Bromeliad Society of Broward County

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"This is a photo of a female Ruby Throated hummingbird drinking nectar from the Androlepis Skinneri inflorescence. So besides being beautiful plants, bromeliads are also a food source for one of the most beautiful birds in the world. The Ruby Throated hummingbird winters in South Florida usually showing up in November and leaving in May. "

Text and image courtesy of Jillian Cain, BSBC member and photographer. Check out Jillian's other great images at http://www.jilliancainphotography.com.

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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

AUGUST 15TH, this coming Monday.

With so many new members and guests at our previous meetings, the Board thought it would be a good time to repeat our BROMS 101 program on the different types of bromeliads, where to plant them in your garden, how to care for them, and any other questions you might have. A booklet will be available for you to keep; so taking notes may not be necessary. Our instructor will be Larry Davis who created the program. Make sure to sit in the two front rows for the best learning experience.

I am certain protection against Zika infected mosquitoes is on everyone's minds. Articles in local newspapers, CDC websites and local television coverage have provided information but here is a website I found interesting:

http://www.savatree.com/mosquito-management.html

September 19, 2016, Dr. William Kerns is scheduled to answer all of your questions about Zika infected mosquitoes. Dr. Kerns can answer your questions about garden pests, too.

October 17, 2016, is our **FALL AUCTION**. This is one of our fundraising events with plants from our local and Homestead wholesaler nurseries. Each member is asked to contribute at least two plants for the Auction. The plants must be potted and free from disease. No ROOT plants will be accepted. This is an opportunity to add unusual bromeliads to your collection at a lower than retail price.

October 22 and 23, 2016, will be our first fall plant sale event at **Heritage Park** in Plantation. Time for your pups pay for themselves. It is not necessary to have a lot of plants to sell. In September, information will be available on how to get your sales number and how to prepare your plants for sell. You will be asked to volunteer 4 hours only over the 3 days to set-up, sell and take-down.

November 21, 2016, our guest speaker will be **Dr. Teri Bert**. **December** will be our **Holiday Party** with free plants and great food prepared by all our members.

NEW EVENTS: Starting at this month's meeting, each attendee will receive a **free raffle ticket** to participate in our Society's monthly plant prize drawing. This drawing joins our member's name tag and food tag drawings. The Board is establishing a Garden Recycle feature at our Raffle Table. If you have an item(s) in unused or excellent condition another gardener can use, please consider donating it or them to our Raffle Table. I plan to bring some flower vases I no longer have use for.

The Board has approved our long time member, **Harry Sperling, as an honorary member**. Remember Harry; he was featured in an earlier SCURF this past year. Harry joins our list of long term devoted members and supporters from our 52 year long history of bromeliad advocacy. Congratulations, Harry!!

Once again, the Board and I are asking our members to VOLUNTEER for our Board and Committee vacancies. Looking for that RECORDING SECRETARY – we have a recorder for your use. Our Membership Chairperson position needs a leader. All of the hard work has been done with the completion of our membership directory and a set format for Board meeting agendas and minutes. Job Descriptions have been prepared to give guidance plus our Board members are always available. Without volunteers, our Society cannot maintain its long history of beautifying our communities.

Due to unforeseen reasons, our current membership directory will not be available until our September meeting.

If you don't want your address, telephone number or e-mail in the Directory, please let me or Gayle Spinell-Gellers know. For those of you who do not have an e-mail address, your member's copy will be available at the membership desk at September's meeting. Thank you for your patience.

