# Scurf

## Bromeliad Society of Broward County

www.bromeliadsocietybc.com/

## February 2013

**This tiny Tillandsia ionantha started off as one plant two years ago. It graces the terrace wall of a home in Tamarac, FL and is proof that charming arrangements can be found in the smallest settings. In this case 4" X 5".**

# 2012-2013 Officers, Directors and Chairpersons

**BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF BROWARD COUNTY**
**P.O. Box 17272**
**Plantation, FL 33318**

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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.

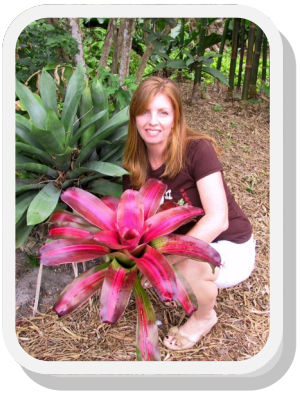
## Affiliations: Bromeliad Society of Broward County is a member of and supports

**The Bromeliad Society International**
http://bsi.org

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

**The Cryptanthus Society**
http://fcbs.org/cryptanthussociety/

# The President's Message

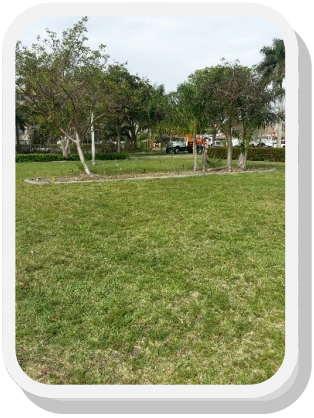


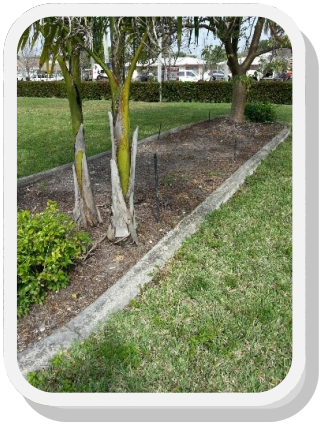
Hey Bromeliad Lovers,

So we have finally found our new home while Deicke is being renovated. From April—Sept. 2013, we will be meeting in the fellowship hall at the **Plantation Community Church,** 6501 W. Broward Blvd. The church is ¼ mile West of Deicke Auditorium. The meeting dates are as follows: April 15th, May 20th June 17th, and September 16th.. We will not be meeting in July and August. Our allotted time is 5:30 to 9:00 pm and WE MUST CLEAN UP AFTER OURSELVES.

Harriet and Larry will be able to get into the hall at 5:30 to set up refreshments and we must be out by 9:00. I would like volunteers to contact Harriet to help with kitchen clean up. I am very grateful to the Church for allowing us to use the facility for our meetings keeping it easy and convenient for everyone.

**"Bromeliad Project to say Thanks!"** The church has two islands in the extended parking lot closer to Cypress that need planting. The islands are fully equipped with sprinklers so watering is not a problem – They have asked us to donate bromeliads and to landscape the two islands. I would like a committee to head this up. I will email you individually to see if you can be on the committee and help. If this is something you are interested in doing, please contact me asap. Thanks,





Next, **Garden Fest** is moving right along- I would like to thank Maureen Frazel for taking on the position of show chair. She has really been a big help, getting judges and helping me with the booklet. Ribbons and banners have been ordered. If Maureen hasn't called you already, you will get your assignment at the next meeting. We need each and every one of you to make this show/event a success. I would like to thank you in advance for volunteering.

Oh, one last thing – dues are due please give your check to Marcia or Carol. As of February 1st, they are past due!!

Remember we are meeting the 4th week this month due to President's day.

See you February 25th,
Colleen

# Membership News

Time to renew your membership for 2013. Please make your check payable to Bromeliad Society of Broward County (BSBC) and send the total amount owed along with the completed form on the last page of this SCURF to:

Kenny Seesahai, Treasurer
P.O. Box 17272
Plantation, FL 33318

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Christine Pardo
Larry Searle
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# Upcoming Elections

We will be having an election of officers for the new Bromeliad year 2013/2014 in April and it is necessary to know those people interested in holding office and what positions they would like to volunteer for. Please keep in mind that without a President and officers on the Board there is NO BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF BROWARD COUNTY (BSBC) Since I was asked by Colleen to assume the position of Nominating Chair, I will attempt to fulfill that obligation to the best of my ability with the help of Jack Meharian and Maureen Frazel as a committee consultant. I request that members, who are interested and will put forth the effort to apply for office, contact me, Harry O. Sperling by phone, 954-981-486 or by e-mail at, harryosperling@bellsouth.net Jack can be reached at 954-922-3531. The slate will be presented in March, we will vote in April and the new board takes over in May.

