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Bromeliad Society of Broward County

July 2003

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, JULY 21ST, 2003, 7:30 P.M.

SPEAKER : KEN MARKS

TOPIC: "TILLANDSIA'S, MORE OR LESS"

MR MARKS IS NOT ONLY A MEMBER OF OUR SOCIETY, HE IS A MEMBER AND PAST PRESIDENT OF THE BOCA RATON BROMELIAD SOCIETY. HE IS THE WEB MASTER FOR BSI AND HOLDS A SEAT ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Plant sales will be open to members

We meet the Third Monday of every month (except January)
at 7:30 p.m. in the Broward Agricultural Extension Building
3245 College Avenue, Davie, Florida

Calendar of Events

July 26th – August 2nd 2004 – **16th World Bromeliad Conference** hosted by the Bromeliad Society International and the Greater Chicago Bromeliad Society Westin 0' Hare Hotel in Rosemont (Chicago), IL.

November 7th – 9th 2003 – **Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society's Standard BSI show and sale**.
Judging Nov. 7th show and sale open to the public Nov. 8th, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. , Nov. 9th 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Terry Park, 3410 Palm Beach Blvd, Ft Myers, Fl contact Larry Giroux (239) 997-2237 or Brian Weber (239) 591-4268

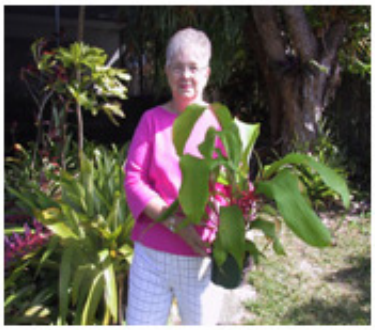
November 15th 2003 - Bromeliad Extravaganza will be held at the Miccosukee Indian Hotel in Miami, a one day sale and auction. More info to follow.

June 28 & 29 - Bromeliad Society of San Francisco

Bromeliad Society of San Francisco Annual Sale and Show

Date: June 28 & 29, 2003
Time: 10am-5pm
Location: San Francisco County Fair Building (Strybing Arboretum) on 9th Avenue @ Lincoln Way, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco. BSSF Website for more detail.

President's message



We had a good turn out at our last meeting and Dr. Terri Bert gave a fantastic program. I'm sure we all learned something. We are soliciting help from our members...We are looking for committee chairs for refreshments, clean-up, raffle table and a few others. I am going to pass a clipboard around at the next meeting, so please keep this in mind, even a co-chair would help on a committee. We should all take part and make this the best society possible

Good growing,

My Best Always,
Polly

On the front cover Hoenbergia "stellata"
Photo by Tim Hendrix
Grown by Molly Lesnick

Dues are Due!!!

They were due May 1st, if you have not mailed or personally handed your check to Bill Frazel, please do it immediately. Your mailings will resume once your membership is renewed.

Don't forget your dues support the functions of this society and your monthly Scurf. So again, see Bill Frazel or call him ASAP!

WE will also be sending out a friendly reminder to those of you who may have forgotten.

"Blooming Bromeliads" Book is still missing!!!!

It was checked out 2 months ago - please return it asap or call Polly and let her know you have it. It is very important that we have record of all books coming in and out– we have an extensive library and keeping track is key, so please, whoever has it get in contact with Polly.

Don't forget.....you too can bring your plants, crafts, any plant related item to sell on the plant table. 20% of your earnings goes to the BCBS. It's a great way for everyone to buy great stuff that you have to offer!!!!!!

A Tallandsia Tale

By Bud Hendrix

Several years ago, I was given a large tillandsia pup by a friend. It was accompanied by two pictures of the inflorescence which indicated it would be a large plant. The plant, unidentified, had been collected outside the U.S. and I was made to promise not to reveal where it was collected and who had given it to me. I promptly potted the plant and placed it in the shade house,

Some months later, when Harry Luther gave a program, he identified the plant from the photograph and indicated it was rare. The plants name is lineatispica which is a cross between Tillandsia utriculata and Tillandsia fasciculata.

Dennis Cathcart said he had never seen on and it was quite a "prize."

