Bromeliad Society of Broward County

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Due to President's Day, we will be meeting on **Mon., February 22, 2016** at 6:30 pm

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February 2016

Tillandsia Stricta

Image courtesy of Shirley Konefal

2015 Officers, Directors, and Chairpersons

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

LOTS TO CHAT ABOUT THIS MONTH

Our **FEBRUARY MEETING** (We will be back to our normal 3rd Monday meeting schedule beginning in March until December) will feature our members **Bill David** and **Ann Schandelmayer** with their presentations on Tillandsias; those native to Florida, where and how to grow them, different ways to mount and display them. Ann's Tillandsia wreath was the hit of our Fall Auction last year.

BRING A DISH TO SHARE AT OUR GENERAL MEETINGS. Usually, we ask members at our general meeting in their birthday month to bring a dish to share for our refreshment table. Some of you have graciously brought food at other monthly meetings to share. If you can, bring a dish or some munchies other than for your birthday month. Our meeting attendees are increasing and added treats are more than welcome.

It's **SURVEY TIME AGAIN**. When you come into our February meeting, you will be handed a survey to tell us how we are doing and what you would like to see added or changed. Please take time to fill out the survey and return it to our membership desk. The survey will be available at our meeting and our website (print out and bring to a meeting). The Board would like to know what we can do better.

ELECTIONS

Our slate of officers for next year will be presented at this meeting by our chairperson **HARRY SPERLING**. Thank you **RICHARD SEDLACK** for volunteering to serve as our **Vice President** and thank you **JOHN F. MEDEIROS**, for volunteering to serve as our **Recording Secretary** for the next two years. The hunt is still on for my replacement as **President**. If you would like to volunteer to be **President**; the term is only for 2 years. I will continue on the Board as the **Past President** and promise to be your right hand person, giving advice and assistance whenever you need it. Remember, too, you have a creative, cooperative Board who will be there for you. All of the hard administrative work has been completed, new equipment has been purchased, job descriptions have been prepared, a storage unit is available for the Society's equipment and inventory has been done. Our Board are all experienced members who are full of knowledge about how our organization operates and more than willing to help**. SO COME JOIN US AND BE A PART OF THE "FINE" NINE. Contact Harry Sperling** at **harrysperling3386@comcast.net** to add your name our proposed slate.

We are also looking to **FILL THE POSITION OF CHAIRPERSON OF THE EDUCATION AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE**. This is not an elected position but volunteers are always needed. One of the responsibilities would be to bring out the Society's collection of Bromeliad books at each general meeting for members to read or check out. These books are stored at Deicke Auditorium. It would only require coming early to the meetings to set them out, sign out the books and then return the remaining ones to storage. As for education, researching interesting events and facts about Bromeliads you could share at some of our general meetings and/or submit to the SCURF for our monthly editions.

DON'T FORGET OUR WEBSITE FOR YOUR MONTHLY SCURF EDITION, OUR ADVERTISERS, INFORMATION ABOUT OTHER NATIONAL BROMELIAD SOCIETIES, VIDEOS OF PERSONAL GARDEN TOURS, AS WELL AS PHOTOS OF OUR ACTIVITIES, www.bromeliadsocietybc.com.

The Board has unanimously approved an **HONORARY MEMBERSHIP** for **JIM KERNS** who has so graciously served as a member of our Society for more than 25 years. He is our true Tillandsia authority. An honorary membership includes free membership, an honorary pin and all of the thanks we, as a Society, can offer Jim for his commitment to the success of the Bromeliad Society of Broward County. We are hoping when soccer season is over for Jim's grandchildren, he will return to our general meetings. KEEP AN EYE OUT.

SPECIAL EVENT **********
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2016 – 11:00 AM –
GARDEN TOUR OF SUNSHINE BROMELIADS IN SOUTHWEST RANCHES!!!

Bring something for lunch. Our hostesses, Josefa Leon and her daughter, Maria Amador, will provide drinks. You can also purchase plants if you see something you like.

ADDRESS: **14601 OLD SHERIDAN STREET,**
SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FL 33330
TELEPHONE: **954-252-3330**

DIRECTIONS:
From the North:

Go South on N. Flamingo Rd.
Turn right onto Stirling Rd., go 1.53 miles
Turn left onto Hancock Rd., go 1 mile
Turn right onto Old Sheridan St., Sunshine Bromeliads will be down the street on the right.

From the South:

Go North on N. Flamingo Rd
Turn left onto Stirling Rd, go 1.53 miles
Turn left onto Hancock Rd., go 1 mile
Turn right onto Old Sheridan St., Sunshine Bromeliads will be down the street on the right.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 21, 2016 GENERAL MEETING – GENERAL ELECTIONS & BROMELIAD JEOPARDY WITH DAVE JOHNSTON. The game will be divided into different level categories for our elementary, intermediate and more knowledgeable members. Free Prizes will be given. So come and test your knowledge and learn even more about Bromeliads.

