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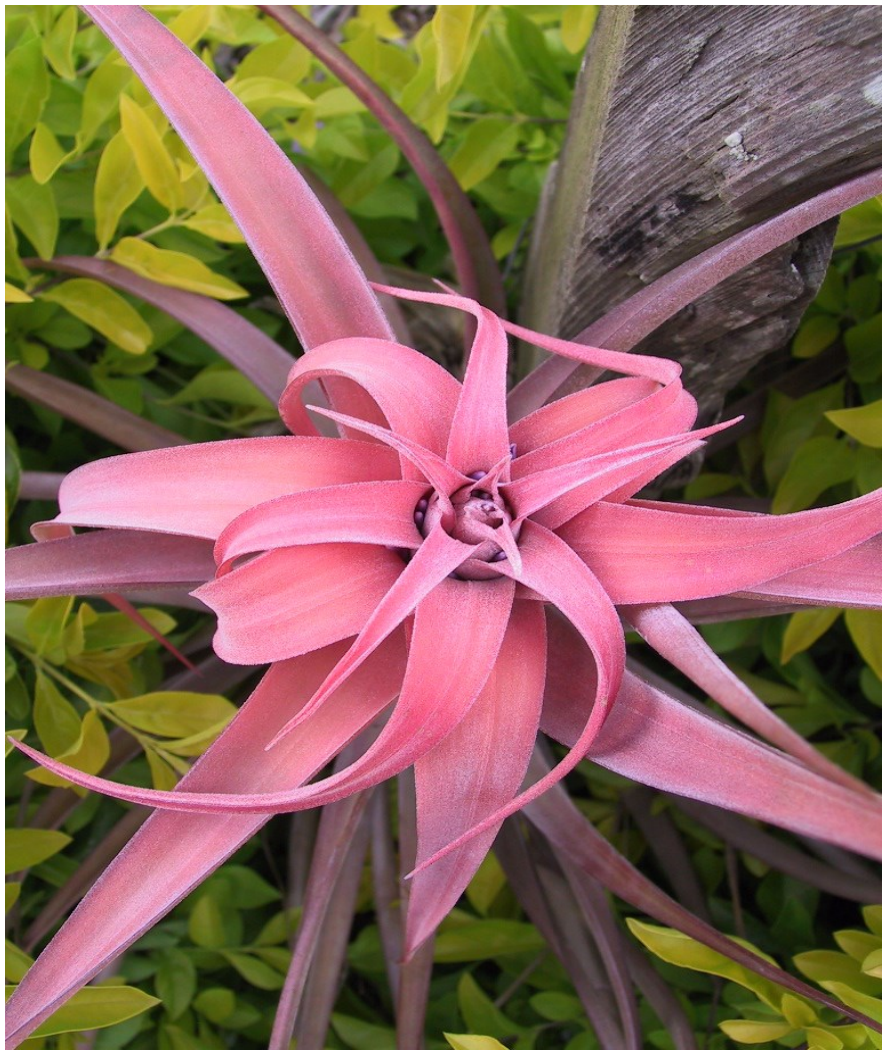

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Our meetings generally offer a speaker on timely and noteworthy topics, member plant sales, a plant raffle, special holiday plant auctions, diagnosis of disease and pest problems, and A Country Store with selected bromeliad and gardening supplies.

The Bromeliad Society of Broward County is a member of, and supports:
The Bromeliad Society International
http://bsi.org

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

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

Next Meeting: July 17th ,2006

Guest Speaker: Bob Haehle

Radio Show Host and Writer

"Bromeliads in the landscape"

A plant clinic and slide presentation

Get your questions ready!!!!! Don't miss this special appearance !

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

Plant sales will be open!

We will also have our plant raffle

About our Guest Speaker

Bob Haehle is a horticultural consultant and gardening writer. He has a B.S. degree in environmental design from the University of Massachusetts and an M.S. degree in horticulture from the University of Delaware's Longwood Program. In Maryland , he served as educational horticulturist and director of Brookside Gardens in Wheaton and as county agent for Howard County. He was a Former county agent for Broward County, Florida. In addition to his newspaper column, he maintains a web site with garden tips called "Garden Line" at http://www.a-garden-diary.com/haehle.htm As the regional reporter for National Gardening, Bob writes a bimonthly garden column covering central and south Florida and extreme south Texas to view his reports go to htttp://www.garden.org and select *Tropical South*. He is also been the host for several *Radio Garden Shows*, and a much sought after public speaker. Tune in Sunday mornings from 9:30am to 11:00am on WJNA 640AM. Mr. Haehle has written numerous columns and articles for *The Sun-Sentinel, South Florida Home & Garden, Florida Nurseryman*, and others. He and Joan Brookwell are co-authors of *Native Florida Plants*. *Email: Bob Haehle*

Calendar of Events for 2006

August 19-20 - Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society Fall Tropical Plant Sale Garden Club of Sanford
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Sudi Hipsley at 352- 728-5002 or Bud Martin at 321-363-7351 The public is invited. Admission is free.

