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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.
We meet the third Monday of every month (except January)

The Bromeliad Society of Broward County is a member of, and supports:
The Bromeliad Society International
http://bsi.org

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

The Bromeliad Society of Broward County is a member of, and supports:
The Cryptanthus Society
http://www.iinet.net.au/~scrozier/Culture.html

Meetings and Speakers

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY

FEBRUARY 23RD , 2012

Time: Meeting begins at 7:00pm

Plant preview 6:30pm - sales table will be open

Where: Deicke Auditorium

5701 Cypress Rd

Plantation, FL 33317

Guest Speaker: Jose "Pepe" Donayre

Topic: Billergia's

The President's Message

Hey Bromeliad Lovers,

Happy New Year, Hope all is well with all of you. This months meeting is Thursday February 23rd ! Same time, same place however it is always a different date in the months of January and February due to MLK Day and Presidents Day.
Well, it seems this year we may get off easy with the cold. I haven't seen any cold damage on my plants as of yet. How about you?
For those of you that do not get the publication "Florida Gardening Mag" our Garden Fest post card made it on the 3rd page. I was so excited to see that - we have some incredible vendors , great food vendors and with all the advertising I believe we will have a great turn out. Please get the word out to your friends and family and make a day of it.
Please bring anything beautiful that you have in bloom to show off -

Oh, please don't forget to bring your dues for 2012 - it is very important that we get them on time as we must pay for the facility and speakers so please get with Marcia our membership chair.

See you at e meeting!!!

Colleen

Don't Forget
Dues *were* due February 1st

Calendar of Events

1st Tuesday	Plantation Orchid Society	Deicke Auditorium
3rd Monday	Bromelaid Society of Broward County	Deicke Auditorium
3rd Tuesday	Bromelaid Society of So. Florida	Fairchild Gardens
3rd Thursday	Bromeliad Society of the Palm Beaches	Mounts Botanical
4th Thursday	Shade Brigade	Plantation Bldg. Dept.
4th Monday	BSBC Board Meeting	Deicke Auditorium

Green Day	February 25th	Liberty Tree Park Plantation
March 24th & 25th, 2012	Garden Fest 2012	Volunteer Park

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20TH WORLD BROMELIAD CONFERENCE
ORLANDO, FLORIDA

September 26 - 30, 2012
Caribe Royal
8101 World Center, Orlando, Florida 888-258-7501
A link to hotel reservations is at fcbs.org
Rooms starting at $119 US

This world-class event includes outstanding sales, a Rare Plant Auction, seminars, tours, and an opportunity to meet bromeliad collectors and growers from all over the world!

Speakers include:
Harry Luther
Francisco Oliva-Esteve
Paul Isley
Dennis Cathcart

Tours include:
Color Zone Tropicals
McCrory's Sunny Hill
Russell's Bromeliads
Home Tours

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Check fcbs.org for a schedule of activities and events.

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Start thinking about your 2012 family vacation !!

W h a t's H a p p e n i n g

Harriet's Hoots

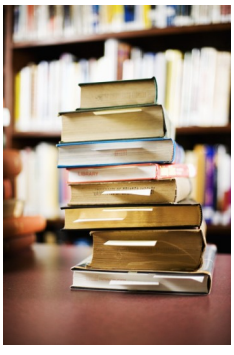
Greetings to all. We are into the New Year with a bang. Although the January meeting was a tad off the date usually held, we had a really good turn out. Wow, what a raffle we had – six tables of plants that found new homes.
There was an assortment of goodies on our food table which I trust everyone enjoyed. My thanks go out to the following members for their contributions.
Sara Donayre - A pretty candy bowl filled with mini chocolates- so good. (By the way Sara, I have your bowl and you can pick it up next meeting)
Nancy Long – Chips that went so well with great guacamole and salsa dip
Patty & Joe Zicarelli – Delish blackberries (I even went and bought some) with Goat cheese and Chicken Wings that were great
Louella Weber …….. - - Great bean dip and chips – always nice to have
Gayle Spinell-Gellers - - Wonderful cake that was really, really good.
As a reminder, the February meeting will also be held on a different date due to Presidents Day. So, please mark your calendar for February 23rd (which is a Thursday). I will be calling the February birthday members to gently remind them (hint, hint) to bring something for our table. Of course anyone who would like to show off their culinary skills are more than welcome to contribute or if you just want to make a quick trip to Publix, that's ok by me.
That's all for now folks and I will see you all at the next meeting.

Hugs – Harriet

Happy Birthday too……..

Patricia Barnes, Bob Clapp, Lawrence Davis, L.P.A
Christine Pardo, Larry Searle, Bobbi Foster, Dr. Steven Weisberg

If we missed your birthday, please let us know and a big Happy Birthday to you!



From the Library

Remember, we have a great selection of books that can be checked out as long as you are a current member
See Melissa Garvey.