The positions open are as follows: President, Vice President, Secretary, and 1 Director; also a Librarian (however librarian is not a board position).

Thank you,
Harry Sperling
Nominating Committee Chair

# Harriet's Hoots

Howdy Ho everyone - - Wow, we're already in February, where does the time go. The days will soon be getting longer so you all will have time to get out into the yard after you get home from work (for those of you who are still working) and since it will be light out you can visit with your plants and maybe do some pupping or just show them some love (lol), after all this is the month of love – Happy Valentine's Day everyone.

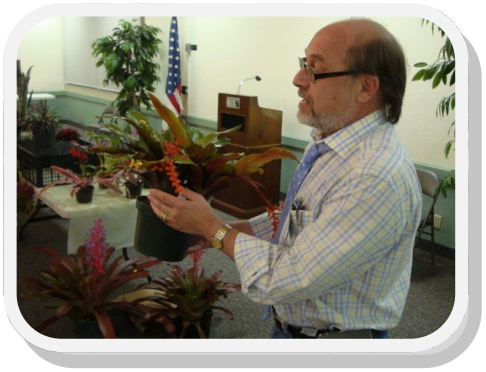
Our last meeting was enjoyable and informative. Our speaker was well versed and we have always enjoyed having him attend. I do believe he enjoyed our food table as it was well stocked with delicious tidings as always. Thanks go out to the following members who contributed:

Brigitte Sheeks – Cheese, Crackers and Fruit (just lovely)
Harry Sperling - Banana Cake–Nut Free (he is such a good baker)
Jack Meharia - Chocolate Hazelnut Cookies (my favorite)
Shirley Konefal – Garlic Shrimp (always a treat)
Velene Smith-Myrle – Carambolas (star fruit – so delicious)
Gloria Chernoff - Artichoke Spinach Dip & Crackers (just loved it)
Loretta Smith - Biscotti (yummy and good for dunking)
Gayle Spinell-Gellers - Chocolate Strawberries (boy, they went fast)
Louella Weber - Crackers, Hummus & Dark Chocolate (what a great combo)
Peter Hartig - Raspberry Coffee Cake (satisfied a sweet tooth)
Patty Zicarelli - Crackers, Goat cheese & Girl Scout cookies (Yummy)
Martha Reichman – Fruit Cobbler (really, really good)
Melissa Garvey - Chocolate Cherry Candy (more for the sweet tooth)
Norma Jeanne Flack - Cucumber Salad (nice choice and healthy)

Well, as you can see we did have a great table and again I do appreciate all your contributions - - don't stop, keep it going – Hooray for our members. With that being said, I bid you farewell and I will see you all at the next meeting.

Hugs and Love (after all – Valentine's Day) - - Harriet

# From Our January Meeting



**Guest Speaker**
**Peter Kouchalakos**

**Raffle table extraordinaire**

Many thanks to Peter Kouchalakos for a terrific presentation on getting our plants ready for Bromeliads Gone Wild! Acknowledging our mission to educate the public about bromeliads, Peter encouraged each of us to prepare and enter at least one plant in the upcoming show. Now is not too early to begin looking your plants over to determine which plant you might enter. Peter gave a bunch of insider tips to keep in mind.

1. Look for plants with good symmetry that have clear markings. You can foster symmetry and even coloration by giving your plant a quarter turn every week.
2. Check for scale and snails by examining the underside of the leaves. Spray with alcohol in the morning or evening. Plants being submitted must be free of both. Plants should also be free of dust, algae and dried leaf matter. Wash out with plain water to remove the debris. A long-necked tweezer may also be very helpful . Clean the leaves with distilled water. An unnatural sheen will disqualify a plant.
3. Remove damaged or split leaves. If the end of the leaf is damaged, you might be able to use another leaf as a template to cut off the slight imperfection.
4. Clay pots may not be the best choice. Consider black or green plastic.
5. Plants should be upright, centered, planted at the proper depth and in proportion to the size of the pot.
6. A wedge of styro foam may be useful in helping to support an inflorescence until it can stand by itself.

