Bromeliad Society of Broward County

December 2018 Scurf

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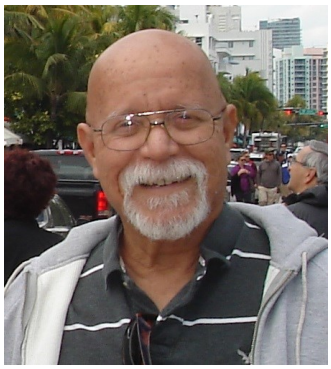
Our meetings generally offer a speaker on timely and noteworthy topics, member plant sales, a plant raffle, special holiday plant auctions, diagnosis of disease and pest problems, and a Country Store with selected bromeliad and gardening supplies.

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

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



The President's November Message

Once again we are at the time of year when we gather with friend and family to celebrate an assortment of holidays depending on your religious convictions and ethnicity. And isn't it marvelous that so many can set aside their differences and come together in the spirit of peace?

Societies such as ours are a reflection of that world. We are made up of all manner of folks, yet we do share one common factor, and that is our love for Bromeliads.

And what does the new year ahead hold for us? That depends on you, the members. Recently we have lost many of the local "big names" in our hobby. This an opportunity for those who are serious about Bromeliads to learn all you can about their culture and such so that you can eventually become a mentor to future newbies to our hobby. This is very important to our – and any hobby, so that the information is always available and perpetuated for those who need it. That, and the fact that we so admire those spiny but oh-so-colorful plants! I wish you all a wonderful Holiday Season.

See all of you at the Holiday Party!

Membership News

Holiday Party

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2018 @ 6:00 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.

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Brad Beardsley
Omar Gonzalez
Ella Swinarski

From the November Meeting

Special Requests… !
If you have extra **plastic bags** from a grocery, we can use them for taking home plants.

Finishing up with your holiday shopping?
Remember Amazon Smile! Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible AmazonSmile purchases to a charity of your choice which could be the BSBC. **NO COST** to you. Log on is easy at **smile.amazon.com.** Funds go the organization directly.

Membership renewal is in **January.** Invite your family and friends to get involved with your favorite plants! We hope to have lots of great events and speakers in 2019.

Harriet's Hoots

Happy December to All.

Ok, it's that time of year where you have to be good. I'm sure you know why – the guy with the white beard, red and white hat and who goes HO-HO-HO is coming to town. (No, it's not the guy who wears a funny hat at our meetings (Larry Davis), it's SANTA CLAUS. However, you know that the "Hat Guy" will definitely wear a special hat at our Holiday Party.

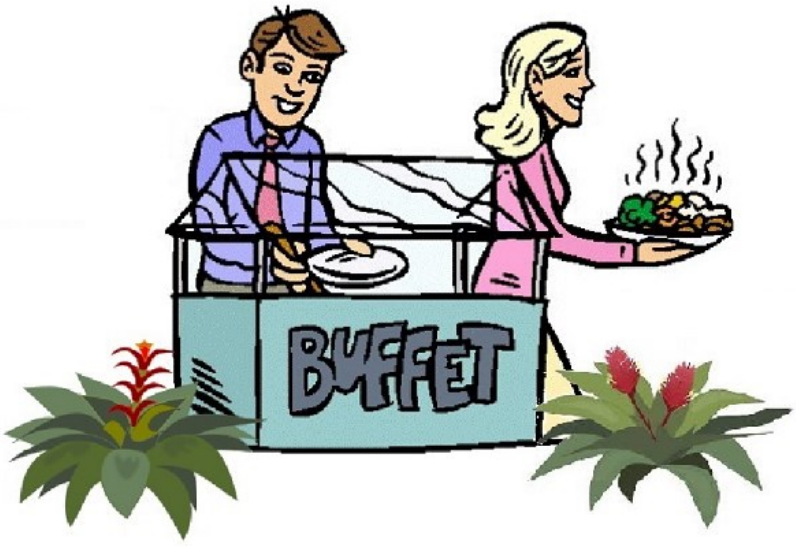
As you know, the club will be having our annual pot-luck party. The date is Monday, December 17th and it will be held at Deicke Auditorium (our normal meeting place). The time to arrive will be in the Scurf, but if you all could come a bit earlier it would be helpful. It takes time to set up, place the 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, we will have a great turkey and a fabulous ham. There will be an assortment of drinks. I do not know what people might bring, but we can use the following: appetizers, side dishes like veggies, mashed potatoes, etc. Rolls would be great and salads would also be good. Of course, desserts would hit the spot. I know that you are all fabulous cooks, so anything you can make would be terrific.

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.

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



FROM THE EDITOR

Things have certainly changed since I became involved with bromeliads eight year ago. Local nurseries have expanded their offerings, more people seem to be using bromeliads in their gardens, one can now find plastic tillandsias in craft stores for those places where nothing seems to live for long and broms are a fixture in the grocery often in unique, enchanting pots.

It has been a rewarding learning experience to be a member of the BSBC and the Editor of the SCURF for these last nearly 7 years.

As my tenure comes to a close, many thanks to all the members who have shared their knowledge, their amazing plants and who have welcomed me into their homes to film their gardens for the BSBC's website.
I hope you have gotten a kick out of the travails of the Crescent Garden, the never-ending saga of the puya plants and my journey to uncover bromeliads on travels near and far.

