Bromeliad Society of Broward County

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August 2017 Scurf

Neoregelia little rascal, a 2017 new release from Chester Skotak
image courtesy of Susan Mather

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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 BSI, Cryptanthus Society and FCBS (2017-2020)

The President's August Message

With Florida's version of "Fall" approaching, your Board has been busy setting up new events and speakers for the coming months – thanks to our Vice President Richard Sedlak.

BEGINNING WITH NEXT

Monday, August 21, 2017 – Our speaker will be Mike Michalski, one of the long-time bromeliad growers in South Florida. Mike's presentation will be the Bromeliads of Ecuador**. MEMBERS' PLANT SALES TABLE WILL BE CLOSED. THE COUNTRY STORE, SILENT AUCTION AND THE RAFFLE TABLE WILL BE OPEN.**

Monday, September 18, 2017 – Nick Bethmann from the Bromeliad Society of the Palm Beaches and BSBC member Lee Magnuson will be our speakers.

Monday, October 16, 2017 – Our Fall Auction. Members – start preparing your 3 donated plants. This is the largest of our two auctions each year. We will feature unusual and rare donated plants from our South Florida bromeliad growers to add to your collection. Great plants at below market prices! If you haven't ever been to one of our auctions, mark it on your calendar to be there. Bring a friend.

Saturday, October 28, 2017/Sunday, October 29, 2017 - Members Plant Sale Event at Heritage Park, corner of Peters Road and Fig Tree Lane in Plantation.

Saturday, November 18, 2017 - FOR OUR GENERAL MEETING—- A TOUR AND TRAM RIDE AT FAIRCHILD TROPICAL GARDENS IN CORAL GABLES. WE WILL PROVIDE A MAP AND MEET AT THE ENTRANCE ON THAT DAY. LUNCH CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE GARDENS. A SIGN UP PAGE WILL BE PASSED AROUND AT OUR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER MEETINGS. WE MUST HAVE 20 OR MORE MEMBERS TO ENJOY AN $18 ENTRY FEE FOR THOSE MEMBERS WHO ARE NOT FAIRCHILD MEMBERS. THERE WILL BE NO GENERAL MEETING AT DEICKE AUDITORIUM IN NOVEMBER.

Monday, December 14, 2017 – Our HOLIDAY PARTY. Members bring a covered dish and a potted bromeliad wrapped for our Chinese Auction. The Board will provide the meat and refreshments. Gift plants will be given to our members who are present.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE **bromeliadsocietybc.com. You can find more information about our Society on our website or our FACEBOOK page.** We are encouraging members to submit videos of their gardens for others to visit online. If you would like your garden videotaped, please contact me and we will arrange to have your garden videotaped and uploaded to our Society's website. Contact me at **cblackwood@bellsouth.net** or call me at 954-791-8017. Leave a message if I'm not in.

New members will receive a copy of our Membership Directory through their e-mail address. Also, a copy of our BROM 101 booklet will be available for new members at the Membership Desk during our General Meetings.

I was very fortunate three weeks ago to visit the new NAPLES BOTANICAL GARDEN. It is extensive and its landscape architect used many bromeliads throughout the Garden. You can't see it all in two hours (I tried). The Board is working to arrange a visit to the Michael's Bromeliads in Naples and on another visit the Naples Botanical Garden in the Spring of 2018. We are looking into organizing a bus trip but will ask for members who wish to go,

to pay for their participation at the time we make the formal announcement.

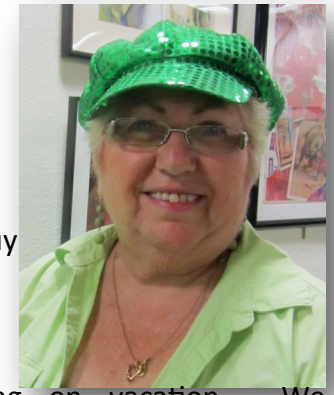
FYI, the South Florida Bromeliad Society has invited our members to participate in their Annual Show in April 2018. If you are interested in participating, let me know and I will give you the contact person.

I hope you enjoy some of my photos of the Naples Botanical Garden featured below.

See you Monday,

Becky

Harriet's Hoots



Hello to all my bromeliad friends.
Are you all ready for another meeting? I hope so. I think that we are going to have a very interesting speaker this month. I can't tell you exactly why, because I don't know exactly what he is going to be speaking about but I have heard that he is really a nice guy and you will all enjoy him.

