Bromeliad Society of Broward County

NOVEMBER 2019 SCURF

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Quesnelia augusto-coburgii bloom

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Interested in Learning More?

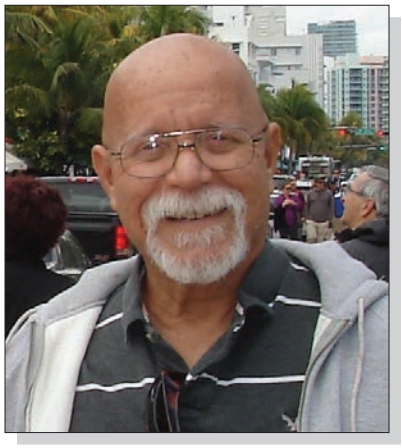
Our monthly meetings generally offer a guest speaker on timely and noteworthy topics, member plant sales, a plant raffle, special holiday plant auctions, diagnosis of disease and pest problems, and a Country Store with selected bromeliad and gardening supplies.

We meet the third Monday of every month (except January and February) starting at 6:30

Deicke Auditorium
5701 Cypress Road
Plantation, FL 33317

Affiliations: BSBC supports the BSI, Cryptanthus Society and FCBS (2017-2020)

President's Passing

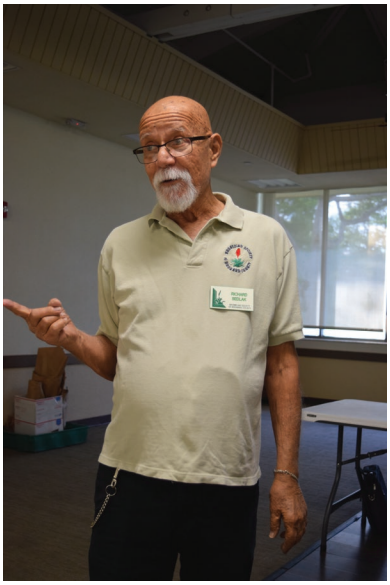


Our beloved president, Richard Sedlak, unexpectedly passed earlier this month after a long illness. Our hearts and prayers go out to his family members and the hundreds of gardening enthusiasts that knew and respected his kindness, dedication, and vast knowledge.

Richard would have been 70 this coming May and had his sights set on getting out of the hospital, going through rehab, and getting back to his garden which he loved more than anything.

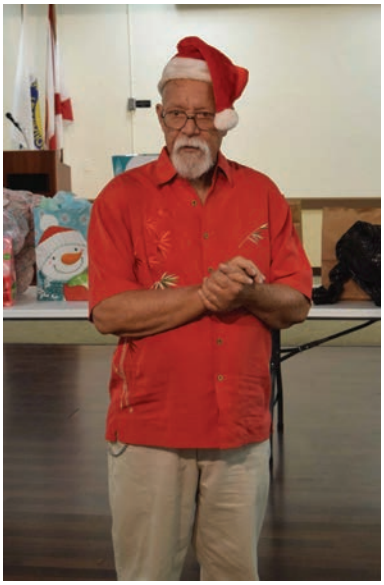
This photo (right) shows one of Richard's many bromeliad beds taken just a week earlier when BSBC members went to his home to help with his relocation. The maturity and diversity of his collection is a tribute to his passion and skills as a grower. With a heart-felt call from Becky Blackwood, the property owner has agreed to give us any plants that they decide to remove.

Several potted plants were rescued and will be at our fall auction per Richard's request. Others will be used for the T.Y. Park display which Richard worked so hard to setup.



"Class, school has started!"

2019 BSBC trip to Naples Botanical Gardens



A fitting hat for the personality

Hundreds of people knew Richard simply as a dedicated member of the Shell Club, Broward Orchid Society and of course his many years involved with the BSBC . What most may not have known was that Richard studied at the Ringling College of Art and Design and spent much of his professional career as a creative designer and project manager in the graphic print industry.

In each of the clubs that were blessed with his presence, Richard was always more than just a member. He served as an officer and board member on multiple occasions during his decades of service. He helped organize field trips, club shows and countless monthly meetings. As his health deteriorated in recent years, he continued to be a valued leader and mentor to new members. He was a gentle soul full of charm and wit and will be dearly missed!

