Bromeliad Society of Broward County

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February 2017

This month's meeting date: Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2017 !!!

Aechmea '*Blue Tango*' was developed and patented by Patricia Bullis of Princeton, Florida. The intense coloration in the flower spike make this plant a welcome addition to anyone's garden. The plant can thrive indoors or outdoors. This above image is courtesy of Maurice Bruet.

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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 Message

February 2017 – **BELATED HAPPY VALENTINE'S AND PRESIDENT'S DAYS-**

I know as members of our Society, you may be wondering why January and February do not have 3rd Monday meetings as we advertise. If you have been members for a few years, you know our general meeting dates fall on national holidays (Martin Luther King's Day in January) (President's Day in February). We must also schedule our alternative meeting dates with the City of Plantation's Deicke Auditorium's schedule. The City of Plantation is constructing another meeting building just blocks away, which will be completed soon. The City believes the new building will resolve scheduling conflicts.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2017 – USUAL MEETING TIME OF 6:30 pm
The wait will be worth it. **DENNIS CATHCART OF TROPIFLORA NURSERY IN SARASOTA will be our speaker and will also be bringing plants for sale – especially unusual ones for your collections.** Our members' plant sales will be **CLOSED** but our COUNTRY STORE AND RAFFLE TABLE WILL BE OPEN.

MARCH 14, 2017, TUESDAY – Bullis Nursery in Homestead has cordially invited our Society members and their guests to visit their nursery. A sign-up sheet will be passed out at our February General Meeting. Please sign-up if you are planning to go. We will pass out a map to help you find the nursery. Bullis has asked our members meet at their site between 10 am -10:30 am. Bullis is offering a 30% above their costs for any plants you may want to buy. For those who will be going, ask if you may assist some of our older members who are unable to drive but would enjoy Bullis' new surroundings. Save room for your purchases.

In **MARCH,** we will be back on our **THIRD MONDAY** schedule. Our **GENERAL meeting** will be on **MARCH 20, 2017**. Bring your problematic plants for our **'DOCTOR IS IN"** segment. Remember to diaper your plant. If your plant is sickly, please cover it with a paper bag.

MARCH 17, 18, 19 – Our Society will be participating in **GARDEN FEST** at **VOLUNTEER PARK, 10250 W. Sunrise Boulevard, in Plantation.** Members interested in selling their plants should sign up at our February meeting in order to schedule your time. Each participating member must donate 4 hours of their time to sell, including dropping their plants off on **FRIDAY afternoon, on MARCH 17 AFTER 2 PM. Our Society will provide extra tables, chairs, petty cash, bags or sleeves, and cashiers.** As usual, our members will receive 80% of their sales, 20% to the Society.

Our member Richard Konefal and I will also be participating in a local artist exhibition in the Magnolia Room of the building during Garden Fest. Don't forget to visit the exhibit while you're there. I will be painting there, too.
APRIL 17, 2017 – OUR SPRING AUCTION. To help with Spring planting, our Auction will offer unusual bromeliads at a great price. Peter Kouchalakos, our knowledgeable auctioneer, will return to entertain, educate and sell. MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR A GREAT EVENING. Members are asked to donate 3 plants for the Auction. Plants from our supporting nurseries will also be auctioned.

BACK TO BUSINESS - January was our membership renewal month - $25 single, $30 family at same address and $10 for students. The Board has initiated a $5.00 late fee for those members who renew after January 31st.
ELECTIONS have been postponed until March, awaiting volunteers for our vacant Director and Recording Secretary positions. See you Tuesday, the 28th with Dennis Cathcart. *Becky*

Harriet's Hoots

Hi Gang - -

I hope everyone is doing well. Our meeting this month is on Tuesday, February 28th due to the Holiday (Presidents' Day). Wow, then we will be going into March - - 3 months into the year already. Time is going too fast - - let's tell "Father Time" to slow down.