Our next meeting will be minus two people. You ask who???? - -- well it's Yours Truly and Loveable Larry (the hat guy) the reason being is that we are going on vacation. We are looking forward to it although we have never been there. We're going to Tennessee…….. My son and daughter-in-law visited there this past July with her family and they just loved it. Gave us some ideas of where to go - - If anyone in the meeting has been to Tennessee, please tell us and you can give us some ideas of where to go and what to see. If not, then Larry and I will just scout around and I'm sure we'll find some interesting things.

I'm sure the meeting will go on without us and the refreshment table will still be there - - - I think I'm going to ask Susan Mather if she would help out and handle the refreshment table again – she was so good last time. (Shhhh - - - don't tell her, cause I haven't asked her yet – but I will at this upcoming meeting).

Well, I'm a little late in getting this article written - - just so busy at work recently and I know that Gayle Spinell-Gellers is just waiting for me to send my article to her so that she can finish up and print the Scurf. With that being said, I'm going to just thank all of you who brought refreshments to the table. You are all great and I really appreciate your help.

Ok, time to get back to work – and shoot this over to Gayle. Hope I'm on time……

See you all at the meeting - - -

Hugs,
Harriet

Membership News

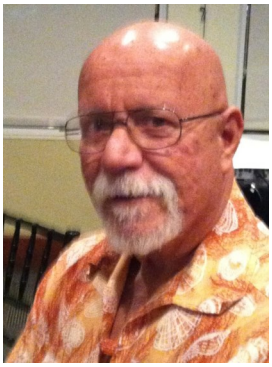
AUG

Jackie Fisher
Norman Grover
Colleen Hendrix
Eric Petrusha
Michael Ray
Errol Simmons
Harry Sperling

Images from the July 2017 Meeting

Guest speaker
Chip Jones

Resource Update from Richard



Our Society recently acquired a copy of *Bromeliads of the Atlantic Forests – Nidularium*. This book is the third and final part of a set of 3 such books, the others being on Canistropsis and Canistrum. The books were authored by Elton M.C. Leme.

As with all three books, this one not only showcases the various species, but it also delves into everything from habitats and distribution to plant characteristics and other keys to identification. There is even a section on photographs of the type specimens and schematic sketches of each species. There is virtually anything you want to know about Nidulariums between the covers of this book. The same holds true for the other two books in the series and their respective subject.

I don't know how easy - or difficult – it is to locate these books, but you could try Amazon or eBay. For the serious Bromeliad enthusiast, these are well worth adding to your library. There are not many books out there which deal with our favorite plant. A few are designed for the general gardener so are far less expensive than these specialty books that have a limited audience. Of course, you also always have the experts in our Society who you can go to for information. Hey….at one time they were not the experts they are now and had to do the same thing. So remember…..no question is "dumb" if you don't know the answer!

August Meeting

Members: Please sign in at the front desk upon arrival. Those wearing their ID badges will receive a raffle ticket at that time. We will also be distributing hard copy membership rosters to interested folks who do not have internet access and Broms 101 by Larry Davis to new members.

Guest Speaker: Mike Michalski presents: Ecuador's Bromeliads

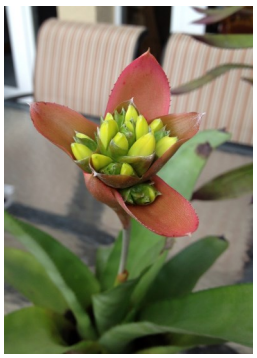
Monday, August 21, 2017 @ Deicke Auditorium at 6:30 pm

We will have….The Raffle Table & The Country Store and of course, refreshments…..
Member plant sales will be closed.

Neoregelia Kahala Dawn

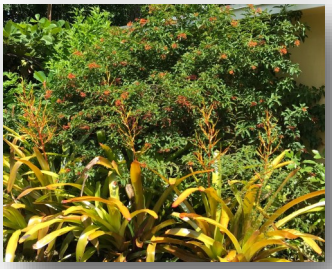
Mystery Bromeliad of the Month

Be the first to identify the plant at the right and win a raffle sheet with 20 tickets.
Email: yroftiger @aol.com with your guess.



From the Editor

As mentioned in July, my older son Josh checked out the National Botanical Garden in Kandy, Sri Lanka, in our behalf. Although I spotted broms in the photos on the website, Josh encountered only these basic broms. Orchids, like the ones pictured, were thriving. The garden has a number of special collections like Palm Avenue, Spice Garden and the Fernery. There are also over 10,000 trees, some of which are over 100 years old. On the far right, closer to home, Maurice Bruet captured this pretty picture of broms.



Another new addition to our website is a video tour of member Rich Mediavilla's home. Thanks for a great job, Rich! To see the virtual field trip, go to: **http://www.bromeliadsocietybc.com**, click on Our Gardens.