September 30 - Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies' Extravaganza Sale, banquet and rare plant auction. Miccousukee Indian and Gaming Resort Convention Center. Miami, Florida USA. For more information visit www.fcbs.org.

November 18 & 19, 2006
Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society Annual Sale
Terry Park, 3410 Palm Beach Blvd., Fort Myers, Fl
For more information contact Larry Giroux,
email:DrLarry@comcast.net
or Betty Ann Prevatt, email: bprevattpcc@aol.com

Bromeliad History

Bromeliads entered recorded history some 500 years ago when Columbus introduced the pineapple (*Ananas comosus*) to Spain upon return from his second voyage to the New World in 1493. On that voyage he found it being cultivated by the Carib Indians in the West Indies. Within 50 years this tropical fruit was being cultivated in India and other Old World countries.
It took some time for additional bromeliads to enter cultivation. It wasn't until 1776 that another bromeliad (*Guzmania lingulata*) was brought to Europe. *Aechmea fasciata* followed in 1828 and *Vriesea splendens* in 1840. Within the last hundred years, bromeliads have become more widely used as ornamental plants. Originally only found in royal botanical gardens or the private greenhouses of wealthy Europeans, their popularity has spread to the masses. Today bromeliads are more available to the enthusiast than ever before. New species are still being discovered and plant breeders are developing ever more stunning hybrids to choose from. Ie: BSI website

Plants for Upcoming Auctions

Adding to some plants the Society has collected before, I bought some from the vendors at the World Conference in San Diego, which will be put up for auction at different times though out the year.
These are:
Neo. 'Inkwell' Variegata. This is a complex hybrid by Tropiflora (Carolinae x Concentrica) x (Carolinae x Concentrica) x 'Big Blue'. We should remember that JoAnn Heyer won a top prize with this plant at our last Show two years ago. There are two forms: Albomarginata and Variegata and we have both!

Bill. Peridot', a Michael Kiehl's hybrid of 'Hombre'x ('Fantasia' x Gothensis) in a lime green, probably representing Bill. Gothensis, with white dots. The inflorescence is the main attraction. It is large and dense like the one of Bill. Euphemiae.

Neo. Carcharodon "Rainbow". Carcharodon or not, when fully grown this is a spectacular plant with black tips, wide, spiny, greenish gray and pink to reddish leaves. The inflorescence with characteristic white flowers lays deep in its well defended nest.

Till. Dyeriana is a classic. So much so that it adorns the cover of the Baensch book.
A graceful plant with a striking inflorescence in shape and color, grows better in a pot than mounted. The contrasting snow white flowers makes for a charming setting.

Neo. Concentrica Albomarginata. We have enjoyed the almost infinite forms of dark, circular or irregular banding in Neo. Concentrica and its many hybrids. Add to this the white margins and this large plant, besides being beautiful, makes a powerful statement.

The Presidents Message

We want to thank David McLean for a very entertaining and humorous presentation last month. Although the central subject was how to use bromeliads at home and garden in different and innovative settings, he was not only entertaining but very informative on several topics from fertilizing to care of bromeliads and use of media.

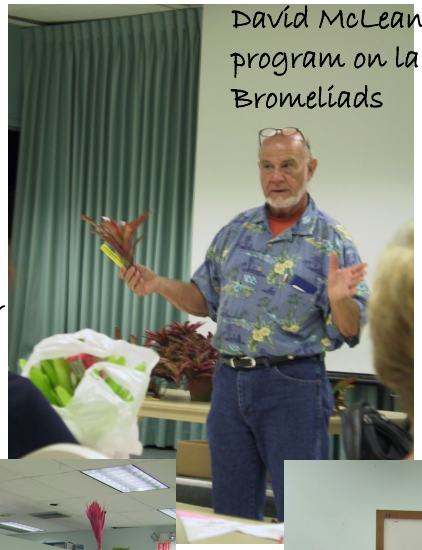
We have finally come up with a plan for a "social" meeting which will be staged in August together with our speaker's presentation. Be ready for a change. We will not have plant sales or a raffle table but will have a mini-auction of special plants and objects related to bromeliads. More information in this issue.

As the delayed rains make their presence noted every day the problem is how to win the battle against weeds. They are in the pots and around the pots. Eliminating them early is the trick. This is also the time of year when slimy green algae appear in your plants specially your Neos. Again, repeated washing is necessary to avoid damage to the central leaves.

Pepe

Book of the Month

While attending the XII World Bromeliad Conference in San Diego, I found a book being sold at Michael's Bromeliads booth which I thought would be interesting to our members. If you are looking for colorful photos this is your book: *"Bromeliads. Next Generation"* by Shane Zaghini. This is his second book published in the same format as the one before: full, but very full of illustrations. Therefore it is useful for identifying your plants if you need to. The numerous plants in it are mainly new Neoregelia hybrids but you can find plenty of new Guzmania and Cryptanthus hybrids. Some misspellings are easy to spot and resolve. I am sure this book will be available at the Extravaganza next September 30 at Michael's booth.



