Bromeliad Society of Broward County

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Hohenbergia castellanosii

Just one of the many unusual bromeliads to be discussed in this month's presentation by Shirley Konefal who also contributed the image

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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

DON'T FORGET OUR JANUARY MEETING IS ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2016 AT DEICKE AUDITORIUM IN PLANTATION BEGINNING AT 6:30 pm. THE CHANGE IS DUE TO THE MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY.

Have you made your New Year's Resolutions? First on my list would be to start writing 2016 instead of 2015.

Our Holiday party was a wonderful success – great food from all of our great cooks, unusual Society gift plants, and even more unusual Chinese Auction plants. I was surprised to see even my contribution change hands several times The big Auction hit of the evening was Isley's *Tillandsias* book last snatched by Richard Sedlak.

It's that time again – Annual Membership Renewals – Singles - $25.; Families at the same address - $30 and Students - $10. Last year our memberships totaled 104. We would like to top that number this year. Our revised Membership Form is now online at our website: www.bromeliadsocietybc.com You can complete it in advance and bring it with you.

Our member plant sales for the year totaled more than $7,000, of which 80% were our members share. We will be having at least 3-member plant sales this year – two at Heritage Park (one in the Spring and one in the Fall) and one at the Pride Center in Wilton Manors in March. Save up your extra broms. Selling your plants will introduce our communities to bromeliads, put some money in your pocket and meet some wonderful buyers during our sales. I want to also encourage our members to bring in their plants to sell at our general meetings on the MEMBERSHIP SALES TABLE (again, 80% of your sale price is yours, 20% to the Society to pay taxes and overhead costs). Also, if you have extra plants, in good condition, you want to get rid of – bring them in to donate for the RAFFLE TABLE. Everyone can use extra dollars in their pockets.

DON'T FORGET. We still have Show and Tell. If you have an unusual plant, especially one in bloom or you don't know its' name; bring it to our general meeting and we will have our knowledgeable members tell you more about them.

SPRING is also the time for our Society's ELECTIONS in March. Presently, we are putting together a slate for your consideration and voting in March. Our BY-LAWS do not allow a President to serve more than 2 years but I will remain on the Board as the Past President. The majority of our Board have agreed to continue in their offices BUT WE HAVE OPENINGS FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR PRESIDENT, RECORDING SECRETARY AND ONE DIRECTOR. Nominations from the floor on Election night will be accepted. For those of you who are considering volunteering, I have included job descriptions for the President and Recording Secretary positions. Our By-Laws have been revised to limit the terms of office for the President to 2 years. The Director's position is more of an advisory position without a job description. Our Society has become more successful because of the versatility of our Board. Other positions are strictly volunteer and their terms are only limited to the amount of time an individual wants to volunteer.

IF YOU ENJOY OUR SOCIETY AND WANT IT TO CONTINUE - SHOW YOUR SUPPORT - VOLUNTEER. OUR ORGANIZATION IS ONLY SUCCESSFUL BECAUSE OF OUR VOLUNTEERS. YOUR HELP IS NEEDED.

Our JANUARY PROGRAM will be slide presentations by Gayle Spinell-Gellers on LANKESTER GARDENS and Shirley Konefal's on rare and unusual bromeliads. Our SALES TABLE will be OPEN, a SILENT AUCTION PLANT will be offered and there will be raffle plants available.

UPCOMING EVENTS
A Garden Tour will be scheduled in either February and/or March – more information will be available next month. Watch your FEBRUARY SCURF.

Remember, **FEBRUARY'S MEETING** WILL BE HELD ON **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2016**, DUE TO PRESIDENT'S DAY HOLIDAY OCCURING ON OUR USUAL MEETING DATE. Our speakers, BSBC members Bill David and Ann Schandelmayer, will present on Tillandsias.

MARCH 21, 2016 – ELECTIONS WITH PRESENTATION.
APRIL 18, 2016 – SPRING AUCTION
MAY 23, 2016 - POT LUCK WITH MEMBER BROMELIAD SHOW
DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2016.
BECKY

Images from the December Holiday Party

Even more images can be found on our website under the About Us tab.

