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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.

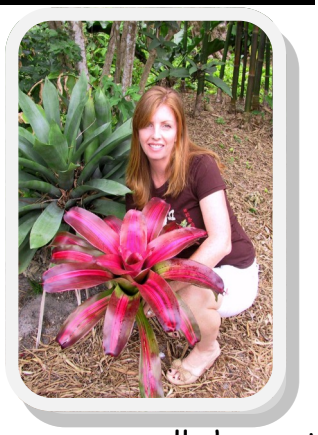
Affiliations: Bromeliad Society of Broward County is a member of and supports

The Bromeliad Society International
http://bsi.org

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

The Cryptanthus Society
http://www.iinet.net.au/~scrozier/Culture.html

The President's Message



Hi Bromeliad Lovers,
This year the hottest gift is a…..wait for it…….BROMELIAD!!!! Who wouldn't want a beautiful, colorful bromeliad that is the gift that keeps on giving? For those of you that will be attending this year's Christmas/Hanukkah Celebration, you will be receiving your bromeliad at the end of the evening (remember: you must be a current member and BE at the party) to receive your plant. If you cannot attend, please contact me and we can make arrangements. The celebration will be at Deicke and it will be a potluck. It will begin promptly at 7:00pm – if you have not contacted Harriet, PLEASE do so ASAP. Her email is lovedisney20022002@yahoo.com or you can call her at 954-434-8466. She is organizing all the dishes and, in order for us to have a nice selection, you must contact her and let her know what you will be bringing. There will be a lot going on that night. When you arrive and sign in, you will receive a ticket. This will be your ticket to participate in the plant exchange and raffle. (In order to participate in the plant gift exchange you MUST bring a plant. The rules are in this issue of SCURF under the Meeting section and will also be at your table. The plant must be something you would like to receive yourself as a gift.)
*Craig Morell will also do a short program for us which I am very excited about. He is a wealth of knowledge, so have your questions ready for him.
That is it for now, wear your party hats and smiles……

See you Monday!!!!!
Colleen

Garden Fest 2013 Postcard

About Our Meetings

NEXT MEETING:

Holiday Social

Potluck & Plant Exchange

Monday, December 17, 2012

Time: Dining begins at 7:15 pm

Please be there by 6:45 pm with your food

Where: Deicke Auditorium
5701 Cypress Rd
Plantation, FL 33317

Special Guest appearance: Craig Morell !!!

Good friends, great food, a terrific speaker, new plants and some surprises are on the agenda!

Full size Artistic Arrangement seen at Orlandiana 2012.

Rules for the Holiday Plant Exchange

To participate your plant must be clean and free of scale, one that you would like to receive yourself as a gift. Put it in a paper bag so that it cannot be seen and bring it to the party. When you arrive at the party you will be given a number (only if you have brought a plant) so you can participate in the drawing, which works like this….

1) The numbers are drawn one at a time, randomly.

2) The first number drawn selects from ALL plants on the table removed from the bag and shown to the group.

3) The next number drawn has the option of selecting an unopened bag from the table OR TAKING the plant previously selected. IF the previously selected plant is TAKEN, then that person then selects another UNOPENED plant FROM THE TABLE

4) The last number called gets to pick from ALL previously selected plants except from anyone that has had their plant taken twice. The EXCEPTION: No one can have more than 2 plants taken from them, you get to keep the 3rd.

Harriet's Hoots

Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way, oh what fun it is to ride in a one horse open sleigh, hey.. ……. Oops, looks like I got carried away what with the holidays right around the corner (lol). Well, it's getting to be that time of year. The turkey has been cooked, served, and now it's on to the next holiday which I'm sure everyone loves, even with the hustle and bustle of gift giving, Christmas cards to send, and holiday parties to attend.

Speaking of holiday parties, as you all know, and if some of you forgot, our holiday party is coming up shortly. Remember the date, December 17th, Monday night, and the arrival time is 6:45 pm. Come and have a wonderful time. I'll be waiting to collect all the delicious foods and treats that you will be bringing. By the way, please remember to bring a serving spoon with you, if your dish warrants one.

I did receive some responses by email and a few phone calls with regards to food dishes that will be arriving. If you haven't yet responded as to what you will be bringing to our festive party, my email again is lovedisney20022002@yahoo.com. As it gets closer to the date, I probably will be making a few phone calls if I haven't heard from you.

So, put on your holiday attire, smile on your face and be prepared to have a great time with scrumptious food, great company, and our plant grab bag game, along with other activities.

See you all at the party……
Hugs, Harriet

Cathy Clapp
Jon Cole
Frank Crabb
Matt Hendrix
Sylvia Hill
Tracy Moulton
Geraldine Seesahai
David Ventura
Ken Workman
Patty Zicarelli

Looking for a Special Holiday Gift?

Give a gift that reflects your special interests and passions. For local friends and family or those further away, consider a gift membership to a Botanical Garden that participates in the American Horticultural Society's Reciprocal Admission Program. This program represents a network of over 270 botanical gardens, arboreta and conservatories located in forty-five states as well as Canada, the Cayman Islands and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Benefits may include free admission, free parking and/or discounts at shops or events at these locations. Visit www.ahs.org for a complete list.