# About Our February Meeting

## NOTE THE DATE!

**Monday, February 25th, 2013**

**Time: Meeting begins at 6:30 pm**
**Plant preview 6:30 pm –**
**sales table will be open**
**Where: Deicke Auditorium,**
**5701 Cypress Rd**
**Plantation, FL 33317**

## "Show Stoppers"

**See in real time designs, artistic, minis and show stopping bromeliads.**

**Selected members will bring in their plants and give you the visual that will amaze you. Seeing these designs will give you the inspiration to create your own masterpieces.**

# From the Bromeliad Society of the Palm Beaches

**Feb 21 Meeting:** Last November members got to visit the garden of Dr. Jeffery Block and now Dr. Block is coming back to share some secrets. Get your questions ready.

What to do this time of year ?

What should be fertilized what should not?

What should be blooming and if not, should I be doing something besides

trying to grow bromeliads.?

**Feb 23 Ramble:** Members of BSPB will be making 4 stops at gardens in Ft. Lauderdale.

Directions and more information will be available at the meeting and via email. You're going to like this ramble!

Official 3 page newsletter with more info: http://www.bsi.org/webpages/bspb/13-02/13_02.pdf

Society website: http://www.bsi.org/webpages/bspb/

Regards,

Nick Bethmann, Editor

# How do you know when you are a gardener?

When your ever-expanding gardening wardrobe requires its own bureau drawer.

When gardening supplies and plants become a line item in the budget.

When your GPS has the addresses of the best nurseries in memory.

Enjoy: Clic aqui La vida de las flores

# Calendar of Local Plant Society Meetings

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| | 1st Tuesday | Plantation Orchid Society | Deicke Auditorium |
| | 2nd Friday | Ft. Lauderdale Garden Club | Birch State Park |
| → | 2nd Monday | BSBC Board Meeting | Deicke Auditorium |
| | 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 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

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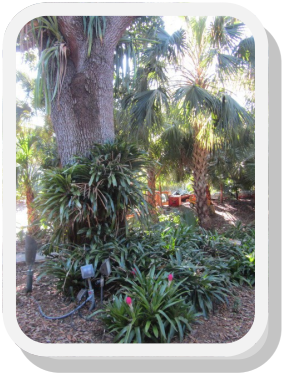
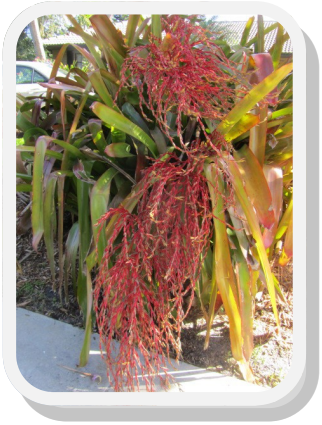
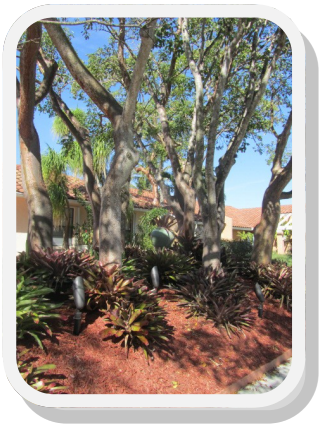
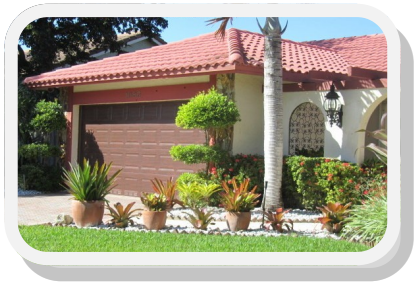
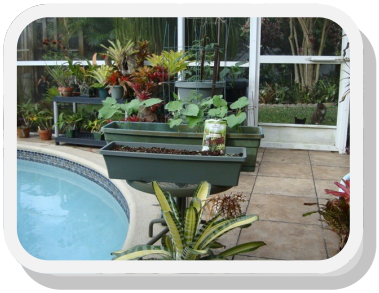
| Feb. 16 - 17, 2013 | Gardenfest Coral Springs | Sat. 9 am — 5 pm<br>Sun. 10 am — 4 pm | Riverside Park, 205 Coral Ridge Drive, Coral Springs<br>Free admission & parking |
| Feb. 16 - 17, 2013 | Garden Festival and Bonsai Show | Sat. & Sun .<br>9:30 — 4:30 | Flamingo Gardens, 3750 S. Flamingo Rd, Davie, Discount coupon sent |
| Feb. 23, 2013 | Secret Garden Tour | 9:00 am — 3:00 pm | Ft. Lauderdale Garden Club<br>by reservation ; fee based |
| Mar. 8 - 10 , 2013 | Fairchild 11th Annual International Orchid Festival | 9:30 am — 4:30 pm daily | Fairchild Gardens, Coral Gables; Adm. $25, $18 for seniors |
| Mar. 14 - 18, 2013 | Bromeliad Society of New Zealand | Hours vary daily | Cool Broms Conference, Auckland, NZ |
| Mar. 16, 2013 | A Tropical Plant Fair | 8 am—5 pm | The Pride Center, 2040 N. Dixie Hwy. Wilton Manors, Fl. |
| Mar. 23 – 24, 2013 | Garden Fest<br>Bromeliads Gone Wild ! | Sat. 9 am—5 pm<br>Sun. 9 am—4 pm | BSBC Show and Sale<br>Volunteer Park, Plantation |
| Mar. 30 - 31, 2013 | Flamingo Gardens 32nd International Orchid/Bromeliad Show | | Flamingo Gardens,<br>3750 S. Flamingo Rd,<br>Davie |
| Apr. 6—7, 2013 | Spring in the Garden | Sat. 9 am—5 pm<br>Sun. 9 am—4 pm | Ft. Lauderdale Women's Club,<br>10 E. Broward Blvd., Ft. Laud. |
| April 12, 2013 | Amy Stewart, author of *The Drunken Botanist* and *From the Ground Up, The Story of a First Garden.* | 8:00 pm | Books and Books<br>Miami, FL |
| July 12, 2013 | Bromeliad Symposium ( part of Monocots V, 5th International conference on Comparative Biology of Monocotyledons ) | | New York Botanical Garden |

