - Humus with Chips (Very Healthy and Good)
Susan Mather - -- Coconut Cookies (Nice Treat)
Brigette Sheeks - - -Strawberries, Cheese and Crackers (Very Nice)
Thomas Mordas - -- Chocolate Cookies (We do love our sweets)
Bill and Marsha David - -- Platter of Brownies (Always so good)
Sandi Block-Brezner —- Chocolate Chip Cookies (Can't resist them)

Well, time to wrap up and remember - - Bid like crazy. See you all at the auction - - - - **Hugs,**
Harriet

Membership News

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Norman Grover
Colleen Hendrix
Lyda Pabon
Errol Simmons
Harry Sperling

Position Open! **The BSBC Board is looking for someone to be our new Recording Secretary. Now is your chance to get more involved. See Becky.**

August Meeting

SCURF Feature

July Mystery Plant Still Unidentified

Win a raffle sheet with 20 tickets

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

From A Member

The picture at the left is courtesy of member and Master Gardener, Sandi Block–Brezner.

"This is the 2nd time this year this plant has bloomed. The first time in the spring I had 2 inflorescence which I just cleaned out a month ago. The plant sits in a big rock in the center of my bromeliad garden & gets dappled sun all day. I think I also have a Black Racer (?) garden snake that likes to live under the rock so I'm very careful when I work around it!"

From the Editor

Chicago has a bromeliad society. New York City has a bromeliad society. There is no such society in that I could find anywhere in Pennsylvania. Hence, on a recent trip to Philadelphia I did not expect to find any broms in anyone's garden. Roses were blooming, hydrangeas abounded, marigolds thrived, but broms were no where to be found until I wandered into a charming shop called Greenology Organics in Peddler's Village. The proprietors of the shop have zeroed in on wonderful ways to display Tillandsias. Naturally, we started chatting and no question, kindred spirits live in Pennsylvania. The shop offers classes in terrarium making and had my stay been longer, I would so have been there. They also have some really novel ways to display other plants. All of us fell in love with the plants that were placed on large floating rocks suspended from above by nearly invisible threads. Sort of bonsai in open space. You just know that the same technique could be used with Tillandsias! Here are just two photos from the Greenology Organics display.

Surfing around Amazon.com, lo and behold there are two additional books on Tillandsias...*Air Plants: Care and Design Made Easy* by St. Augustine, Florida horticultural designer Jody James (2013) and a more recent book *Air Plants: A Beginners Guide To Understanding Air Plants, Growing Air Plants and Air Plant Care* by Louise Harvey (2015). Always great to see more about our plants in print. Miss Ann, you have gotten me hooked on Tillandsias!

I came upon this next item on the web in round about way but it struck a chord immediately. Thomas Jefferson said, "We are a nation of gardeners." To that end, did you know that you can contribute to The Smithsonian Institution's ***Grow a Digital Garden Archive*** initiative? Yes, The Smithsonian wants you to share the story of your own garden— the photos, video, and / or narrative. Wouldn't it be great to have our bromeliads immortalized in such a national collection? The page gives all the details and links to help you submit your materials. Each of us has a gardening story to tell … some funny, some touching, some tales will speak to our tenacity to garden despite challenges.

Garden on!

Without a doubt, the scorching sun has really had an impact on the Crescent Garden. Only four days away in PA and I came home to some burn spots on leaves, a few neos that had simply faded and yet a couple of plants with crown rot. The Ae. blanchetianas however, all sent up pups and huge inflorescence which hopefully will last for weeks. It is clear though that the Summer of 2015 is hitting the garden unmercifully. Hope broms are thriving at your end of the world.

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

Sept. 12, 2015 10 am	Everything Orchids		Mounts Botanical Annual Orchid Sale West Palm Beach
Sept. 25, 2015	Bromeliads in the Magic City		Double Tree Hotel 711 NW 72 St., Miami
June 13-19, 2016	BSI World Bromeliad Conference		Westin Galleria Hotel Houston, Texas

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