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Guzmania sanguinea var. sanguinea

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

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http://www.iinet.net.au/~scrozier/Culture.html

Next Meeting: January 23, 2008

Note: this is the only meeting on a Wednesday, due to MLK Day otherwise it is the 3rd Monday of every month

at 7:30 p.m.

Jim Ward Community Center
301 NW 46th Ave (Park East Drive)
Plantation Fl 33317
Please note of our NEW MEETING LOCATION

The Member Sales Table will be open
We will have our Raffle Table

Guest Speaker: Ron Cave

Topic: "The Evil Weevil, Releasing the Fly"

Please don't miss this program. Ron will explain about the weevil that is decimating our Tillandsias and he will give us the update on the fly that kills the weevil. This is a very interesting and energetic program.

About our Guest Speaker

Ronald D. Cave is an Assistant Professor of Entomology at the University of Florida's Indian River Research & Education Center in Ft. Pierce. He received his PhD degree from Auburn University. He was a Peace Corps volunteer in El Salvador and Paraguay and worked for 15 years at the Pan American School of Agriculture in Honduras. Currently his research focuses on the biological control of invasive arthropods, specifically the importation of exotic insects as candidate biological control agents. Evaluation of resident natural enemies and assessment of commercial natural enemies are conducted along with studies on the biology of parasitoids and predators. Current projects target the Mexican bromeliad weevil and the Sri Lankan weevil. He also teaches under-graduate entomology and pest management courses.

Calendar of Events 2008

February 2nd Bromeliad Society of Broward County Field Trip . We will be visiting Bullis Bromeliads, Karl Green's Nursery and Jeffery Block's garden. Departing promptly from Jim Ward Community Center at 8:30am and returning by 1:30. Free to members of BSBC, non- members $10.00. See page 7. For more info contact Maureen at 954-474-1349

March 29-30, Bromeliad Society of Central Florida
Leu Gardens Sale at Harry P. Leu Gardens, Orlando

April 12-20, 2008—Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society Sale—9:00 am—4:00 pm.
Sanford Garden Club, US 17/92 and Fairmont Drive, Sanford

April 19th – 20th Bromeliad Society of South Florida Show and Sale at Fairchild Tropical Gardens on Old Cutler Rd. in Miami
Sat. 9-5 / Sun 9-4

April 19th – 20th Sarasota Bromeliad Society Show and Sale
Selby Gardens Sarasota, Florida

May 3rd-4th Bromeliad Society of Broward County Sale
Spring Plant Affair at Heritage Park in Plantation, Fl Sat. 9-5 Sun 9-4

May 9-11— Bromeliad Society of Central Florida
Mother's Day Show and Sale,
Orlando Fashion Square, Orlando

June 25-29 2008– BSI World Bromeliad Conference The 18th World Bromeliad Conference is being held in Cairns, Australia. Enquiries to Lynn Hudson, 47 Boden Street, Edge Hill, QLD 4870 or lynnie@ledanet.com. Also information at http://bsi.org

The President's Message

Happy New Year!!!!
I hope everyone had healthy and happy holidays. I also hope that your plants survived that severe dip in the weather a couple of weeks ago. You may notice some brown patches on the leaves of some your broms, not to worry no harm to the plant itself it's just unsightly and of course it always happens to your favorite one. Maureen and Bill Frazel wrote an excellent article in this months Scurf on Cold Weather Protection. Follow their advice and you should have no problems.
In this months Scurf there are notices of two, count them two, fantastic field trips planned. One in Feb and one in April. I am very excited that we are able to provide such interesting and educational trips to you. I'd like to thank Maureen for getting these set up for us!!

Thanks Maureen

Next, we will be participating in the Spring Plant Affair at Heritage Park. This is May 3rd and 4th. If you plan on selling and have not sold before, please get your selling number from Larry Searle - I encourage everyone to bring plants to sell, remember 20% goes back to the club. For details see Tim Hendrix 954-931-1711.

Please take note : this meeting is on Wednesday due to Martin Luther King Day. This is the only month that we meet on a Wednesday.

See you soon,
Colleen

Show, Tell and Admire

Bring in your Blooming Tillandsias to show off to us. There will be a table in the front of the room to display them. Always remember, if you are having trouble with one of your plants, or need a plant identified, or have a question about one, bring it to a meeting and we'll help you with it.

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Annual dues are due by February 1st. Be sure to send in your check to remain on the mailing list for the Scurf and the meeting notice e-mails. Send the form (inside back cover) and check payable to Bromeliad Society of Broward County to

Larry Searle, Treasurer
Bromeliad Society of Broward County
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$15.00 for individual membership or $20.00 for multiple members at same address.

NOTICE:

Proposed change to Article VI of the By-Laws:
"The annual dues for an Active member shall be $20.00 and $25.00 for a multiple members at same address." This will be proposed at the January 23rd regular meeting, voted on at the regular Feb 18th meeting and will be effective immediately. Dues for 2008 paid prior to February 18th will be at the current rate of $15 for individual and $20 for multiple members at same address.

Field Trip February 2nd, 2008

Education is one of the main purposes of our club. We are fortunate to have had a financially successful participation in the Extravaganza 07. One of the benefits to our members could be exposure to Bromeliads growing under different circumstances. Our President has asked me to chair a Special Events Committee. I am recommending two trips. I am also suggesting the fee for the charter buses be paid for out of the general funds , according to our by-laws this must be voted on by the general membership as it entails over $200.00.

