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Bromeliad Society of Broward County

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August 2013

52" inflorescence with yellow flowers on this *Deuterocochnia meziana*

Photos courtesy of 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)

Affiliations: Bromeliad Society of Broward County is a member of and supports

The Bromeliad Society International
http://bsi.org

The Cryptanthus Society
http://fcbs.org/cryptanthussociety/

The Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies
http://fcbs.org

The President's Message

Hi Bromeliad Lovers –
Hope you are surviving the heat…….Below is the upcoming information that you will need for the next couple of months.

1) We will be meeting at the Plantation Community Church for our Sept. 16th meeting. On Oct 1 Deicke will reopen and we will then meet there on Oct. 21st.

2) The bromeliad planting at the church is scheduled for September 7th at 8:00 am (all hands on deck). PLEASE CALL, TEXT OR EMAIL ME IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING.

3) Bring something cold to drink and snacks for yourself. Gloves, sleeves, tie straps to tie broms on trees, rakes and any other tools you think you may need. I will be bringing my landscape shovel. If anyone else has one, please bring it.

4) We need Neo Martins. If you don't know what these are, you can go to the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies and look it up or check the images on Page 7 of this SCURF. They are albo-marginated with green in the center, red in the middle and can take full sun. Also Neo. fireballs that have been in the sun. We need 6 in bloom Ae. blanchetianas. They must be in excellent condition and have been in the sun. PLEASE CALL ME FIRST TO DISCUSS IF YOU WANT TO DONATE. WE ONLY NEED 6. The church will be providing mulch.

Our program in September will be Ignacio Moreno from Columbia. He is one of our members, but lives mostly in Columbia. He does a program on high altitude bromeliads that is spectacular – some as far as 9000 ft up, so don't miss this program!!!

See you at the planting,

Colleen

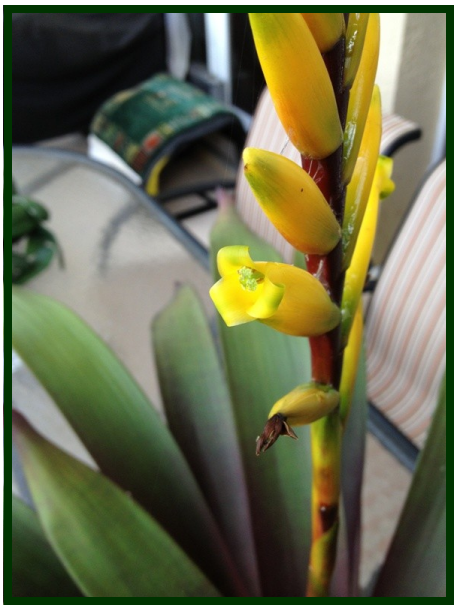
Membership News

Norman Grover

Colleen Hendrix

Harry Sperling

Images Too Beautiful Not To Share



Vriesea warmingii

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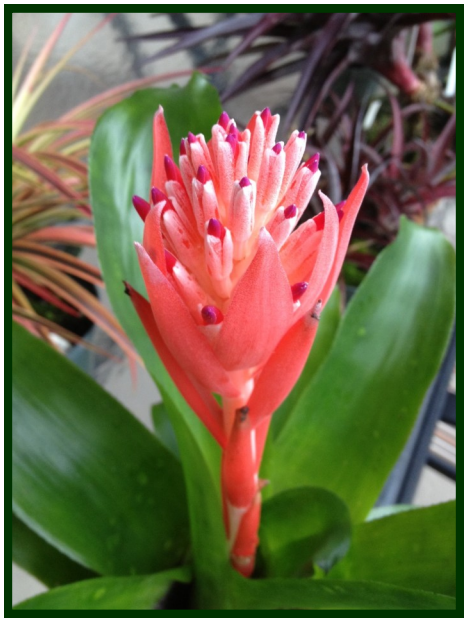
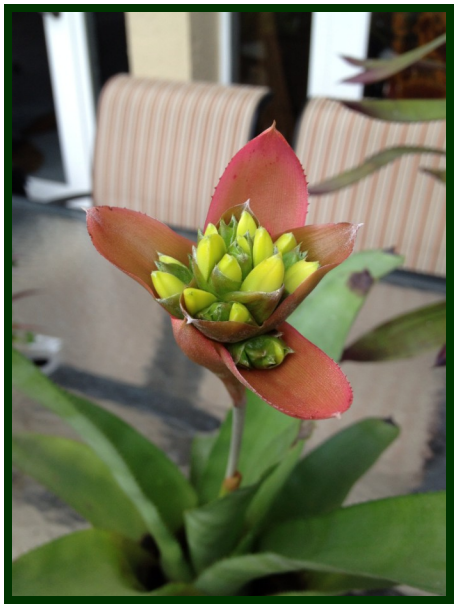
Aechmea azurea

Plant photographed at
Sunshine Bromeliads and submitted
with their permission for use in the
SCURF



Billbergia pyramidalis

Neo passion



Hohenbergia disjuncta X
Canistrum fosterianum

Photos courtesy of Bruce Zaret

Harriet's Hoots

It was nice seeing everyone who came to our plant sale on July 13th. As we are on hiatus for the summer, it was fun getting together to mingle, have some snacks, discuss plants and catch up on how everyone's summer was going. I can't wait get back in the groove in September when our meetings will resume.