The party was great with terrific plants and outstanding refreshments. Thanks to all who attended and to Harriet Abo for handling the catering.

Harriet's Hoots

Hello everyone - -

Before I start my little article I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year. I hope that this year will be the best year ever for all of us. I'm not even going to get into New Year resolutions as I know that we make them and try to keep them but…….it sometimes falls through the cracks. Just be happy and have good health – that's what matters.

I hope that you all had a great time at our Holiday Party. The food and desserts that you all brought in were delicious and fabulous. We do have great cooks in our society. I would like to thank you all for your participation and I appreciate all of your help, not only when we have a special event, like a Holiday Party, or Pot-Luck Dinner, but even at our general meetings. You are a great bunch of people. Now, let's not forget to give a thank you to the club for providing the ham, turkey, drinks and membership plants. I also would like to give a special thank you to my honey - - - I'm sure you know who I'm speaking about - - Larry Davis……the Hat Guy (lol). He was a big help for me with the Holiday Party with ideas and organization. Even with the general meetings, he is always there to lend me a hand if needed. So, my Clap-Clap-Clap goes out to him especially.,

Well, that's it for now, I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting and we will start again this year to have a terrific club and lots of good things happening.

Hugs - -

Harriet

Membership News

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Loretta Amone
Jerri Parrish
Emma Simmons
Bob Smith
Laretta Smith
Gayle Spinell-Gellers
Joe Zicarelli

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Steve Coy

Oscar Correale

Both from Hollywood

SCURF Feature

Win a raffle sheet with 20 tickets—-Be the first to email yroftiger@aol.com with the correct name of this brom

January Meeting

Note change of date

Thursday, Jan. 21, 2016
6:30 pm

Deicke Auditorium
5701 Cypress Road, Plantation

Two of our own members will be presenting:
Webmaster **Gayle Spinell-Gellers** will present on Lankester Botanical Garden, Cartago, Costa Rica

and

Shirley Konefal, owner of The Nature Collection, will present on Unusual Bromeliads.

Our **Country Store** will be open, and we will have a special plant 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.

Join us for another fun and interesting evening!

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

This weekend…..

Jan. 23-24, 2016	Tamiami International Orchid Festival	Dade County Fairgrounds Expo Center 10901 Coral Way (S.W. 24th St) Miami, FL
Feb. 6-7, 2016	Gardenfest	Riverside Park, 3250 Riverside Dr., Vero
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
Mar. 4-6, 2016	Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Annual Show and Sale	Tampa Garden Club 2629 Bayshore Blvd.
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

Happy New Year One and All,

Hope everyone had an exceptional holiday. It struck me that the New Year is a great time to revisit the game plan for all things garden-related….. Time to celebrate the gardening successes of 2015 like getting two good friends to start growing broms and having my Blue Tangos multiply beyond expectations. Time to think about the future of the Crescent Garden and the need to cull the bromeliad collection. Time to get rid of the gloves that are past their prime, some plants that just aren't thriving no matter what as well as a mountain of plastic pots that have seen better days. Time to say goodbye to a plant stand that just hasn't worked out despite trying it out in multiple locations. Maybe it is time to put the baby puyas I have been nursing for nearly two years outside. Dare I?

Speaking of time, it is time to renew your membership in the BSBC and to think about getting more involved. There are upcoming events, openings on the Board and opportunities to share your own expertise with the club and with the general public. Hope you will give some thought to the aforementioned.

Garden on!

Gayle

Also, something to think about…. Ever hear of Amazon Smile? It is Amazon's program for donations to Charitable Organizations. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. It is a simple way to support your favorite charity at NO COST to you. Just log on to smile.amazon.com and you will find the same great prices, selection and convenience as always. There are nearly one million organizations listed and the BSBC is one of them! Amazon donates the funds directly to the organization. It is that simple. Thanks!

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