MARCH 26 (SET-UP ONLY), 27 AND 28, 2016 – TROPICAL PLANT EVENT AT THE PRIDE CENTER IN WILTON MANORS. One of our best plant sales of the year for our members. Start prepping your plants. If you need help, let me know and I will point you to the right person to learn how to getting a member sales number, prep your plant, what to charge, and all of the info you will need about the event. MORE information in MARCH'S SCURF.

APRIL 18, 2016 – OUR FIRST ANNUAL SPRING AUCTION. IF YOU MISSED IT IN THE FALL BECAUSE OF THE HURRICANE, IT'S BACK. This is our first Spring Auction. The Board decided to do it twice a year, not only for our members to add to their collections and a fundraiser for our Society but to see happy bidders walking away with marvelous plants at a GREAT PRICE. OUR **MASTER OF CEREMONIES PETE KOUCHALAKOS** will be back with wonderful Bromeliad facts and great stories. You don't want to miss it.

BIG CHANGES ARE COMING –

How often have you thought when you come to our meetings, you would like to get to know other members better? The Board has been thinking of ways to do this. One of our ideas is to write a **MONTHLY MEMBER'S ARTICLE**. Not just a typical article about where you came from (most people in Florida today came from another area, state or country) but something interesting about you or your family.

I will give you an example of one of mine – I was born and raised in Miami, Florida. Actually, near the Dade/ Broward County line on Dixie Highway. In January 1979, it snowed in Miami and surrounding areas. My aunt inherited my grandfather's neighborhood nursery and two iguanas. The iguanas found a home in a tree above her pond. During that snowy day in January 1979, my aunt found the iguanas frozen and in the pond after they had fallen from their tree. She decided to put them in her oven to bring them back to life – one survived, the other didn't. The event was so unusual, the Miami Herald wrote an article with a picture of my aunt and one of the iguanas on the front page of the local section as she was pulling it out of the pond.

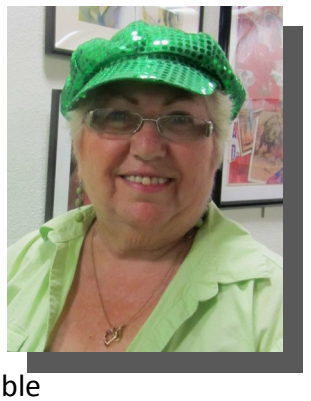
Our first member in March's SCURF will be Harry Sperling. I know he can top my story. How about you? We would love to hear from you. Write me at cblackwood@bellsouth or Gayle Spinell-Gellers at yroftiger@aol.com to tell us your unusual story. With your permission, we will take a photo at our general meeting and add it to our SCURF article– first name only, with your story.

If you have a business and are looking for an advertising opportunity, consider the Bromeliad Society of Broward County in the SCURF. Not only are you targeting over 100 of our members but your advertisement appears on our website www.bromeliadsocietybc.com with more than a 150 new unique hits per month. Contact me, or Carol Mordas about the costs.

NEXT MONTH'S COLUMN – DETAILS ABOUT OUR MAY IN-HOUSE MEMBERS BROMELIAD SHOW.
SEE YOU ON THE 22ND.
BECKY

Images from the January Meeting

Harriet's Hoots



Happy February, Everyone. Ok, let's see what holiday is coming up this month….I'll give you all a hint…Love, Hearts, Flowers, Candy…… These are a few things that go with this holiday. So can you guess? Ok, it will be Valentine's Day – Sunday, February 14th, just in case some of you want to mark this down on your calendar (lol). Although you might get the Scurf after the date and if you do, hope you all had a Happy Valentine's Day.

We had a great meeting last month and I'm sure that we will have the same this month. I know that we all enjoy our speakers but I especially enjoy our get together before the meeting starts. It's a great time to mingle, have something to eat, and just have an enjoyable chit chat with our members. If any of you are new to the club, don't be shy, we're a friendly bunch of people, just introduce yourself, and say hello and you'll fit right in.

