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.
We meet the third Monday of every month except January and February.

Affliliations: BSBC supports

The President's Message

Welcome to hot and muggy August –
Due to our membership's popular demand, the Board has decided to have August meetings again. We know many of you may be away on vacation, but for those of us who have decided to "stick" it out, we have scheduled another great program.

Many of our new members are just now learning about Bromeliads but these wonderful plants have a rich history here in South Florida and Broward County. I just happened to find some information on the history of our Society which you may find interesting, especially since our Society turned 50 YEARS OLD THIS YEAR.

The Bromeliad Society of Broward County was a spin-off of the Bromeliad Society of South Florida, whose first meeting was held on April 12, 1964. Those founding Broward members felt the trip to Miami to the South Florida chapter meetings was too exerting and wanted to start their own chapter, The Bromeliad Society of Broward County. Our initial State of Florida incorporation occurred on March 6, 1965. We joined the Bromeliad Society International in April 1974. Actually, several of our members have elected to maintain memberships in our Society and the Bromeliad Society of South Florida and have walked away with many of the top awards in their annual shows.

Our monthly newsletter started in 1964, too, as "The Bromeliad Commentary". After 35 years, in 1999, it became our present day "SCURF". The artistic drawings of The Bromeliad Commentary have become wonderful photographs of unusual Bromeliads, today, thanks to many of our members, especially Bruce Zaret. Continuing to provide informational articles on Bromeliad cultivation is our goal.

The Florida Bromeliad Judges School began after the 1977 Bromeliad Society International Conference in New Orleans through the efforts of the Bromeliad Society of South Florida and the guidelines of Valerie Steckler, the Editor of the "Handbook for Judges, Exhibitor and Affiliates". We will be planning a show in the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

Thank you to our founding and outstanding members of the 60's and 70's for keeping our Society alive and well - Jim Fisher, Irma Gall, Bob and Jean Burstrom, Gertrude Cole, Jim Lessley, Kevin Gray and Stan MacMillan. We treasure the memories of those members who are no longer with us – charter member Tom Naylor, Polly Pascal, Anne Kaufmann and Jack Meharian. Today's members, who have made such an impact in our Society, are Bill and Maureen Frazel, the Hendrix family – Bud, Colleen, and Tim; Pepe and Sara Donayre, Ann Schandelmayer, Josefa Leon and past member attorney Larry Davis, who have worked in all aspects of our Society, providing us with their ageless knowledge of Bromeliads as well as their continuous support. Where would we be without all of these individuals who have contributed so much to our sustaining interest in Bromeliads? A HAPPY BELATED 50th BIRTHDAY TO THE BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF BROWARD COUNTY – See you on the 18th. Becky

BSBC Vice-President Ramblings

Hi, Gang - - Wasn't Dennis Cathcart great last meeting? - - We're booked up the rest of this year, but we will certainly invite him back next spring - - or - - wouldn't it be super if we could arrange a bus trip to Tropiflora?

This month we will have another of my good buddies, Dr. Robert McMillan from Kerry's Bromeliad Nursery in Homestead. This nursery supplies Home Depot, Wal-Mart and most of the big box stores. Bob is currently the Director of Research and Development where he develops disease control strategies and production practices for orchids and bromeliads .

He has gained recognition as a leading authority of diseases of ornamentals, tropical fruits and vegetables throughout the tropical world.

I was amazed to see a commercial nursery using production line techniques in the growing of plants. I am sure Bob will bring slides or videos showing this unique processing.

And in September we will listen to Dr. Bill Kern as he gives us techniques in the constant battle with snails, mosquitoes and other nasty critters. Raising bromeliads is fairly easy, if you don't have to do battle with these pests. Bill has a strange request for all of us - - In order for him to identify and provide solutions for the snails that bother us, he is asking each of us to capture all of the snails we find and to put them in zip-locks and freeze them in the freezer - - He would like us to bring our trophies to the meeting on September 15 - - {Harriet, do we have a frying pan and some butter and garlic?)

Don't forget our big auction on October 20. Bring your pocket books and wallets - - and bring any friends or neighbors who are interested in bidding on tables of quality bromeliads. Our auctioneer will be Peter Kouchalakos from the South Florida Bromeliad Society - - and if you haven't been to one of his auctions, you will be amazed, entertained and taught about bromeliads - - all at the same time.

