Bromeliad Society of Broward County

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February 2018 Scurf

Just one of the many lovely bromeliads on Harry Sperling's Hollywood terrace.

Next meeting: **Monday, February 12 at 6:30 pm, Deicke Auditorium**
Nick Bethmann and Lee Magnuson presenting

Information, great plants, kindred friends, food and fun

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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 February Message

I hope you haven't become discouraged because of changes in our regularly scheduled meeting dates that occur every January and February due to conflicts with Federal holidays. We will be back on schedule on April 16th for our Spring Auction.

JUST A REMINDER: OUR FEBRUARY MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2018. OUR SPEAKERS WILL BE NICK BETHMANN FROM THE PALM BEACH BROMELIAD SOCIETY AND LEE MAGNUSON, A MEMBER OF OUR SOCIETY. The title of their presentation will be "Anthers to Your Stigma Questions" about their hybridizing adventures. They will also bring some of their results. Lee will bring his plants to sell exclusively. THE MEMBERS' PLANT SALES TABLE WILL BE CLOSED.

Our February meeting will be a busy one. SIGN-UPS will be passed around for GARDEN FEST, SOUTH FLORIDA BROMELIAD SOCIETY SHOW, and **FIELD TRIP TO MICHAEL'S BROMELIADS IN VENICE, FLORIDA.** PLUS: We will be electing our new Board for 2018-2019.

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Members will vote to confirm the Board's recommendations for office for the next two years.

NOW THAT YOU HAVE RECOVERED FROM JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND THE SUPER BOWL, YOUR BOARD HAS PLANNED MARCH TO BE ONE OF THE BUSIEST MONTHS THIS YEAR. A LITTLE SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE. WE START WITH…….

MARCH 10, 2018, SATURDAY – FIELD TRIP TO NATURE'S RELICS IN DAVIE, BEGINS AT 10 AM.

Directions: Nature's Relics address is 4575 SW 29th Terrace, Ft, Lauderdale, FL . Take I-95 to Griffin Road, exit and go west on Griffin Road to SW 29th Terrace and turn right onto 29th. They are the second house from the end of the street on the left side. If you are coming from 441 you will have to turn left onto 29th. They are east of Living Color Nursery and west of Tropical Acres.

MARCH 16 (SET-UP) FRIDAY; MARCH 17TH, SATURDAY - 9-5; MARCH 18TH, SUNDAY – 9- 4; GARDEN FEST PLANT SALE @ VOLUNTEER PARK, 12050 W. Sunrise Boulevard.

Members are welcome to join other society members in selling those bromeliad pups you've been raising in spite of yourself and the weather. We will provide the tables. You will have see Susan Mather for a sales number or get one on the sale day, deliver your plants, work a 4-hour shift and pick up your plants. Set-up will begin Friday at 2 pm. If you plan to participate, please let me know or sign-up at our General Meeting on Monday, February 12.

MARCH 23, 24 and 25, 2018 – SOUTH FLORIDA BROMELIAD SOCIETY SHOW, Fairchild Gardens, Coral Gables.

Interested in participating? Please contact me or Shirley Konefal for an application and transportation information. We are planning to carpool to Fairchild Gardens to set-up and attend. A Sign-up Sheet will be ready at our February Meeting. Information re: preparation and how to partici pate will be available at our meeting or e-mailed at your request if you plan to participate.

MARCH 31, 2018 – CARPOOLING FIELD TRIP TO MICHAEL'S BROMELIADS. THEIR ADDRESS IS 973 1ST DIRT ROAD, VENICE, FLORIDA 34292.

The filed trip is limited to 20 people. Carpoolers will meet at Deicke Auditorium parking lot and leave by 8:30 am to arrive at approximately 11:00 am. We will plan on eating lunch after our visit. You will be able to purchase plants.

Directions to Michael's…….

1. **Go north on I-75 to Exit 193.**
2. **Make a right on to Jacaranda Blvd. and go 3/4 mile to the 4-way stop at Border Road.**
3. **Make a right onto Border Road and go 1 3/4 miles to First Dirt Road**
4. **The nursery is the second property on the left at 973 First Dirt Road. The gate will be open.**

Any problems: Call 727-415-7276.

REMINDER JANUARY WAS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL MONTH. Due to increased society costs, the Board approved an increase in family memberships to $35; single - $30 and student memberships remain at $10. The $5.00 late fee will be WAIVED UNTIL OUR SPRING AUCTION ON JUNE 16, 2018.

YOU CAN SEND YOUR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL CHECK MADE OUT TO THE BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF BROWARD COUNTY TO BSBC, P.O. BOX 17272, PLANTATION, FLORIDA 33318.

FYI, remember our website address is **www.bromeliadsocietybc.com** If you lose your e-mailed SCURF, you can enjoy present and past editions on our website.

We are looking for advertisers for our SCURF - $50 for 6 months; $100 for a year. We have over 1,000 hits each month so it is a great opportunity to advertise your services.

Applications are available for those interested in attending the Bromeliad Society International (BSI) in San Diego, California on May 29 – June 3, 2018 at their website: **http://www.bsi.org/new/conference-corner/** A schedule of events and other information is available at this site. BSI was established in 1950.

See You Monday – Don't be late, good food, great plants and fellow gardeners.

This will be my last edition as President of the Society since 2014. It has been my pleasure to work with so many good people who shared their gardening tips and information with me to help me keep my garden beautiful. I am a happy and lucky person. I will still be around as your Treasurer.