See you Monday,

Becky

Membership News

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Jackie Fisher
Norman Grover
Colleen Hendrix
Errol Simmons
Harry Sperling

New Members

Brian Hufford of Hollywood
Christoph and Kimberly Knoess of Plantation

From the Editor

In an attempt to escape this scorching summer for a few days we took off for St. Simon Island, GA. Naturally, we kept an eye out for any bromeliads that might grace a front yard or business setting. Nary a one in sight until we actually arrived on the island. What a feast for a bromeliad lover's eyes. Tillandsia usneoides, known to the masses as Spanish Moss, could be found on the many trees along each roadway and in the historic section of nearby Jekyll Island. To stand in the middle of a park surrounded by trees laden with these Tillandsias is really a visual treat. It could all have been a scene from *Gone with the Wind.* As the light shone through the branches and the breeze picked up, there was an other worldly feeling in the park. If you find yourself heading North, be sure to stop on these islands.

Garden on!

What a difference a few days make though on the homefront.. Apparently my indoor plants did not like being unattended. Leaves browned off, some plants just collapsed despite being watered before we left and those precious puyas I have been growing for a few years now look really stressed. Not one of the four remaining plants has grown in recent months and now they all look really pale. Not sure what is going on nor what to do to support these plants. Fingers crossed and stay tuned. Hope plants are pupping and blooming in your world.

Gayle

Harriet's Hoots

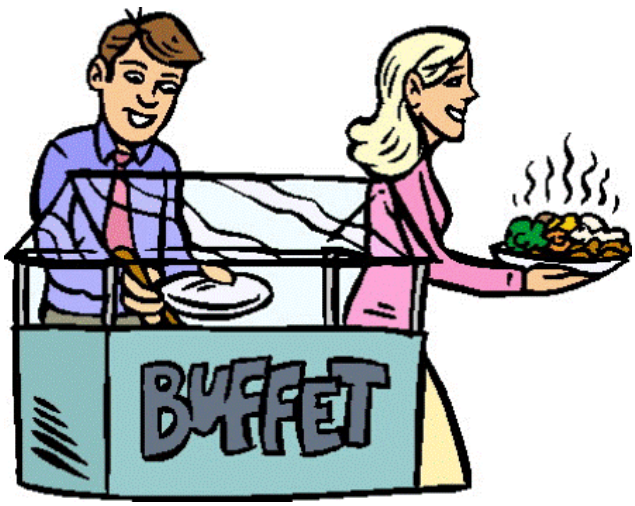
Howdy, Howdy Gang,

Well time again to get together and meet up at our home away from home - - Deicke Auditorium for another fun filled Bromeliad meeting. We all have a good time because you know that we're a friendly group and we do learn some interesting facts from our speakers. **(P.S. I think you're going to enjoy this one, can't say more than that.)**

To top everything off, I believe that we have one of the best refreshment tables that I have ever been to. Now when I say that, what I mean is that our members bring in the most delicious foods and desserts and I don't know what I would do without them. So, if you are reading this and have brought in any kind of food or dessert I want you to stand up right now, no matter where you are – in your house – at the store – at work –at the movies – and give yourself a pat on the back and a thundering clap – clap showing that you are the best.

Well, now that I have told all of you how great you are I think it's time to give a proper thank you to our members who brought in goodies at the last meeting. So thank you to the following chefs:

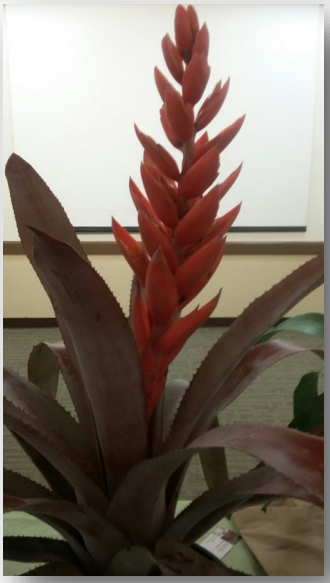
Shirley Konefal - - - Pasta Dish with Shrimp (Yummy)
Gloria Chernoff- - - Assorted Pastry Bites (My favorite)
Becky Blackwood- - - Black Beans & Mango w/Balsamic dressing, along with a Ham and Cheese Potato Pie (Oh my goodness)
Harry Sperling - - - Chocolate Cherry Cake (Delish, as always)
Ann Schandelmayer - - - Salad with Olives and Tomatoes (Very Nice)
Carol Mordas - - - Mango Crisp (Love it – it was great)
Brigitte Sheeks - - -Grapes, Cheese & Crackers (Always a treat)
Lu Weber - -- Chips and Hummus (Healthy refreshment)
Susan Mather - - -Miso Potato Salad with Miso Yogurt Dressing (Great)
Gayle Spinell-Gellers - - -Chips and Salsa (Nice treat)
Sandi Block-Brezner - - -Dark Chocolate Squares (Who doesn't love that)
Patty Messina- - - Spinach Dip & Great Bagels (Wonderful)
Fran Salz - -- " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " (Terrific)
Rhonda Brignoi - - " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " (Fabulous)