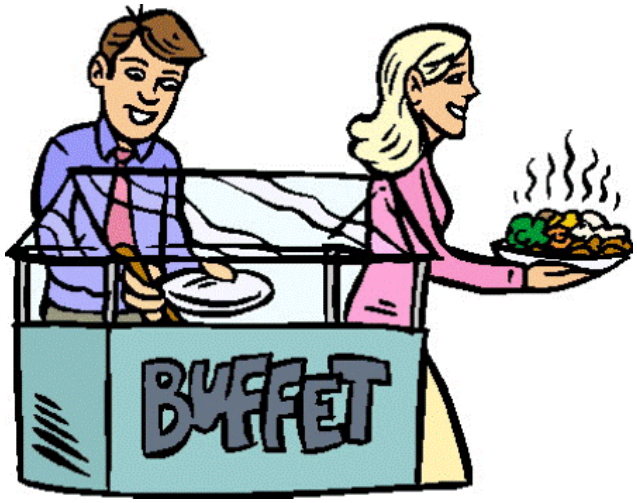
Lots of holidays coming up - - we just got finished with Valentine's Day. Hope you all had a good one - - - I received a great card and a Heart Flower - - - so sweet of Hat Guy (I just love that name for him) but you all know that it's Larry - - always so thoughtful. March is on its way – that brings up St. Patrick's Day, April is around the corner and that brings us April fool's Day, May is Mother's Day and so on. I think that there is a holiday every month (hahaha). Oh well, holidays are fun.

Now it's time to thank our members who contributed to our refreshment table, and they are …….

Shirley Konefal - - - Garlic Shrimp (Love it)
Harry Sperling - - - Butter Almond Stollen (Great as always)
Ann Schandelmayer -- Chicken Dish w/eggs & potatoes (Terrific)
Lu Webber - -- Cookie Assortment (Very nice)
Gayle Spinell-Gellers - - Platter of Meatballs (Very good)
Bill David - - Triple Chocolate Brownies (Fabulous)
Susan Mather - - Platter of Cookies (Great-we love sweets)
Rich Mediavilla - - - Assortment of Pretzels (Wonderful idea)
Maurice Bruet - - - Chicken & Rice Casserole (So, so good)
Jackie Fisher - --- Plate of Crackers (Nice touch)
Gloria Chernoff - - Cookie Platter (More sweets for us)
Brigitte Sheeks - -- Candy Assortment (Wow, that went fast)

Well, that's all for now. So, until our next meeting, keep cool and I'll see you then.

Hugs,
Harriet



Images from Our January Meeting

Membership News

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Patricia Barnes

Larry Searle

Thomas Ingold

Steven Weisberg

Mystery Bromeliad of the Month

Be the first to identify the plant at the right and win a raffle sheet with 20 tickets.
Email yroftiger @aol.com with your guess.

The plant was found in Orlando at the Harry P. Leu Gardens.

February Meeting

Tuesday, February 28, 2017 @ Deicke Auditorium at 6:30 pm

Guest Speaker: Dennis Cathcart of Tropiflora

Topic: Unusual Bromeliads

The Cathcarts

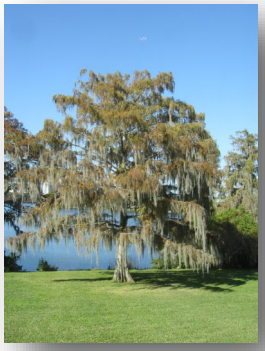
We are so lucky to have folks like Dennis and Linda willing to come across the state to share their expertise and experiences with us. If you haven't had a chance yet, check out Tropiflora's website at www.tropiflora.com. They have put together quite a team of staffers and their plants are wonderful!

We will have….The Raffle Table & The Country Store and of course, refreshments…..
Member plant sales will be closed as Dennis is bringing some plants for sale….
Tuesday night 2/28, Deicke is definitely the place to be.

From the Editor

No question Orlando has a thriving university, terrific theme parks and great shopping but it also has a really special 50 acre garden in the Northeast area near Lake Rowena. Not every list of attractions mentions Leu Garden. Major oversight on someone's part.

The Harry P. Leu Garden has been on my radar since my younger son attended UCF many moons ago. The whole family finally made it there last month and it was worth the wait. Sure, like most of Orlando, there was major road construction detouring us around in some crazy pattern which sent Google maps into a tailspin but once we cleared that, we landed in a pretty residential area surrounding the garden. The weather was perfect with a light breeze. After paying a modest admission fee we walked out the door to face a stunning tree graced with swaying Tillandsia usneoides. The walk in search of other broms began. Although the garden is renown for camellias many of which were already in bloom and gorgeous, we were not disappointed. There were plenty of broms!