Discouraged with all the junky toys in the stores? Consider toys made in the U.S. from recycled materials. Green Toys is a 100% American-made company. All of Green Toys are made from 100% recycled plastic milk containers which saves energy and reduces greenhouse gas emissions. Even their packaging is made from 100% recycled corrugated boxes. Check out the Green Toys' Green Page (http://www.greentoys.com/green.html) where they talk about how their toys are made and show a running total on how many milk jugs they have recycled to date.

Twice a month Plantation's Helen B. Hoffman Library on Fig Tree Lane holds a book sale that includes new and used books, magazines, DVDs and textbooks. Their inventory includes many hard to find out of print books and an entire gardening section. Last year over $40,000 was raised to purchase new books for the library and to host special programs. The next sale will be on Friday, December 14th and Saturday, December 15th from 9 am – 4 pm.

Carol Mordas, Director

How do you know when you are a gardener?

I knew I was a gardener when I noticed my garden was tidier than my home.

When I encounter a black and yellow garden spider as long as your pinkie and I weed around her to leave her web intact.

When I realized the pictures on my cell phone were of my garden instead of family and when buying a car, I consider if plants will fit.. ..I include bushes and an occasional tree. I'll get up at night in a storm to cover the plants and I can not pass a nursery without my car just pulling in.

I can usually spot other gardeners by the strategic scratches and bruises on their fingernails or their scratched shins. I can't resist talking to them about their speciality.

I am a true gardener, so tell us, what cinches it for you?

Nancy Long, Vice President

Membership News

Reminder to all: Please sign in when you attend a meeting so we can better track attendance. Also, if you change your snail or email address, please let us know.

Great suggestion from Bill David: In the interest of being more eco and budget friendly, if you are reorganizing your gardening supplies and have some have gently used pots that you no longer need or want, consider bringing them in for other members to adopt or purchase.

Editor's Note

Southern California is known for many things…. the entertainment industry, cultural diversity, surfing, beautiful beaches, a varied geography, and a thriving tech core. In search of a respite from the glitz and glamor and the legendary/horrific 405, I continued my recent journey to SoCal to check out yet another garden in an area called Palos Verdes Peninsula-the 87 acre South Coast Botanic Garden. Reviewers often compare this garden to the larger more extensive Huntingdon Library with its fabulous artwork and massive gardens. No question, the Huntingdon is a wonderful place (I was there in my pre-bromeliad era), but South Coast also deserves a visit. Who wouldn't love a garden where the first thing to greet you is a huge ball of hanging tillandsias? Just enter the Japanese Garden and observe a tai chi class in progress or stroll thru the Garden of the Senses for a delightful sensory experience. Then there is the one and only LA fuchsia garden with its HUGE colorful blooms and a cactus garden with a seemingly endless variety of cacti. Who knew there was such an assortment of aloe plants? With a reasonable entrance fee and gorgeous grounds, South Coast is simply a visual feast for plant lovers. Happy trails, Gayle

Calendar of Other Local Plant Society Meetings

1st Tuesday	Plantation Orchid Society	Deicke Auditorium
2nd Friday	Ft. Lauderdale Garden Club	Birch State Park
3rd Monday	Bromeliad Society of Broward County	Deicke Auditorium
3rd Tuesday	Bromeliad Society of So. Florida	Fairchild Gardens
3rd Wednesday	Equality Park Gardens Club	Pride Center
3rd Thursday	Bromeliad Society of the Palm Beaches	Mounts Botanical
3rd Thursday	Shade Brigade (no meetings July & Aug.)	Plantation Bldg. Dept.
4th Monday	BSBC Board Meeting	Deicke Auditorium

Places to Go, Things to See

Jan. 18 — 20, 2013	Ft; Lauderdale Orchid Affair, Show and Sale	10 am — 6 pm daily	War Memorial 800 NE 8th St., Ft. Laud. $10 admission
Jan. 23 - 25, 2013	Tropical Plant Industry Exhibition	10 am - 5 pm; 9 am - 5 pm; 9 am - 2 pm	Broward County Convention Center ($15 pre-reg.) ($30 at the door)
Jan.,26 — 27, 2013	Tamiami Orchid Show	Sat. 10 am — 8 pm Sun. 10 am — 6 pm	Dade Co. Fair Expo Center Fuchs Pavilion ; Admission $9 CASH, free parking
Feb. 2 – 3, 2013	Gardenfest!	Sat. 9 am — 5 pm Sun. 9 am — 4 pm	Riverside Park, Vero Beach (free)
Feb. 16—17, 2013	Gardenfest Coral Springs	Sat. 9 am — 5 pm Sun. 10 am — 4 pm	Riverside Park, 205 Coral Ridge Drive, Coral Springs Free admission & parking
Feb. 23, 2013	Secret Garden Tour	TBD	Ft. Lauderdale Garden Club by reservation ; fee based
Mar. 8—10 , 2013	Fairchild 11th Annual International Orchid Festival	9:30—4:30 daily	Fairchild Gardens, Coral Gables Admission $25, $18 for seniors
Mar. 14 - 18, 2013	Bromeliad Society of New Zealand	Hours vary daily	Cool Broms Conference, Auckland, NZ
Mar. 23 – 24, 2013	Bromeliads Gone Wild !	Sat. 9 am—5 pm Sun. 9 am—4 pm	Bromeliad Society of Broward County Show and Sale
Mar. 30—31, 2013	Flamingo Gardens 32nd International Orchid/Bromeliad Show		Flamingo Gardens, Davie

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.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

TO
ALL MEMBERS OF
THE BSBC
AND
THEIR FAMILIES