The first trip will be held on Saturday, February 2, 2008. We will visit Bullis Bromeliads , a very large Commercial venture in South Miami, not usually open to hobbyists. They have a large array of unusual hybrids. Note: Plants will be sold at retail that day. We are sure to be amazed at the development since we started visiting 30yrs ago. We will also visit the green house of Dr Karl and Kris Green who collect Species; same location as Bullis. Then, We are privliedged to visit the exquisite garden of Dr. Jeffrey Block and his wife Michelle. We are anxious to see the garden changes since our last tour 12 years ago.

If possible of not miss this opportunity to improve and expand your knowledge.

Details for the trip

Saturday Feb. 2, 2008 we will meet at the Jim Ward Community Center at 8:30 AM. This will be a free trip to BSBC members. You must register to go (first come, first served) see JoAnn Heyer 954-5348, you may register by phone or at the meeting.

Deadline for registration is January 30th.

Remainder will car pool. Guests /non-members will be put on a wait list for a $10.00 fee. If you must cancel, please call 48hrs in advance so that we can contact the people on the wait list.

Bring your own food and drinks. This trip will be approximately a 5 hour adventure.

Submitted by Maureen Frazel

Mark your Calendars for the Second Field Trip:

Saturday April 19, 2008

This trip will be to Selby Gardens in Sarasota the home of the BSI Identification Center. The Director, Harry Luther will give us a private behind the scene look at the Research greenhouses. This will be in conjunction with the Sarasota Show and Sale which we will be able to attend.

This will be a day trip, leaving early morning and returning in the evening. I am working out the details so more info to follow.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call me; Maureen Frazel 954-474-1349.

If you are seriously interested in joining us on this adventure please see JoAnn Heyer at the next meeting, she will be taking names for reservations.

Hope you all attend, these will be fantastic trips

Maureen Frazel

Special Events Chairman

On the Front Cover

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The moderately large, but expansive and fairly inconspicuous green rosette changes the color of the inner leaves to a warm golden yellow and a fire-red during the blooming period. The species grows low and may reach 60cm in diameter. The pups develop laterally from the center of the rosette. When blooming the small yellow flowers last approx. 10 days. This plant is quite spectacular in color. The one on the cover is grown by Bud Hendrix.

Cold Protection for your Bromeliads

Prior Planning for Proper Performance

We growers are forced to follow the weather forecast daily should the thermometer dip down below 50 degrees. At that time, we have decisions to make in a short period of time. Over the past 30 years we have fine tuned our actions. Ideally, a wind break on the west and north sides of the growing area should be in place. A large number of sheets, bed spreads etc. readily available for covers, as well as clothespins. No plastic.

The day before the cold front, the plants should be well watered. If the cold is just passing through and staying only one day the plants should be covered overnight. In the morning the covers removed to prevent a soggy mess of linens, should it rain. However, if the cold stays on for a few days it is safer to leave them on.

There are a few plants that we bring right into the house. Among them are all the Aechmea fulgens group, all plants with inflorescense. Some of the small Billbergias and the tubular Neoregelias. The surveyor flags are useful to mark the plants to grab and take in. Below 40 degrees we cover everything especially the Cryptanthus.

We had the misfortune to have all of many thousands of Bromeliads freeze 20yrs ago. The meristems of the plants were protected by ice. As the tops rotted we frantically cut off the brown leaf parts and saved everyone, but it was heart breaking during the recover period.

We are blessed to have such growing conditions that enable us to grow under shade cloth, mostly 60% as well as a natural canopy. Our cold worries are usually only occasional and causing only minor spot damage and ending about the end of February.

Maureen and Bill Frazel

Accredited BSI Judges Instructors

BOOK OF THE MONTH

(Editor's Note: Larry Searle has been appointed to the post of Club Librarian, replacing Sara Donayre. He's submitted the following review of one of the club's books)

While unloading the cases of books that I received since volunteering to be the club's new librarian, I noticed a Tillandsia book that is written in Japanese as well as English.

The title of the book is "*New Tillandsia Handbook*" It is a soft-cover book of134 pages. The authors are Hiroyuki Takizawa, MD and Hideo Shimizu. And this appears to be a second edition with the first being published in 1992. Not sure when this book was published or when the club acquired it but the cost was $25.00 dollars. If you're looking to read a book on Tillandsias this isn't for you. On the other hand, if you're looking for a book with lots of pictures, then this book will put a smile on your face. I stopped counting the pictures at 200 after only 59 pages. Many of the photos in the book have been taken while on field trips the authors took to Mexico, Paraguay, Ecuador and Florida . All of the photos of the Ecuadorian Tillandsias were taken on a trip the authors made with Dennis Cathcart, owner of Tropiflora Nursery. As the author said., "the objective of the book is not to educate, but to try to capture and convey the extraordinary beauty of the of the Tillandsia species. "

After looking through this book I would have to say his objectives have been met. This book will be on display at our January meeting.

Larry Searle

BSBC Librarian

Reminders

December & January Birthdays please bring tasty treats for the Refreshment Table!

Happy Birthday to.....

Pat Boone, Jean Tease, Patricia Bass, Jean Burstrom, Jon & Lorelei Cole, Mario Londono, Tudor Scridon, Naomi Shirley, Lee and Evelyn Stone, Diana Tuttle, and Carol Vogt.

If we missed your birthday or have you listed on the wrong month , than please correct me!!!!
Happy Birthday to you

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Announcement

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Membership Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone : _____

E-mail: _____

Month of your Birthday_____

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

Permanent Name Tag? Yes_____ No____ Paid____

Membership Dues are:

$15 per year for individuals

$20 per year for more than one member at the same address

Please make check payable to Bromeliad Society of Broward County and mail this page to:

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