Becky

ANXIOUS TO KEEP UP TO DATE ON CHANGES IN BROMELIAD TAXONOMY?
CHECK OUT THIS LINK: NEW BROMELIAD TAXON LIST

Harriet's Hoots

Hello to All - - -

Well, we're into February, just the beginning but you know how time flies….. FAST. By the way, don't forget what's coming up shortly - - - - No, it's not the Broward Meeting. Come on, you all know---It's Valentine's Day. So remember, buy a card, flowers, candy, etc. etc.

So, how did you all like our last meeting with our speaker, Mr. Larry Davis (aka Hat Guy)? Although he did take his hat off when he started speaking, what a professional (lol). I thought he was really knowledgeable and very informative. He spoke on various topics and also gave away a few pups and plants. He does enjoy giving these talks and he is good at it, but I did have to remind him of the time (me and my clock around my neck) otherwise I think he would still be talking and we would still be at Deicke (just kidding). Clap-Clap for our speaker.

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

Anne Schandelmayer - - Very Nice Veggie Plate (As always)
Jack Mackey - - Delicious Muffing (We all need a snack)
Shirley Konefal - - Chicken Carbonara (Very good)
Lu Weber - - Cookies and Candy (We love our sweets)
Susan Mather - - Great Cheesecake (Wow-that went fast)
Harry Sperling - - Rum Eggnog Cake (He is a great baker)
Gloria Chernoff - - Delish Pastries (I love these)
Gayle Spinell-Gellers - - Raspberry Triangles (Fun to eat)
Diane Leiner - - Platter of Cookies (More sweets, why not)
Sandra Davis - - - Great Chips (Always goes well)

Well, time to go home (I'm still at work) and that's all for now – so until our next meeting – take care and I'll see you then.

Hugs,
Harriet

Membership News

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Tammy Beardsley
David Harris
Thomas Ingold
Larry Searle
Steven Weissberg

For Sale: The BSBC LCD projector: Viewsonic PDJ 5111 with 2500 ansi lumens. $100. Machine specs are here.

Vriesea Fenestralis

Mystery Bromeliad of the Month

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

From the Editor

Like my visit to Leu Gardens last spring, Mead Botanical Garden in Winter Park is located in a quaint residential area. You wouldn't know it was there unless someone sent you in the direction. Leu is more formal, more structured and larger. Mead, by its very own mission statement, is meant to be a "wilderness oasis." And so it is.

The first thing that struck me upon early arrival at Mead was that it was absolutely silent. A few cars were in the lot but not a person was to be found anywhere. It was eerie. I felt quite alone for the first half hour. It was unlike any other garden previously visited. Happily, there were a few bromeliads to check out and a rustic wooden walkway around at least part of the garden. The trees are filled with Tillandsia usneoides which always create a certain special Southern kind of feeling. Suddenly, from the silence, the birds discovered someone was walking the trails and the place erupted….like somebody flipped a switch or they all woke up at once. A good half hour more walking around revealed a couple interesting features like an amphitheater and an educational building and then a really sweet spot with a metal butterfly chair nestled among the plants—— just a perfect spot to survey a botanical garden. Check that off the bucket list…. sitting in a butterfly chair and looking for broms.

The recent weather has had an impact on the garden. The butterfly garden section of Mead was hurting. It looked like the winter chill from the week before had hit hard. Everything was brown and few butterflies were out and about. Having had my own problems with a butterfly garden, I could sympathize. By the time I left the garden late morning, mothers and young children were walking the trail and best of all, a large group of kids were running around the playground area having a terrific time. Good to see.

All this travel brings up the topic of our upcoming field trips. Jesse and Dee Vance from Nature's Relics presented at the BSBC a couple of years back. They are really nice folks , their old Florida wood is something to treasure and their home is a delightful place to see. I cannot wait to visit them again. Michael's Nursery in Venice is another wonderful stop for a brom gardener. Every time Michael has been at Garden Fest, the plants have been wonderful, so many unusual broms and reasonably priced. Be sure to get on board for two great field trips.

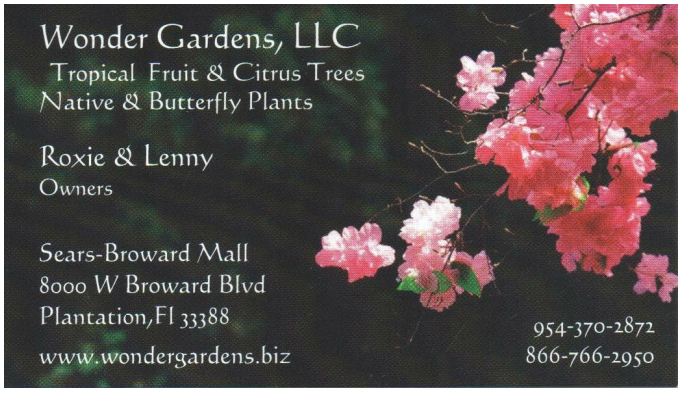
Gardening rules!

Gayle

Places to Go, Things to See

Jan. 6—Apr. 22	Nature Connects	Leu Gardens, $10 for adults
Feb. 10 & 11	Botanica Garden Festival	Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens 9 am—4 pm
Mar. 17-18		Volunteer Park 9 am—5 pm; 9 am-4 pm
Mar. 24-25	40th Annual Bromeliad Show and Sale	Bromeliad Society of South Florida Fairchild Gardens, Coral Gables
May 29—June 3	World Bromeliad Conference	San Diego, CA
Oct. 17-20, 2019	Golden Broms	Queensland, Australia !!!!
2021	Australasian Bromeliad Conference	New Zealand !!!!!!

Businesses



Next Meeting
is
Mon., Feb. 12 , 2018
6:30 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