Get to know your Billbergia's

Billbergia was established as a genus in 1821 by Thunberg. The name is a tribute to the Swedish botanist Gustav Johannes Billberg (1772-1844).
The genus Billbergia comprises ca. 60 species growing mainly as epiphytes from southern Mexico to northern Argentina. The greatest number are found in Brazil.

The basic rosette of the plant is made up of relatively few leaves (in some species as few as five or six) which grow upright forming a narrow tube or, if the leaves flare out, a vase, which can store large amounts of water. The leaves are toothed, although in some cases very sparsely. The distribution of leaf scales (trichomes) often produces white or silver banding, particularly on the undersides (abaxial) of the leaves. Flowers are borne on a scape which rises out of the tube and is covered with pink, coral, or intensely red bracts. The flower scape may be erect or may be pendent, often suspending the flowers well below the plant. The flowers range from virtually colorless to deep violet, some are night-bloomers and a few are fragrant. According to the petal habit Billbergias are divided into two groups: billbergia, in which the petals recurve slightly and helicodea, in which the petals coil back like a spring. The seeds are contained in hard berries just below the flowers. Pups are produced on short stolons so that a clump forms quickly.

Billbergias in habitat are generally epiphytic and may also grow on rock. In culture some (B. nutans, B. pyramidalis) also thrive as terrestrials in ordinary (well draining!) garden soil. They prefer a small pot. Billbergias are usually grown "hard"—strong light to enhance leaf coloration and markings, little or no fertilizer to ensure that the plant does not outgrow its optimum size and color.
The species name often alludes to a characteristic of the plant.

Leaves:
vittata means "striped" or "banded," *zebrina* "like a zebra," *maculata* "spotted," *chlorosticta* "dotted with green," *marmorata* "marble-like," *horrida* "rough, bristly." *Rosea* and *decora* describe the colorful bracts.

Scape:
nutans "nodding," *pyramidalis* "pyramidal" (as opposed to the usual scattered array of flowers), *leptopoda* "thin-stemmed," *filicaulis* "thread-like stems."

Flowers:
viridiflora "green-flowered."

Billbergias have not been important commercially because their flowering period is quite brief. They are superior foliage plants which tolerate dry air and, with their impounded water reserves, can survive the forgetfulness of their owner much better than most other plants. Hybridization has produced stunning plants, e.g. Muriel Waterman and Fantasia. Don Beadle specializes in hybridizing billbergias and has produced incredible (and pricey) crosses.

Places To Be, Things To Do

May 7-8 La Ballona Valley Bromeliad Society is having its 54th Annual Show and Sale at the Culver City Veterans Memorial Complex, 4117 Overland Dr. Culver City, CA 90230. The dates are May 7 & 8, 2011. Show & sales hours are from 10:00am to 4:00pm on Sat & Sun. Admission is free and there is plenty of free parking. Don Misumi 323-294-9839.

May 21 The 2011 BSI Board meeting will be held at the Mounts Botanical Garden in West Palm Beach, Florida on Saturday, May 21, 2011.

August 6-7

South Bay Bromeliad Associates, 2011 Bromeliad Show and Plant Sale Flora Nursery, 19121 Hawthorne Blvd. Torrance, CA 90503

Rainforest's exotic retail nursery location provides the space for some of the best growers in Southern California to display and sell their Bromeliads. This is a judged show and all Bromeliad growers are welcomed to enter.

The show will feature many species, hybrids, and cultivars that are not commonly seen. SBBA members and Rainforest's employees will be available to answer any questions you may have. Many plants will be offered for sale from the members' private collections, and other commercial vendors.

Ted Johnson, Show Chairman of South Bay Bromeliad Associates, Jerry Robinson and Paul Isley of Rainforest Flora extend a hearty "welcome" to all and hope you will come to share this rewarding experience with us.

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September 24 - October 1

World Bromeliad Conference 20 - Orlando Florida, USA

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BSBC Country Store

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6 in pots_____5 pots for $ 1.00
Plant Sticks___50 sticks for $1.00

Contact Tim Hendrix
@ 954-530-0076

"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!!

"How Your Garden Grows"
Please email Bill at marbilld@mac.com if you would like to be considered to have your garden photographed. We take 'em any way we can get' em! Small scapes to larger scapes! Don't be shy, cause your plants love the camera!
Thanks, Bill David, Photographer, BSBC

Membership Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone : _____

E-mail: _____

Month of your Birthday_____

Would you be willing to serve on a committee or otherwise assist?
Yes_____ No_____

Permanent Name Tag? No_____ Yes_____ Paid_____
Name tags are $5.00

Membership Dues are:
$20 per year for individuals
$25 per year for more than one member at the same address

Please make check payable to:
Bromeliad Society of Broward County and mail this page to:

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