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

HAPPY HOLIDAYS EVERYONE,

I hope to see each and every one of you on DECEMBER 14, 2015, FOR OUR HOLIDAY PARTY. Good food, good and kind friends, great fun with our Chinese Auction and a wonderful FREE bromeliad gift to our attending members. By now, if you haven't already, let Harriet Abo and Larry Davis know what dish you will be bringing, either an appetizer, salad, entrée, side dish, or dessert. Harriet's phone number is 954-268-3471 or you can send her an e-mail at lovedisney20022002@yahoo.com and let her know what you will be bringing.

You will be very pleased with your Society plant gift. Shirley Konefal has been using her bromeliad skills to find just the right plant for each of you from her wholesalers in Homestead. But you have to attend our Holiday Party to receive yours. DON'T FORGET TO BRING A BROMELIAD, WRAPPED OR COVERED, FOR SURPRISING ONE OF OUR MEMBERS. THE FUN BEGINS WITH THE FIRST PLANT OPENING AND THE RULES THAT FOLLOW.

I forgot to remind our members who will be attending our HOLIDAY PARTY on DECEMBER 14, 2015, to bring a food contribution for a needy family. The donations will be taken to the Plantation Community Church for distribution to their needy families. The church has been very generous to our organization in the past by sharing their facilities.

Our November meeting speaker, Pam Koide-Hyatt, from Bird Rock Tropicals in California, shared her love of tillandsias, including their different species, their propagation and care in a slide presentation to our members. Pam's slides were extensive. I am willing to believe all of our members were not familiar with the large number of tillandsias in Pam's business and collection. Pam also brought unusual tillandsias for sale to our members. In case you missed Pam's presentation, you can see a sampling by visiting Pam on her website: Www.Birdrocktropicals.com and see her wonderful gardens.

Our crazy December weather has my bromeliads growing like they do in the Spring and Fall. My bilbergias are blooming now, which is common for mine in December.

I hope all of you will join us for another year of bromeliad gardening by renewing your membership in January - $25 – single; $30 – family at the same address and $10 – student rates. Where else can one enjoy increasing their gardening knowledge about bromeliads, purchase unusual bromeliads for their collection, buy their gardening needs at their general meeting, win bromeliads with inexpensive raffle tickets and of course, those delicious dishes made by our members and so graciously displayed by Harriet Abo and her Santa's helper, Larry Davis. January's program will be slide presentations on Lankester Gardens by Gayle Spinell-Gellers and Unusual Bromeliads by Shirley Konefal. And you thought you had seen everything. Please join us.

On behalf of our Society, we wish you the happiest of holidays, joyful moments with your family and friends and the wonderful expectation of the greatest New Year - 2016. Thank you for your support, interest and thirst for knowledge about our common love, bromeliads.

Becky

Harriet's Hoots

Hi Gang –
Well it's that time of year again when you all have to be good and do you know why. It's because Santa Claus is on the lookout. You do all believe in Santa, don't you???? I do, because he is that happy Jolly Fellow that flies around one time a year with his trusty rein-deers. Hmm, it is a little strange isn't it, flying around with nine Reindeers with one of them leading the pack and has a shiny red nose (lol) Oh well; we all have to believe in something.

As you know, the club will be having our annual pot-luck holiday party on Monday, Dec. 14th at Deicke (our normal meeting place). The time to arrive is in the Scurf, but if you all could come a bit earlier it would be helpful. It takes time to set up, place the food, unwrap, etc. That way we will have plenty of time to get organized and everyone can decide where you want to sit and no one feels rushed.

In regards to the food, the club is supplying a Honey Baked Ham and Turkey Breast and there will also be an assortment of drinks. I have the list that was completed at the November meeting, but looking it over I see that we are short on Appetizers, Meats (such as a pasta dish, etc.) and Desserts. One last thing I need to mention is if your dish requires it **please, please** don't forget to bring serving utensils. If you have any questions on what to bring, please do not hesitate to call me. My cell # is 954-268-3471 and I will be happy to answer any questions you have.

Thanks to the following members for their contributions to the November refreshment table. They are:
Thomas Mordas - - Bread Pudding and Truffle Hone (Very nice)
Gloria Chernoff - - Assorted Pastry Bites (Yummy)
Shirley Konefal - - Platter of Chips (Crisp and crunchy)
Harry Sperling - - Chocolate Cherry Rum Cake (Absolutely delish)
Eddie Yi - - Turkey w/cranberry sauce and Guacamole (Great)
Brigitte Sheeks - - Platter of Cheese, Crackers and Fruit (Wonderful)
Elsa Snavely- - - Flan (Wow, did that go fast!)
Bob & Barbara Moorman - -Spaghetti and Homemade Sauce (Fabulous)
Louella Weber - - Plate of Cookies (We love our sweets)
Gayle Spinell-Gellers - - Plate of Brownies (Mmmm good)
Maurice Bruet - - Chicken Wings w/Blue Cheese Dressing (Terrific)

Well, that's it for now. I am looking forward to seeing you all at our Holiday Party. Bring your dishes, a great big smile and we'll all have a wonderful time. **HUGS - Harriet**

Membership News

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Jon Cole
Frank Crabb
Mike Harris
Sylvia Hill
Gigi Louis
Vicki Madaloni
Tracy Moulton
Geraldine Seesahai
Ken Workman
Jennifer Yates
Patty Zicarelli

******* Last month's Mystery Plant was a Dykia hebdingii *******

Images from the November Meeting

December Holiday Party

Monday, Dec. 14, 2015 at 6 pm

Deicke Auditorium
5701 Cypress Rd.
Plantation, FL

Please arrive a half hour earlier than usual with your covered dish and plant for the exchange. The plant should be wrapped in a paper bag to hide its identity. Those who have brought plants will be given a number so they can participate in the event. Numbers will be drawn one at a time at random. The first number drawn will select from all the plants on the table. The next number drawn will have 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 selects another unopened plant from the table. The last number called gets to pick from ALL previously selected plants except from anyone who has had their plant taken twice. No one can have more than 2 plants taken from them. They get to keep the third.

SPECIAL REQUEST

Please bring in a non-perishable food item for the Plantation Community Church's Families in Need program.

Calendar of Local Plant Society Meetings

1st Tuesday	Plantation Orchid Society	Volunteer Park
2nd Monday	BSBC Board Meeting	Deicke Auditorium
2nd Friday	Ft. Lauderdale Garden Club	Birch State Park
2nd Friday	B.U.S.H.	Trinity Church Community Rm
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

March 4th - 6th	Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Annual Show and Sale	Tampa Garden Club 2629 Bayshore Blvd. Tampa, FL 33629
April 16th - 17th	Bromeliad Society of South Florida Annual Show and Sale	Fairchild Tropical Botanical Garden Coral Gables, FL
April 16th - 17th	Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society Sale	The Garden Club of Sanford (on 17-92, one block south of Lake Mary Blvd) 9:00 - 4:00
June 13-19, 2016	BSI World Bromeliad Conference	Westin Galleria Hotel Houston, Texas

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