BTW - - the sales table, the raffle table, and the buffet table will all be open August 18 at 6:30. See you there.

Larry

Membership News

AUGUST

Norman Grover
Colleen Hendrix
Harry Sperling

With Sympathy

We just recently learned of the passing of BSBC members **Tom and Naomi Shirley**. Tom's book, *Everglades Patrol*, not only shed light on what it was like to be the wildlife officer in South Florida in the 1950s but his documentary of the deer kills, still haunts many of us seeking to preserve and restore the Everglades. - See more at: http://www.legacy.com/guestbooks/sunsentinel/william-and-naomi-shirley-condolences/170234842?&page=2#sthash.ajoxnrb1.dpuf

Welcome the following New Members to BSBC !

Jennifer Yates of Boca Raton & Maria Amador of SW Ranches

Follow up to the super presentation by Dennis Cathcart at our July meeting. You can keep up with all the great plants and events happening at Tropiflora by joining his free VIPP membership . Also included this time around is a reflective piece written by Dennis in which he shares some personal observations on life in general. Lots to offer. Lots to think about.

Images courtesy of Bill David

Membership News

We will be voting on the revisions to our By Laws at the August meeting!

We will be visiting Searle Nurseries on October 4 with barbeque between 11 and 2 pm

SCURF Feature

July Mystery Plant Identified

Neoregelia Valentine
(A Chester Skotak hybrid)

Win a raffle sheet with 20 tickets….

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

Relocation Sale

Clara and Earl Barker, 12020 NW 31 Place, Sunrise are selling their varied collection of Orchids, Bromeliads, Kalanchoe, tropical plants and Coleus. They are members of AOS, life members of Coral Springs Orchid Society, and have served on the Board of Sunrise Orchid Society. After 28 years as 'caretakers' of a collection, they now are ready go back home to Tennessee and to pass their prized plants on to new 'parents' to insure the plants a happy future. They will not be able to leave until all their 'children' are placed in new homes. As a lot of time is spent in doctors' offices, please call to arrange a visit. They will give you directions to their house and welcome you with open arms. (954) 748-2078 e-mail: tearlbarker@bellsouth.net

More Membership News

Our next meeting: Monday, August 18, 2014 at 6:30 pm

Deicke Auditorium, 5701 Cypress Road, Plantation, FL

Guest Speaker

Native Floridian, **Dr. Robert T. McMillan, Jr.,** will be conducting our presentation this month. Bob holds degrees in Mechanical Engineering and Master of Science in Botany from the Univ. of Miami. He received his Ph.D. in Plant Pathology from Washington State Univ.

Currently Bob is a Professor Emeritus/Plant Pathologist at Univ. of Florida and Miami Dade College teaching Plant Pathology, Entomology, and Horticulture with emphasis on Orchid Diseases and other ornamental plant disorders. In addition, he is the Director of Research and Development for **Kerry's Bromeliad Nursery, Inc.** in Homestead and Twyford International tissue Culture Laboratory where he develops disease control strategies, as well production practices for orchids and bromeliads. Bob received recognition as a leading authority of diseases of ornamentals, tropical fruits and vegetables throughout the tropical world. He is a member a many plant societies and has served on numerous related committees.

This should be yet another fascinating presentation!

There will be a Raffle Table at this meeting and the Country Store will be open. Count on another great plant auction!

"DIAPER YOUR PLANTS"

Please diaper the 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 the recently renovated Deicke Auditorium as clean as when we got there. Thank you!!!

Info Fun Friendship Plants Food

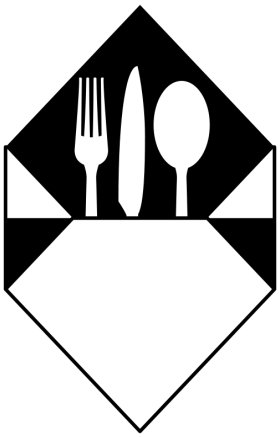
Harriet's Hoots

Howdy Y'all!

I guess you're wondering why I started off my greeting that way - - - - well, I'll give you a hint……My son, daughter-in-Law and grandkids are taking a vacation this week and they just sent me a video from Tennessee where they are visiting some friends. I heard chickens and a rooster in the background and I think my grandkids now have a southern accent (LOL) so I thought I would greet you pretending I'm a Tennesseean.