Well, it's that time again to thank our wonderful group of chefs for their great contributions and they are ……

Shirley Konefal - - Wonderful Pasta Dish (So good)
Harry Sperling - - - Chocolate Walnut Cake (Fabulous, as always)
Gloria Chernoff - - - Assorted Pastries (My favorite)
Eddie Yi - - Pulled Pork with Relish (Delicious)
Brigitte Sheeks - Platter of Crackers, Fruit & Cheese (Great choice)
Gayle Spinell-Gellers -- - Gazpacho Macaroni Salad (Wonderful)
Susan Mather - -- Popcorn (Great movie snack)
Jackie Matuseski - - - Starfruit - - - (Sweet and delish)
Patty Zicarelli - - Fried Chicken (What a treat)
Lu Weber - - Caramel Corn, Brownies & Cookies (Wonderful)
Bill David - - Apple Coffee Cake (Loved it)
Judith Lahey - -- - Plate of Check Mix (Good munchie)

Well, that's it for now, gang - - - Keep warm and I'll see you all at the next meeting…….
Hugs - - - Harriet

Membership News

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Patricia Barnes
Elizabeth Campbell
Bob Clapp
Lawrence Davis
Eleanor Grupico
Christine Pardo
Larry Searle
Steve Weisberg

SCURF Feature

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Win a raffle sheet with 20 tickets—-

Be the first to email yroftiger@aol.com with the correct name of this brom on the right.

February Meeting

Note change of date

Monday, Feb. 22, 2016
6:30 pm
Deicke Auditorium, 5701 Cypress Road, Plantation

Two of our own members will be presenting:

Ann Schandelmayer—gardening enthusiast, flower arranger extra-ordinaire, frequent speaker at numerous horticultural clubs and respected judge will present on her favorite Bromeliads…….. Tillandsias. Joining Ann will be long time BSBC member and neighbor **Bill David** who has been growing a wide variety of broms successfully for years. Bill is bringing a unique show board which you have to see to believe.

Our **Country Store** will be open, and we will have special plants for the **Silent Auction**. **Remember that you, too, can bring in plants for the Raffle Table , Show & Tell and/or the Sales Table, all of which are part of this night's meeting. If you are bringing plants for the Raffle Table, please have them securely potted or wrapped to minimize clean up issues.**

Time to renew your membership in the BSBC!
If possible, please consider paying by check. It helps us in tracking our membership.

Thanks!!!

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

Special Upcoming Event

Ft. Lauderdale Garden Club
Annual Mystery Garden Tour

Saturday, Feb. 20, 2016
9 am — 3 pm
http://www.flgc.org/

Feb. 13-14, 2016	Edison Festival Garden Market **Sat. 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM** **Sun. 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**	Edison & Ford Estates 2350 McGregor Blvd. · Fort Myers, FL
Feb. 17, 2016	Seed Swap 5 pm– 8 pm	Leu Gardens, Orlando
Mar. 4-6, 2016	Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Annual Show and Sale	Tampa Garden Club 2629 Bayshore Blvd.
Mar. 11– 13, 2016	14th Annual International Orchid Festival (where there are always broms, too!)	Fairchild Botanic Garden, Coral Gables
Mar. 12, 2016	8th Annual March in the Park	Jaycee Park, Cape Coral
Mar. 26-27, 2016	35th Annual International Orchid & Bromeliad Show	Flamingo Gardens, Davie
Apr. 16-17, 2016	Bromeliad Society of South Florida Annual Show and Sale	Fairchild Tropical Botanical Garden, Coral Gables, FL
Apr. 16-17, 2016	Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society Sale; 9:00 - 4:00	The Garden Club of Sanford (on 17-92, one block south of Lake Mary Blvd)
June 13-19, 2016	BSI World Bromeliad Conference	Westin Galleria Hotel, Houston, Texas

From the Editor

All this great cool weather has proven to be the perfect time to work in the Crescent Garden and to pup some broms. While in the process of doing so, I had three interesting conversations….. One member of the family, a new home owner, queried why the garden has this random structure. He felt it lacked cohesion and symmetry with too many varieties of bromeliads. I told him that was sort of deliberate. Some plants, like the Blanchetianas, grew way beyond my expectations. Other plants stayed small but pupped like crazy and a few others, of which I have only one, were too precious not to put on center stage. He wasn't mollified so I told him he can plant his own garden any way he wants. The second chat was with a new acquaintance, a local nurse. Natasha is a gardening enthusiast of the first order. She parked her car and walked right over to "talk plants." We are so on the same page. Not sure who had more fun—- me choosing a wide variety of pups to get her started or Natasha checking out just some of the species on display. I told her what I had is just the wee tip of the possibilities available. The lady is hooked. Then there is Mary who caught me looking like a holy mess in the act of cleaning things out. Apparently Mary has been taking her walk by my house every day. She loves to see the changes and finds the garden both inspirational and peaceful. I have lived in my house for over two decades and had no idea someone besides me actually felt that way. You just never know.

Garden on!

Gayle

If you've read a book on Bromeliads lately and would like to provide a **BRIEF BOOK REVIEW** for the SCURF, feel free to send it on. We would love to have it.

BTW, did you get a chance to try **Amazon Smile**? Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice which could be the BSBC. You can support your favorite charity at NO COST to you. You can log on at smile.amazon.com for the same great prices and selection. The funds directly to the organization. Thanks!

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