That gives me an idea. Lacking the time to create a video? Perhaps you would like to share one photo of your own garden…. If so, just email me the photo and I will assemble a slide show of our own gardens!

I love Pinterest and the endless array of gardening information and related crafts that cross my feed. Two options for tillandsias showed up recently. Ever think of wearing them as jewelry? Look to the left. The image on the right also showcases tillandsias using colorful whisks like you find in the dollar store. There are other Interesting display options as well on **Best Ideas About Air Plants 58**.

The BSBC put its new LCD projector to work! We are really pleased with the functionality and the options it gives us for using HDMI technology and either Mac or Windows. Our guest speakers have different computers in terms of age and platform, so we also purchased an adaptor to insure that any guest speaker will be able to present no matter what machine they bring to the meeting. Hence, our older LCD projector, a **Viewsonic PDJ 5111 , 2500 ansi lumens,** is now on sale and we are giving members first chance at purchasing it. Used models go for $165-$395 online. We are offering ours for $100. The machine is fully functional and down the road, a replacement bulb can be purchased online should one be needed. More specs can be found **here.**

Time Sensitive: **Plantation is dedicating a new community center.**

Plantation Community Center
555 Palm Tree Road
Plantation, FL
on Saturday, August 19, 2017
9:30 am — 12 pm

The new center will have meeting rooms just like Deicke Auditorium. The BSBC Board is hoping some members will attend the ceremony and help us determine if it would be an option for us to consider for our future meetings.

Gardening rules!
Gayle

Places to Go, Things to See

Aug. 19 & 20, 2017 9-4	Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society Sale	Garden Club of Sanford, on 17-92, one block south of Lake Mary Blvd.
Sept. 9, 2017 8 am – 2 pm	2017 Plant Sale and Garden Celebration	UF/IFAS Clay Co. Extension 2463 State Rd 16 West, Green Cove Springs, FL
Sept. 23, 2017 9-1	Fern Forest Nature Center Native Plants Sale	201 Lyons Rd, South, Coconut Creek, FL
Oct. 7, 2017 8 am —1 pm	Manatee County Master Gardeners Annual Plant Sale	1303 17th St West Palmetto, FL
Nov. 3 & 4, 2017	Mead Gardens GROWvember Fall Plant Sale	Mead Botanical Gardens 1500 S. Denning Dr. Winter Park, FL 32789
Nov. 4, 2017, 10 –2	Quiet Waters Park Native Plant Sales	401 S. Powerline Rd, Deerfield Bch
May 29—June 3, 2018	World Bromeliad Conference	San Diego, CA

Businesses

Next Meeting: Monday, August 21 , 2017
6:30 pm @ Deicke

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Title	Author	Copyright
Blooming Bromeliads	Ulrich Baensch	1998
Brazil Orchid of the Tropics	Mulford & Racine Foster	1945
Bromeliaceae Andreanae	Edouard Francois Andre	1983
Bromeliaceae Ole Proceedings of the 1982 World Bromeliad Conf	Corpus Christi Bromeliad	1982
Bromeliaceaes of Venezuela	Francisco Oliva-Esteva	1987
Bromeliaceas en Flor (In Spanish)	Ulrich Baensch	1996
Bromeliads	Francisco Oliva-Esteva	1996
Bromeliads - Genera, Species, Hybrids	Louis Dutrie	none
Bromeliads Copy #1	Victoria Padilla	1973
Bromeliads Copy #2	Victoria Padilla	1973
Bromeliads for Contemporary Gardens	Andrew Steens	
Bromeliads for Home Garden & Greenhouse	Werner Rauh	1973
Bromeliads Horticulturalist Guide	Jack Kramer	1981
Bromeliads in Cultivation	Robert Gardner Wilson	1964
Bromeliads in the Brazilian Wilderness	Elton M.C. Leme	1993
Bromeliads in the Atlantic Forest	Elton M.C. Leme	1997
Bromeliads, Houseplants of Today & Tomorrow	Walter Richter	none
Bromelien (German)	Werner Rauh	1973
Canistropsis - Bromeliads of the Atlantic Forest	Elton M.C. Leme	1998
Jewel of the Tropics - The Bromeliads	Lyman B. Smith	1969
Nidularium - Bromeliads of the Atlantic Forest	Elton M.C. Leme	2000
Searching for Miss Fortuna - The Hunt for a Bromeliad	Chester Skotak	2007
Taking Bromeliads		
The Colorful Bromeliads - Their Infinite Variety Copy #1	Victoria Padilla	1981
The Colorful Bromeliads - Their Infinite Variety Copy #2	Victoria Padilla	1981
Tillandsia II	Paul T. Isley III	2009
University Press of Florida		2011