Speaking of vacations, Larry and I will be taking a short one in a few weeks. We're going to Mt. Dora to see what it's all about. Has anyone visited Mt. Dora? It's about an hour from Orlando. If you have, please let me know what your thoughts were and maybe you can give us some suggestions on what to do, or were to have dinner, etc.

Regarding dinner (and I think that our refreshment table can qualify), it's time to thank our fabulous members who brought in some delicious treats for our table. We have some of the best cooks - - hey, you've all heard of food trucks I'm sure, so why don't we take our table on the road (hahaha). We just have to think of a name. Let's see - - how about Best of the Broms. No, that's not right - - ok, you all think of a name we can give our "Food Truck" (LOL) In the meantime, I would like to thank the following "chefs" and they are……



Jane Von Waldurg - - Platter of cookies (Nice treat)
Van Elliott - - - Slow cooked meatballs (Delicious)
Valeria Paz - - - - - Sweet Waffles and platter of wraps (Mmm Good)
Shirley Konefal - -- Mixed Salad (Very Healthy)
Harry Sperling - - - Chocolate Cake (Wonderful, as always)
Mariana Yi -- -- Cupcakes (Sweet choice)
Tracy Moulton - - Slow cooked pasta and garlic bread (So good)
Lynn & Glen Ogden - - - - Fruit combination (Very tasty)
Gayle Spinell-Gellers - - Orange Cake - - - (Great choice)
Becky Blackwood - - - Platters of appetizers (They went fast)

If I have missed anyone, I do apologize and I thank you for your contribution.

Ok, you all take care now and I'll see you at the next meeting….

Hugs,
Harriet

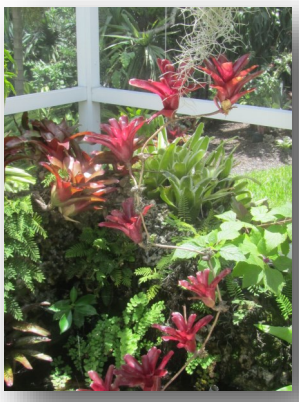
From the Editor

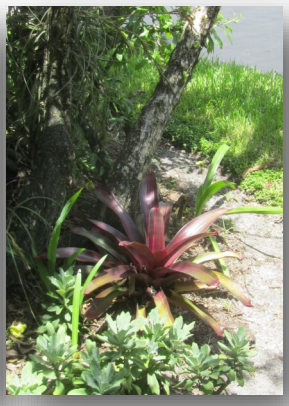
Meet Ann Schandelmayer

When I got a bouquet of fresh flowers, I unwrapped the bunch, put some water in a vase and simply dropped the blooms in. The flowers looked nice but it was hardly spectacular. Hence, in an effort to bump things up a notch, last year I attended a meeting of the Ft. Lauderdale Garden Club where Ann Schandelmayer was among the featured presenters. Ann was doing a segment on flower arranging. On tables at the front of the room were tools of her trade, several vases, and an array of what looked like miscellaneous flower and plant material including, of course, a bromeliad or two. Well, in a matter of minutes, the audience was bedazzled by what Ann did with all those assorted items. Arrangement after arrangement was created before our eyes, one prettier than the next---simple, stunning and totally creative. The gal next to me literally gasped and shook her head in amazement. Ah, I thought, this lady's reputation as a flower wizard is so well deserved.

Fast forward to summer 2014 and the BSCS honors Ann for all her dedication to the horticultural community, and to our club specifically, by recognizing her as an Honorary Member. I am asked to interview her for the Scurf. With trusty pen and clipboard in hand and a list of question off I go to Ann's house. Who needs an exact address when you can just drive down the street and spot a picture perfect charming house with gorgeous plants all strategically placed? Yup, it was hers alright.

Ann's journey into the world of bromeliads began in 1968 when a woman from Miami introduced her to two billbergias.... 'Muriel Waterman' and 'Fantasia.' Though the original plants are long gone, Ann still has offshoots of those two plants in her garden. They have been joined by neoregelias, achmeas, guzmanias, other billbergias and, Ann's personal favorite, tillandsias. The ever evolving gardens also include everything from enormous staghorns, to a huge Resurrection Fern, to a large coleus, a cacti collection, and a myriad of orchids. Plants must sense that Ann loves them, because everything is thriving. It is a visual delight to walk around her house.