David McLean giving a full program on landscaping with Bromeliads

Below.....
Name Tag Winner
George Henderson
Ae fasciata x
Ques Humilus

Below.....
Bonus Plant
Winner
Pat Boone
Neo. rivera

Member's Gallery
By Jose Donayre

Jack Meharian, originally from Arizona, moved to Florida from St. Louis, in 1988 looking for better weather and promptly joined our Society. Although he moved back to Arizona in 2000 for about three years, he is back with us. He is a professional flower designer who works for corporate meetings and special occasion balls and banquets. As such, he has won many awards for his designs at our shows and others.

Returning to Hollywood he bought a property that at that point had no special plantings. If you see it now, he has transformed it into something close to a tropical site. Here he is in his front yard behind some blooming Portea Petropolitana var. Petropolitana, an Ae. Blamchetiana and an Ananas variegata.

What is important to note is that he has arranged his plants, of which bromeliads are the major part, with a designer's hand .They are to be found in several arrangements throughout the space. These include spaces created by tiles, mixed with statuary and garden objects in very imaginative ways. Below on the left, for instance, he has a group of medium size Neos. On the right, an Ae. Mexicana albomarginata with a Neoregelia and a group of Billbergias.

One of his larger groups of plants is set as a central piece in the backyard. Here one can appreciate a creative use of cane stakes to delimit spaces. Belo w, the frontal aspect shows several kinds of plants and bromeliads around an Aztec looking pottery piece. He has a large collection of pottery and creates some unique pieces himself.

Among other plants in his garden , he seems to have a preference for succulents and aloes which he mixes well with bromeliads like in the case of the Aechmea Blanchetianas here in bloom. On the left the regular version and on the right the more unusual variegated form.

Heads Up..... August Meeting will be a SUMMER SOCIAL and Mini Auction!!!

Can we possibly have more fun at a BSBC monthly meeting than we normally do? Your Board of Directors believe we can by having a covered dish dinner at the August 21, 2006 meeting. This is a "heads up" for you to be thinking about your favorite recipe. We would like each of you to participate. At the July 17, 2006 meeting more discussion will be had regarding this inviting event. A form will be circulated to accumulate a list of the type of food items all will be bringing. Even if you lack culinary skills or motivation, we would be grateful for such items as bread and beverages.
In the event you are not able to attend the July meeting but want to participate in the Summer Social in August, you can call JoAnn Heyer at (954) 436-5348 with your choice of a food item for the menu..

Name
What will you be bringing ????

Appetizer ? Entrée hot or cold? Desert hot or cold? Drinks?
Please list the food item _____

_____

Turn this form into JoAnn or Pepe at the next meeting (if you cannot make the next meeting but will be there for the August meeting, please call JoAnn, her number is above) Continued...

About the August Mini Auction.....

We also thought that since we were doing something different for the August meeting by have a covered dish social; we thought that we could hold a Mini Auction of various items donated by you the members relating to Bromeliads. The proceeds from the auction will be put in our 2007 Extravaganza Fund. We will only have two plants to be auctioned however, this time, we will also have beautiful and fun items other than bromeliads but RELATING to bromeliads to auction off. These items can be..... Art work , garden art , gift item , basket full of potting material , tools , anything that has to do with planting, growing or just looking at something beautiful that has to do with bromeliads. Please see Pepe, JoAnn or Colleen for more info on donating. We appreciate all of your help on this. The Extravaganza is quite a big project and we need to start NOW to capitalize on each event. With your participation we can do it!!!!!!! Below are the two plants that will be auctioned off in August.....(along with the other goodies).

Neo. 'Inkwell' Variegata.
This is a complex hybrid by Tropiflora (Carolinae x Concentrica) x (Carolinae x Concentrica) x 'Big Blue'

Neoregelia 'Rainbow' Shown by John Boardman 2003 Mothers Day Show, BSCF

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2006 Bromeliad Extravaganza

Presented By

Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies

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The Bromeliad Society of South Florida

Saturday, September 30th, 2006

At

Miccosukee Resort & Convention Center

500 S.W. 177th Ave

Miami, Fl 33194

305-925-2555 or 877-242-6464

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Room rates: single or double $95.00

suites $139.00

Rates in effect until August 29th,2006

Sale, Banquet and Rare Plant Auction will be in the same location

Receive a free copy of Elton Leme's, Bromeliads of the Atlantic Rain Forest!

Receive a select bromeliad from Deroose Nursery!

Look for DeLeon's Bromeliads elaborate display in the lobby area!!!

Reminders

July Birthdays please bring goodies!

Happy Birthday to.....

Becky Blackwood, Jim Kerns, Philip Husley, Clark kwiatkowska, Gil MacAdam, Sydney Sotor
Anyone we missed? Then Happy Birthday to you!

Welcome All New Members

A big Thank You goes to.....

Elaine Farquharson who gets the room set and ready for our speakers

On the Cover.....

Tillandsia maya
Xerographica x brachycaulis
Grown in full sun by Bud Hendrix

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Address: _____

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Month of your Birthday_____

Do you want a name tag? YES _____ NO_____

Would you be willing to work on a committee or other capacity? Yes_____ No_____

Membership Dues are:

$15 per year for individuals

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

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