Richard's ashes will be laid to rest at sea on January 18, 2020. The family is currently working on the final arrangements and we will update you when we know more.

This month's meeting is Monday Nov. 18, 6:30 pm at Deicke Auditorium

This Month Is Our Annual Fall Auction...Time To Shine

Once again it's time for our fall auction which is one of our largest fund raisers of the year and a chance for you to add several plants to your collection that you just can't live without! Face it, you just survived one of the hottest summers in years so it's time to treat yourself while gaining some well deserved praise as your donated plants are auctioned off and admired by everyone in the room! After all, sharing is as rewarding as winning...although winning gets you new plants!

Rumor has it that several members of the Miami Society will be there as well. Let's show them that the BSBC is not only a gracious host, but a growing force to be reckoned with!

Treat yourself like no one else can by raising your paddle and winning some spectacular plants and garden items...despite what your budget or that nagging voice of reason tells you!

Last Month's Meeting

If you read last month's Scurf prior to the meeting (like we know you always do), then you knew that October's meeting was being held a week earlier than normal due to scheduling conflicts at Deicke Auditorium. If for some reason you failed to read your Scurf, it may explain why you weren't there. Hopefully you didn't show up the following Monday and see other club members who made the same mistake! Either way, now you know the power of the Scurf so read it as soon as you can. We'd hate to see you miss out on anything!

BEGUILING BROMELIADS

Shirley Grills-Konefal

Nidularium 'Midnight'

This past month's presentation was done by none other than our own "VEEP", Shirley Konefal. It was packed full of excellent photos taken personally by her during her years as a grower and delivered in a fun and educational style as only Shirley can!

This presentation was hands down the most comprehensive and colorful slide show that our club has seen all year. Several members left with a list of plants they want to add to their collection. This may be the first time you've seen some of these so take the time to write down their names and plan a visit to the website to see the rest of the photos.

Aechmea melinonii

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Alcantarea Odorata

Billbergia La Vie en Rose

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Nearly all of the plants shown in the presentation have images of the full plant as well as perfectly cropped images of the inflorescence or bloom coloring.

We all know Shirley is an accomplished grower, but she is clearly just as talented behind the camera!

Aechmea tayoensis (long petiole)

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Billbergia sanderiana

Cryptanthus Absolute Zero

Tillandsia oerstediana

Tillandsia Mystery

Billbergia rosea

When she's not behind the camera, her smile shines through like a ray of sunshine adding even more interest and scale to the plant.

Take time to view the rest of her slides on our website. We must warn you though, you'll be adding more to your collection when you're done!

Tillandsia dyeriana

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Cryptanthus warasii

Aechmea Pinot Noir or Simply Red

Werauhia kupperiana

Werauhia sanguinolenta

Ursulaea macvaughii

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Shirley's love of bromeliads encompasses more than just colorful neoregelias or amazing flower spiked aechmeas (her favorite group). Her program covered so many species of broms that there is no way we can show them all here. Fortunately, the entire presentation will be on our website in the coming weeks so you can study for the test that will be administered at the Holiday Party. No pressure, but rumor has it that the lowest score does the dishes so there's plenty of time for you to prepare!

Undoubtedly, several of these plants will be available at our upcoming auction including an Ursulaea macvaughii. The bloom on this plant is worth the wait and one you won't forget. It's also one that's easy to raise from seeds if you get the chance. Another awesome job, Shirley!

From The Editor

It's hard for me to believe that it's November! If I didn't know better, I'd say that Mother Nature is upset with south Florida this fall because she hasn't lowered the thermostat setting outside even though much of the country is already experiencing the full force of winter!

To make matters worse, we're still getting tropical rains. While this keeps the yard green, some of my Vriesea's show signs of too much water forcing me to drain them regularly to keep them from rotting. Several of my Tillandsias also show signs of too much water and with fewer hours of sun to dry them out, I've had to keep a close eye on them as well.

Like many of you, I'm still preparing the plants I'll be donating for our fall auction coming up Nov. 18th. I'm bringing a couple that haven't bloomed including one I raised from seed over the past 2 years. They should be a fine addition to your collection should you have the winning bid! I'll also be donating a few tillandsia/driftwood creations although I haven't determined which ones just yet. I'm waiting and hoping that one or more come into bloom by auction time!