When I asked how she developed such encyclopedic knowledge, Ann stated that she attended many courses and lectures over the years. She treasures two specific books given to her by her late husband which she says are her "go to" resources..... *Tropica* and *Exotica*. Ann firmly adheres to a lesson from Annie Beck of the garden club years back.... learn plants by their botanical names. This insures that you

and your colleagues are referring to the exact same plant since plants may have different common names in different locales whereas the botanical names never change. (i.e. Snake Plant aka Mother in Law's Tongue) Twenty years ago when Maureen Frazel asked Ann to create designs for a bromeliad show, Ann won three awards. A little embarrassed by the accolades, Ann then joined the BSBC. She has won countless more awards in the years since.

As with many other people in the horticultural world, Ann is generous with her time and talent. She belongs to the Ft. Lauderdale Garden Club, the Shade Brigade, and BSBC. She is thinking about joining BUSH as well. She is a frequent presenter at different garden clubs, a Master Flower Show Judge and a floral design instructor. In addition, Ann has served as President and Horticultural Chair for the Ft. Lauderdale Garden Club, District Director of Broward Garden Clubs, and was a driving force with the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs during their Hurricane Andrew Project to re-tree and re-landscape nine schools damaged during the storm. The $18,000 raised for this project alone was matched by an additional $18,000. Ann served on the State Board of the Florida Federation for thirty-eight years.

Within seconds of chatting with Ann it is abundantly clear how much she loves flowers and plants and how motivated she is to share her knowledge and insight with others. She loves the colors, the textures, and is endlessly fascinated by what is happening in her garden. Her twenty-seven year old tillandsia wreath is a showstopper and perhaps her signature creation. Her enthusiasm is infectious.

As for tips, Ann stresses that light is the most important concern for bromeliads and that too much sun can burn a brom in no time at all.

I have had a pretty good summer overall but unquestionably the hours I spent with Miss Ann rank among the most enriching and enlightening. You can not help but to learn from her. We are so lucky to have her as a member of BSBC. Many thanks for all you have done, Ann.

Happy gardening,

Gayle

P.S. Although broms are not featured in the following slideshow link, the creative mix of plants and art may inspire you to try something fun in your garden or on your walls. Check out !0 Super Clever Pieces of Street Art.

From Our Education Chair

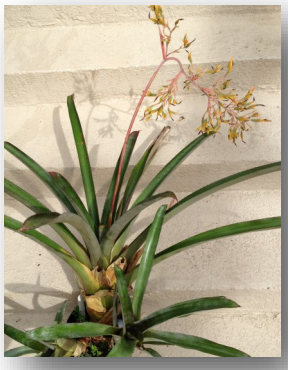
Over the last many months Bruce Zaret , the Board member in charge of Education, has been forwarding images of bromeliads from his strategically selected collection of plants. If you were among the lucky members who toured the screened terrace of his home last year, you will no doubt remember the visit well. Bruce has been building his collection for several years. No question that plants just love the growing conditions at his home. They thrive as seen below.

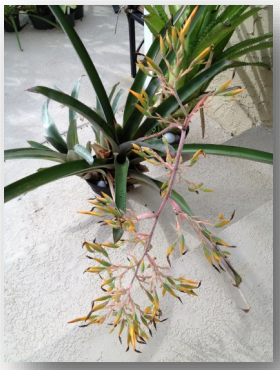
Hohenbergia catingae var elongata

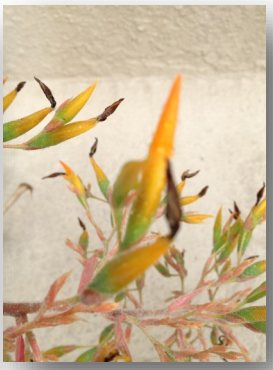
Hohenbergia catingae var elongata, close up

Orthophytum harleyi

A Special Sighting







Aechmea pernambucentris

This is a very rare plant. There are no pictures of it on the web including the fcbs page. The bract is rose color ie pinkish. The sepal is green at the base and yellow at the top, and the petals are orange. The inflorescence is bent as the plant succumbed to the wind when the inflorescence was forming.

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	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

Aug. 16—17	Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Sale	9 am—4 pm	Garden Club of Sanford 200 Fairmont Dr. Sanford, FL
Sept. 8—13, 2014	**Bromeliads in Paradise** **21st World Bromeliad Conference**		Ala Moana Hotel Honolulu, HI

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BSBC Country Store

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Plant Sticks___50 sticks for $1.00

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