From this point the plant was babied, placed where the light was best and fertilized with Peters 20-20-20. It grew well and early this year it came into bloom. As the bloom matured the question arose, will the plant give pups?! Utriculata reproduces only by seed and if this plant inherited that characteristic, reproduction would be greatly slowed down.

As time went by the plant was continually fertilized and finally one day there was a pup starting. Due to the heavy fertilizing there are now twelve pups about half of which are ready for removal. Soon, this plant will not be so rare.

A picture of this incredible Tillandsia is on the next page.

Tillandsia lineatispica

General Store

Our general store will be open at the meeting. We have pots, identification tags, cork, and other items to help raise your beautiful bromeli-

Dr Teresa Bert explaining the differences between the same plant

August meeting

will be Bromeliad Bingo

$ 1.00 per card, and if you yell **Bingo** you will win a gorgeous bromeliad.

The raffle table will also be open.

Brushing up on Bromeliads

Meet Maureen Frazel and her Davie garden

This was the feature story in July 4ths Lifestyle section of the Sun-Sentinel.
The name of the article was Shooting Star.
If you missed it– check it out on the web at Sun-Sentinel. Com.

Editor's Note

Thanks to all of you who continually support our meetings by not only attending but also by contributing your time and talents. It is through this effort that our society grows and thrives.
We have been working diligently and have found a Golf shirt for this society that is very cool and you will be proud to wear. The first order will be called in very soon so if you are interested, please see Colleen and Tim. Congratulations to Maureen for making the Sun-Sentinel.

Name Tag Winner and Bonus Plant Win-

David Tuttle with C'Est Bon and Diane Tuttle with Aechmea blanchettiana

Molly Lesnick with Neo " zacate"

GROWING BROMELIADS

Light

The most important care requirement for Bromeliads is light. Bromeliads that naturally grow high in the trees need much more light than those that grow down low and are shaded by overhanging branches. How do you determine the light requirements of your plants? The stiff, grey leafed plants will need more light while the soft green plants need less. Now, even the "lower" light Bromeliads need bright light by house plant standards. A greenhouse and a covered patio will certainly provide sufficient light to grow Bromeliads. In the house, however, the plants must be grown in front of a window. The stiff, grey leafed plants can even take full sun through the glass all seasons except summer. The soft, green leafed plants must not have full sun but they still must be in front of a window to receive bright, indirect light. The window must not be covered with shade films. These films are great for keeping intense sunshine out of the house but I've found very few plants that will receive adequate light to grow through the film.

If shading is necessary (on rare occasions) I recommend shade cloth. This allows the full spectrum of pure light to come through while providing shade in the house. Often times plants are purchased in full bloom. The decorative advantages of Bromeliads can be exploited to their fullest when they are in full color. At this full color stage many Bromeliads can be placed away from windows, in more interior locations for the period of time the plants are in color.

When the bloom time is finished the plant can then be moved back to good light to grow the next generation of plants (explained above). Moving the plants to these more interior locations may slightly shorten the life of the colored flower but a long lasting color display can still be enjoyed.

AIR CIRCULATION

Bromeliads need good air circulation. Certainly the best place to grow these plants (in cold climates) is in a greenhouse, with heaters, coolers, exhaust fans, and circulation fans; however, a covered patio can also be a successful growing location most of the year. The least desirable location for growing tropical plants is in the house. The main reason for this is the reduced humidity and light levels present in the house. Growing any plant in the house is a compromise but measures can be taken to ensure reasonable success. Grow Bromeliads in front of a window where good light will be provided and open this window when the weather permits. This will provide the breath of fresh air that they so desperately need.

Written by Ron from Treeborne Gardens Worldwide Inc.
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Special Thanks

To Richard in advance for getting August's Bromeliad Bingo set up -

Reminders

July birthdays bring goodies

Announcements

We are looking into ordering Golf shirts with our insignia. Anyone interested in ordering one please see Colleen or Tim

New Advertising Page
Please don't forget to advertise in the Scurf
Only $10.00 per month for 1/4 page !!!!!!!

We want your garden story!

Including pictures (If possible). Participation in The Scurf is welcome. We would like to have a special interest section dedicated specifically for our members in order to share and enjoy each others own personal backyard of treasures.

E-Mail your backyard fun to:
Timbo-169@attbi.com
Or submit to the editor at meeting !