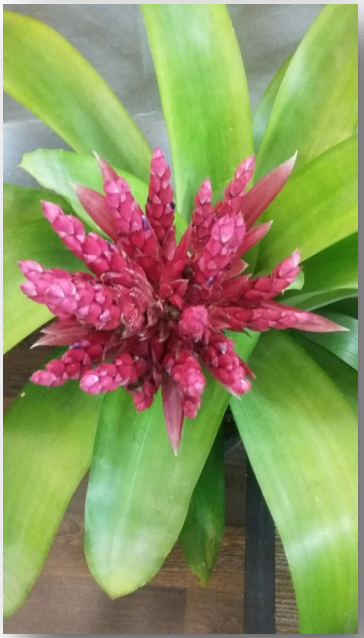


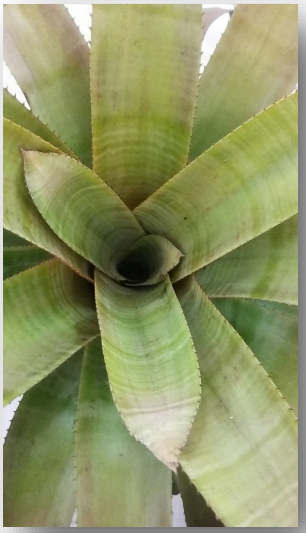
That's it for you, but I will see you at the meeting. Now don't forget to smile because we're the friendly group .

Hugs - - -
Harriet

Images from the July Meeting







SCURF Feature

Neoregelia Olens

Win a raffle sheet with 20 tickets—

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

August Meeting

Monday, Aug. 15, 2016

6:30 pm

Deicke Auditorium, 5701 Cypress Road, Plantation

Back to school……. Back to Bromeliad basics with

Broms 101

Presented by Larry Davis

There is so much more to know!
Our Sales Table will be open, refreshments will abound and the Country Store has just what you need. Who knows what treasures you will win at our Raffle Table.

Special Requests… !

If you have extra **plastic bags** from a grocery, we can use them for taking home plants and for the local food bank.

Have you tried Amazon Smile yet? Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible AmazonSmile purchases to a charity of your choice which could be the BSBC. NO COST to you. Log on is easy at smile.amazon.com . Same great prices and selection with the funds going directly to the organization.

If you have extra headsets the kind the airlines give out for free, Gayle is collecting them for a school on the Amazon River in Peru. Thanks!!!!

Places to Go, Things to See

August 20th - 21st **9-4**	**Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Sale** Bromeliads, gingers, orchids, gifts	**The Garden Club of Sanford (on 17-92, one block south of Lake Mary Blvd) (bldg. is air conditioned!)**
Sept. 10th—11th	**Sarasota Bromeliad Society** **31st Annual Standard Bromeliad Society International Show and Sale**	**Sarasota Garden Club** **1131 Blvd of the Arts** **Sarasota, FL**
Sept. 15-17	**The Landscape Show**	**Orange County Convention Center** **International Drive** **Orlando, FL**

Businesses

Final Reminder....

Monday Night, Aug. 15th!
BSBC Meeting @ Deicke
6:30 pm