However, all of this took a backseat earlier this month when I was asked to help move part of Richard's plant collection as he transitioned from the hospital to an assisted living facility. Little did I know that someone I've come to respect and admire would be leaving us so soon.

Rest in peace, friend. You've earned it

I've had some amazing experiences in my life and each is filled with fond memories of the places I've been and the people I've met along the way. If you're like me, every once in awhile you meet someone that you just click with. You know...that person who you may have little in common with on the surface, but you connect with on a deeper level. Richard Sedlak was one of those people for me. While we didn't spend much time together outside of the club, I truly enjoyed every discussion we had and always looked forward to the next one.

When Shirley invited me to join the BSBC a couple of years ago, I must confess that I didn't have my sights set beyond simply obtaining knowledge. Richard helped change my journey through his desire to see the BSBC grow and prosper when other clubs in our area are shrinking. Like many in our club, he graciously gave his time, expertise, and friendship which inspired me to get involved.

It's been said the benefits of gardening add years to your life, and life to your years. Richard knew this and worked hard to spread that message. Now it's our turn. Help fulfill his dream by sharing the joy of gardening with others around you and get involved!

Until next time,

-Brad

November Birthdays

Tim Hendrix	Neil Kolner
Rich Mediavilla	Elsa Snavely
Jane Von Waldburg	Mel Witte

Gardening with Gabriel BK Garden Route
Using Cinnamon to Rescue an Alcantarea vinicolor

In this video, Gabriel uses kitchen grade, powdered cinnamon to prepare the plant base for another shot at rooting. This took a few days to complete in all honesty but the key things to remember are:

WATCH VIDEO

Pumice usage and tips for soil amendment

The perfect potting soil varies depending on its use. Each type of potting soil is specifically formulated with different ingredients whether the need is for better aerated soil or water retention. Pumice is one such ingredient used as a soil amendment.

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Elementary school students sow seeds for life lessons

Nurturing a child's development is a big part of the daily curriculum at North Lauderdale Elementary School, where a horticultural initiative within that curriculum has enriched the lives of its nearly 800 students.

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Upcoming Events, Things to See

Date-Time	Event	Place
Sat, Nov 16, 10 AM – 5 PM	Orchid Obsession Orchid Show & Sale	Safe Schools Institute 1790 Spanish River Blvd, Boca Raton, FL
Sat. Dec 14th	Learn How to Start Your Own Butterfly Garden	Butterfly World Tradewinds Park, 3600 W. Sample Rd. Coconut Creek, FL
Sun. Dec 15th, Starts at 11 am	Annual Botanical Bazaar	Miami Beach Botanical Garden 2000 Convention Center Dr, Miami Beach, FL 33139
Nov. 18, 2019	BSBC Fall Plant Auction	Deicke Auditorium, 7:00 PM
Jan. 10-11-12, 2020	Fort Lauderdale Orchid Show	Fort Lauderdale Broward County Convention Center
Jan. 17-18-19, 2020	Tamiami International Orchid Show	The Sunshine Pavilion at the Fair and Expo Center, 10901 S.W. 24th St., Miami, Fl.
Jan. 22-24	**TPIE** Tropical Plant International Expo	Fort Lauderdale Broward County Convention Center
March 21-22, 2020 (tentative)	Annual BSSF Show	10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables, FL 33156
Mar. 13-15, 2020	18th Annual International Orchid Festival	Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Road Coral Gables, FL 33156
Apr. 4-5, 2020	Hatsume Fair Celebrating Spring at the Morikami Gardens & Museum	4000 Morikami Park Rd. Delray Beach, FL 33446
June 6-9, 2020	BSI World Conference	Hyatt Regency Sarasota, FL

Looking Ahead...

Next Meeting: Monday Dec. 16, 2019, 6:30 pm at Deicke Auditorium. It's our Annual Holiday Party so bring your covered dish, dessert, or drinks to share with your fellow club members. The BSBC will provide the main entrée.

We will once again be having our White Elephant/Secret Santa plant swap so bring one wrapped plant or gardening item you would love to get and take your chances! It's a great way to wrap up the year so plan to attend!