Going forward, I hope to start a new garden from scratch, of course with some bromeliads, and to document the process as it unfolds. You may be in for more chuckles in a column called **Kindergarden**.

Meanwhile, Brad Beardsley will be taking over as Editor. Brad loves bromeliads and he has serious tech skills. He will take everything to a new level. Thanks, Brad!

Wishing each of you a wonderful holiday season and a thriving garden in 2019.

Gayle

If your plans for 2019 include joining some additional clubs, here is the latest info!

CALENDAR OF LOCAL PLANT & NATURE SOCIETY MEETINGS

1st Tuesday, 7 PM—9 PM	Plantation Orchid Society	Deicke Auditorium, Plantation
2nd Friday, 9 AM	Ft. Lauderdale Garden Club	Birch State Park, Ft. Laud.
2nd Friday, 7 PM	B.U.S.H.	Trinity Lutheran Church, Ft Laud.
3rd Monday, 6:30 PM	Bromeliad Society of Broward County	Deicke Auditorium, Plantation
3rd Tues., 7:30 PM	Bromeliad Soc. of South Florida	Fairchild Gardens, Coral Gables
3rd Wed., 9:30 am—12 pm	Plantation Garden Club	El Dorado Clubhouse, One El Dorado Pkwy
3rd Tuesday, 7 PM	Equality Garden Club	Hagen Center, Wilton Manors
3rd Thursday, 7:30 PM	Bromeliad Society of the Palm Beaches	Mounts Botanical, West Palm Beach
3nd Sunday, 2 PM—4 PM	Butterfly Club	Long Key Nature Center, Davie

Places to Go, Things to See

Sat., Jan. 19, 9:00 AM	Ft. Lauderdale Garden Club Plant Sale	Glenn Bates Garden Center at Birch State Park
Sat. and Sun, Mar. 16 and 17	BSSF Annual Show	Fairchild Gardens, Coral Gables, 10901 Cutler Road, Coral Gables
Sat., Mar. 16 & Sun., Mar. 17; 9 am—5 pm ; 9 am—4 pm	Garden Fest Plant Extravanganza	Volunteer Park, Plantation, FL
Sat., Mar. 16 & Sun., Mar. 17; 9 am—4:30 pm ; 9 am—4:30 pm	Bromeliad Society of South Florida, 41st Annual Show and Sale	Fairchild Gardens, Coral Gables
Sat., Apr. 13 and Sun. Apr. 14; 9 am—4 pm	Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society Annual Spring Plant Sale	Garden Club, 200 Fairmont Drive, Sanford, FL
Sat., April 13, 2019 9:30 am to 4:30 pm Sun., April 14, 2019 9:30 am to 4:30 pm	Spring Garden Festival and 39th Annual Spring Plant Sale	Fairchild Gardens, Coral Gables
Sept. 2019	Bromeliad Society of Central Florida	TBD
Oct. 17-20, 2019	Golden Broms	Queensland, Australia !!!!
2021	Australasian Bromeliad Conference	New Zealand !!!!!!

Businesses

Got a business you would like to advertise?
Ads in the SCURF are $50 for 6 months, $100 for 12 months.
Contact Becky Blackwood if interested.

December MEETING
Holiday Party

Monday, Dec. 17
6:00 PM

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Title	Author	Copyright
Blooming Bromeliads	Ulrich Baensch	1998
Brazil Orchid of the Tropics	Mulford & Racine Foster	1945
Bromeliaceae Andreanae	Edouard Francois Andre	1983
Bromeliaceae Ole Proceedings of the 1982 World Bromeliad Conf	Corpus Christi Bromeliad	1982
Bromeliaceaes of Venezuela	Francisco Oliva-Esteva	1987
Bromeliaceas en Flor (In Spanish)	Ulrich Baensch	1996
Bromeliads	Francisco Oliva-Esteva	1996
Bromeliads - Genera, Species, Hybrids	Louis Dutrie	none
Bromeliads Copy #1	Victoria Padilla	1973
Bromeliads Copy #2	Victoria Padilla	1973
Bromeliads for Contemporary Gardens	Andrew Steens	
Bromeliads for Home Garden & Greenhouse	Werner Rauh	1973
Bromeliads Horticulturalist Guide	Jack Kramer	1981
Bromeliads in Cultivation	Robert Gardner Wilson	1964
Bromeliads in the Brazilian Wilderness	Elton M.C. Leme	1993
Bromeliads in the Atlantic Forest	Elton M.C. Leme	1997
Bromeliads, Houseplants of Today & Tomorrow	Walter Richter	none
Bromelien (German)	Werner Rauh	1973
Canistropsis - Bromeliads of the Atlantic Forest	Elton M.C. Leme	1998
Jewel of the Tropics - The Bromeliads	Lyman B. Smith	1969
Nidularium - Bromeliads of the Atlantic Forest	Elton M.C. Leme	2000
Searching for Miss Fortuna - The Hunt for a Bromeliad	Chester Skotak	2007
Taking Bromeliads		
The Colorful Bromeliads - Their Infinite Variety Copy #1	Victoria Padilla	1981
The Colorful Bromeliads - Their Infinite Variety Copy #2	Victoria Padilla	1981
Tillandsia II	Paul T. Isley III	2009
University Press of Florida		2011