Larry and I have two mango trees, one giving us plenty of fruit this summer, and the other mango tree is taking a hiatus (just like we are) and has decided to rest and has not produced one single mango this year. However, we have warned it, and if this lazy tree doesn't produce any mangos next year, then well what can I say – it's history (LOL). Since the one tree did give us more mangos than we can eat, I have been busy making Mango Bread and I do have a good recipe if anyone cares to try it. Make sure your mangos are soft but firm. What I mean is the mango should not be too soft or it will be too mushy and you will not get good size pieces. So, get your apron on, pre-heat your stove to 350 degrees and have fun.

Ingredients: 2 cups flour,
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
2 teaspoons baking soda
½ teaspoon salt
1 cup sugar
2 large eggs
¾ cup vegetable oil
2 ½ cups mangoes peeled & chopped
(not too small)
1 teaspoon lemon juice
and ¼ cup craisins.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees, Combine all of the dry ingredients, Beat eggs with oil and add to flour mixture, Add mangos, lemon juice and craisins. Mix well, pour into 2 greased 8X4 loaf pans, Bake for about 1 hour or until toothpick comes out clean. Sit down with a cup of coffee and enjoy.

Well, that's all for now – oh, before I go, let me leave you with a joke that Larry told me. "Why did the band hire the chicken?" - - - - Give up…….Because he had the Drumsticks (hahahaha). I thought it was funny.

See you all next month - - - Hugs, Harriet

From the Editor

I have been fascinated by Spanish Moss since the first time I saw it hanging from tree branches in upstate Florida years before I ever joined BSBC. The plant seemed to add an element of grace and mystery to an existing tree. I remember the day I was told that the moss actually killed off the trees in which it hung. I was heartbroken. My fascination turned to sad resignation. Instead of enjoying a walk through moss laden trees, I felt like I was surrounded by a quiet killer. Leave it to the Florida Gardener in its June / July 2013 issue to set the record straight about Spanish Moss. There is a really great article by Lynette L. Waither entitled, "Spanish Moss, Time for Some R-E-S-P-E-C-T, " In that article Joe Sewards, a Putnam County Extension Agent, explains that the moss "is often found on trees that are in decline ...that they extract nutrition from the atmosphere and are not parasitic in any shape or form." The moss might weigh the leaves down and inhibit photosynthesis, but it is not actually killing the tree. The article is full of interesting facts about this bromeliad. Who knew it was once used for cushion stuffing in cars and mattresses or that it makes a great long-lasting mulch? Want to read the whole article? I have a copy on file.

Also on file is another article from the Herald's August 4, 2012 Home & Design section. Hollywood residents Silvio and Estee Sperber are profiled in "Garden of Delights" by Deborah S. Hartz-Seeley. Just what are the featured delights in their garden? A huge assortment of bromeliads surrounded by treasures from their globe-trotting adventures. So totally cool to read about our favorite plants in the news.

Speaking of gardens, my own crescent garden is getting positive reviews from neighbors strolling by. This is a first after 20 years in the house! Thanks to BSBC and the generosity of our members, what began as a mess of ixora and a withering assortment of other plants is now a colorful, thriving showcase for neos, blue tangos, and ananas. Note the new occupant who was hiding from the rain in one of the broms.

Below are a few photos from Larry Davis's and Harriet Abo's home. Beautiful plants and a very creative use of a mask!

Happy Trails,
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
3rd Monday	Bromeliad Society of Broward County	Plantation Community Church
3rd Tuesday	Bromeliad Society of So. Florida	Fairchild Gardens
3rd Wednesday	Equality Park Garden Club	Pride Center
3rd Wednesday	Plantation Garden Club	Hawthorne Village Club House 9:30 am—noon
3rd Thursday	Bromeliad Society of the Palm Beaches	Mounts Botanical
3rd Thursday	Shade Brigade (no meetings July & Aug.)	Plantation Bldg. Dept.

Neo Martin images

Places to Go, Things to See

Sept. 21, 2013	**Bromeliad Extravaganza** Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society A one day event with Welcome Gathering on Friday night. Lectures are included in the banquet price. Let's support this great event. LETURE……SALES……BANQUET AUCTION http://floridabromeliads.org		Holiday Inn Harborside 401 2nd St, Indian Rocks Beach Contact Judy Lund 727 439-7782
Sept. 27—29, 2013	**Sarasota Bromeliad Show & Sale** http://sarasotabromeliadsociety.org/pages/shows.php/#2013	Fri. & Sat 10 am—5 pm Sun. 10 am—4 pm	Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, 811 S. Palm Ave. Sarasota
Sept. 27—29, 2013	**Osceola County** **Master Gardener Fall Plant Sale**	9 am—2 pm	KVLS Building Osceola Heritage Park 1911 Kissimmee Valley Lane Kissimmee

Business

ADVERTISE HERE……..

$10.00 PER MONTH

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

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"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!!

Got a bromeliad question? Send an email to yroftiger@aol.com and we'll post the question in SCURF.