The garden features special collections of towering bamboo, azaleas, crepe myrtles, fruit trees, gingers and flowering trees in addition to broms. There is also a butterfly garden which was attracting a lively number of the winged ones. A special Dinosaur Invasion runs through April 30th and 30 min. tours of the 19th century home of Harry and Mary Jane Leu are held daily. The web site for the garden has a great little map noting location of all the major gardens in the state of Florida. Ready to print that out and hit the road. Even more to see!

Garden on!

Gayle

Calendar of Local Plant & Nature Society Meetings

1st Tuesday	Plantation Orchid Society	Deicke Auditorium
2nd Monday	BSBC Board Meeting	Deicke Auditorium
2nd Tuesday	**Butterfly Club**	**UF Extension , College Avenue , Davie**
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.

Two Favorite Plant Events Coming Up !

The 19th Annual Spring Plant Extravaganza!

Don't miss this exciting and unique **PLANT SALE**, only offered twice a year to the public!

FEATURING:

Over 500 species of **Rare & Exotic Palms**, Crotons, Cycads, Cordylines, Bromeliads, Aroids, Heliconias, Gingers, Orchids, Flowering Trees & Shrubs, Tropical Fruit Trees, Unusual Specimens and a diverse selection of Ornamental Landscape Plants! Knowledgeable Staff and a Crew of Volunteers on hand to assist with plants, questions and design ideas.

*Arrive **early** for the best selection, as certain plants have limited quantities. Bring your wagons and carts!*

Location:

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FREE BBQ LUNCH!

FIRST WEEKEND, SAT. AND SUN. FROM 11:00AM - 2:00PM OR UNTIL SUPPLIES LAST.

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NO SALES PRIOR TO Friday, March 3rd
WE ACCEPT ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS

Spring 2017 Schedule:
March 3rd, 4th, 8:00AM - 5:00PM
March 5th, 9:00AM - 4:00PM
Following Weekend:
March 10th, 11th, 8:00AM - 5:00PM
March 12th, 9:00AM - 4:00PM

NO PETS PLEASE

GFWC Plantation Woman's Club & City of Plantation

Present

Garden Fest Arbor Day Extravaganza

March 18th & 19th, 2017

Saturday - 9am to 5pm

Sunday - 9am to 4pm

Nature Seminars
Great Food & Music
Free Entry & Parking

FOR MORE INFO CALL **954.530.0076**

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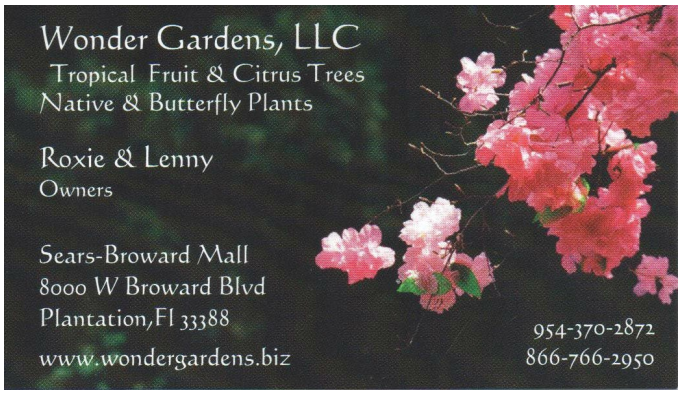
Places to Go, Things to See

Mar. 11 & 12, 2017	Henry Leu Gardens Spring Plant Sale, 9 am-5 pm	1920 North Forest Avenue Orlando, FL
Mar. 18 & 19, 2017	Garden Fest Arbor Day Extravaganza	Volunteer Park 12050 W. Sunrise Blvd, Sunrise, FL
Apr. 22 & 23, 2017 9-4	Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society Sale	Garden Club of Sanford, on 17-92, one block south of Lake Mary Blvd.
Aug. 4—6, 2017	2017 FCBS Bromeliad Extravaganza	Clarion Hotel, 2701 E. Fowler Ave. Tampa, FL
Aug. 19 & 20, 2017 9-4	Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society Sale	Garden Club of Sanford, on 17-92, one block south of Lake Mary Blvd.
May 29—June 3, 2018	World Bromeliad Conference	San Diego, CA

Businesses



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