# From the Editor

No question this time of year is the best time of year to be living in South Florida. The weather has been great and things are definitely happening in the world of plants and gardens with sales and shows almost every weekend. While attending the Palm Beach Bromeliad Society's January meeting for the presentation on the Singapore Gardens by the Bay (add that stop to the bucket list for travels abroad. What they have done with broms is amazing and no photo online compares with the jaw-dropping slides Dennis Cathcart of Tropiflora shared), I overheard someone suggesting a fellow attendee check out the Ann Norton Garden for bromeliads. Hmmm. Lived here a long time, but had never zeroed in on that one. Well, if your travels take you a wee bit north, give a thought to taking a lovely stroll in the Ann Norton Sculptural Garden @ 253 Barcelona Rd, West Palm Beach, FL 33401 (561) 832-5328. The garden is just east of US 1 (aka Olive Avenue) and less than 5 minutes south of the Norton Art Museum which is a worthwhile stop all by itself. The sculptures are unique in material and design and bromeliads abound in the garden and on the trees. A very pleasant place to spend an hour. Here are a few images to whet your appetite.



That little trip lead me to wonder about gardens in our immediate area.. With camera in hand, I wandered around one neighborhood nearby in search of homes with bromeliads in their landscaping. Happily, these images appear to be just a very few examples of bromeliads in use.

Happy Trails, Gayle

# Business

ADVERTISE HERE……..

$10.00 PER MONTH

## BSBC Country Store

The Country Store has the following items for sale at great prices!

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

Contact Bill David
@ 954-321-9229

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"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!!

Got a bromeliad question? Send an email to yroftiger@aol.com and we'll post the question in SCURF.

# BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF BROWARD COUNTY

## Membership Application

Date_____

Name: _____ Birth Month_____

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Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

Telephone #'s: Home: _____ Cell: _____

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

**Membership Dues are:**

$20.00 per year for individuals.

$25.00 per year for more than one member at the same address.

Name Tag: $5 additional per member

Do you wish to apply for membership in Bromeliad Society International (BSI) ?

Cost is $40.00 for a single or dual one year membership (www.bsi.org)

Yes___ No___

Please make your check payable to Bromeliad Society of Broward County (BSBC)

and send the total amount owed with this form to:

Kenny Seesahai, Treasurer
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We meet at 6:30 p.m. on the 3rd Monday of the month, except January and February

January and February dates will be announced in the SCURF.

We currently meet at: Deicke Auditorium
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