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

NEXT MEETING: JULY 16TH,2007

Guest speaker: Ken Marks

Topic: "Costa Rican Adventures"

In this program learn about the bromeliads of Costa Rica along with other diverse native plants and animals from palms to orchids along with the incredible creatures found in the rain forest. This latest adventure of his has all been captured on a PowerPoint program that always leaves you feeling as if you've been there. Don't miss this one!!!

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

Please take note of our NEW MEETING LOCATION

We meet the third Monday of every month (except January) at 7:30 p.m. in the Jim Ward Community Center located at 301 NW 46th Ave, Plantation Fl 33317
46th Ave is the same as Park East Drive

About our Guest Speaker

Most of you know Ken Marks. He is a member of the Boca Raton Bromeliad Society and has held many positions on the Board. He is the webmaster for the BSI and the Florida Director for the BSI. He has been collecting bromeliad for the past 15 years along with his wife Tammy and cataloging native tillandsia's in his travels for the last several years.
Ken shares with us a multitude of information among bromeliad lovers. Ken is a dynamic speaker with great enthusiasm for what we all love.....Bromeliads!

Calendar of Events 2007

August 18-19 - Sanford Garden Club

Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society and the Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society Judged Plant Show A standard judged plant show to include bromeliads and other tropical plants. Sanford Garden Club Building, 200 Fairmont Drive, Sanford, FL 9 AM - 4 PM both days. There will be plant sales and plant displays. Admission is free, and is open to the general public. If you have questions, please call 321-363-7351.

August 31-September 2 - Cryptanthus Show 10th International Cryptanthus Show Beaumont, Texas
Contact: Steve Hoppin at Steveandlarry@comcast.net or 239-997-2237

September 21-23 - 14th Australian Bromeliad Conference

14th Australian Bromeliad Conference. Rydges Resort Hotel, Port Macquarie. Enquiries to 47 Boden Street, Edge Hill QLD 4870 or linnie@ledanet.com.au

September 29 - Broward County Bromeliad Extravaganza

The Bromeliad Society of Broward County invites you to the 2007 Bromeliad Extravaganza on September 29, 2007 at the Hilton Ft. Lauderdale Airport Hotel, Dania Beach FL. Special hotel rates for show guests. Plant sales, lectures, raffle, banquet and rare plant auction. Info (954) 925-5112.

November 30-December 2 - Caloosahatchee Show/Sale

Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society Sale and Show
In conjunction with the 10th International Cryptanthus Show
Terry Park, 3410 Palm Beach Blvd (SR80) Fort Myers, FL
Judged Shows - Friday, November 30th with sales
Saturday and Sunday, December 1- 2
Contact: Steve Hoppin at Steveandlarry@comcast.net or 239-997-2237

Volunteer to Drive your SUV, Mini Van or Motor Home

As you know, the Extravaganza is Saturday, September 29th, however, it doesn't just end there. We want to set up a local garden tour to approximately 3 gardens on Sunday, September 30th. Since renting a bus means we would have to have a minimum number of riders, we thought that having a few SUV's, Mini Van's or a Motor Home available to the group, would give us more flexibility.
If we figure 5 passengers per vehicle - we would need approximately 6 vehicles on hand and available to go on the tour. The vehicles would be at the hotel ready to leave by 8:30am so that we could be at the first garden by 9:00am. The tour at each garden would last approximately 1 hour finishing up by 1:00pm and then back to the hotel for lunch.
Plans are subject to change - More details to follow.....
Please see Tim Hendrix at the meeting or e-mail him at timbo-169@comcast.net if you would be willing to volunteer your time driving your vehicle for this very fun garden tour.

Our Address has changed

Our new PO Box is.....
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2007 BROMELIAD EXTRAVAGANZA

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The Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th, 2007

Plant Sales, Seminars, Raffle and Evening Banquet followed by Rare Plant Auction! The keynote speaker will be Chester Skotak

Hilton Ft. Lauderdale Airport Hotel , 1870 Griffin Road
Dania Beach, FL. 33004 ph 954-920-3300 fax 954-920-3348

Room rates: Single or Double $89.00
Rates in effect until September 14, 2007

This Extravaganza and others which may follow will be the only major Bromeliad events in the continental U.S. as the 2008 World Bromeliad Conference will be held June 24-29, 2008 in Cairns, Queensland, Australia. Don't miss the audio-visual presentation on this event, planned for Saturday. Call 954-925-5112 or email jcadonayre@bellsouth.net for more info.

The Presidents Message

Boy it's Hot!!

Well, if you can believe it, the year is half over and the Extravaganza is in two and half months. The Board and the committees that are needed at this point, have been working very hard to get ADS, Sponsors, publicity etc. which has been coming together quite well. We will be sending the program to print by the first week of August, so if you would like to put in an Ad you must get with a Board member ASAP.

At this time, I would like to thank Brian, from Tropiflora, Polly Pascal and Harry Sperling for donating to the Raffle table for the Extravaganza. Please take a look around to see if you have anything you would like to donate and get with Naomi Shirley, Jack Meharian or me, we'll be happy to take it off your hands. Your generosity is much appreciated.

This meeting we will be passing around a volunteer sheet - we are going to need as many of you as possible to make this Extravaganza run smoothly, so please set some time aside on that weekend to help out. Remember, our society is the Host so we need all able bodies. Also, Tim is looking for drivers for the garden tours, so please get with him.

Just a heads up - For those of you that went to the Christmas party and received a Vriesea rodigasiana variegated...It's in bloom!!! Check it out!!

Another heads up..... August meeting we will be having our 2nd Annual Potluck Social. Please get with JoAnn Heyer, she is putting together the menu. Last year lots of people came and the food was great, so mark it on your calendar.

See you Monday,
Colleen

Craig Morell brought in an array of plants highlighted at Pinecrest Gardens.

Ed Layton and his son Noah have their hands full.....
Get him started early Ed!

Below, Name Tag Winner-
Shirley Konefel
With Neo. purple star

Above, Bonus Plant Winner
New Members Bill & Marcia David with an Aechmea
hybridized by Patricia Bullis

More pictures of Craig's
beautiful and interesting
plants.

Hannibal, Norman, and Tunisia

Chester Skotak

Reading the national bestseller, "The Orchid Thief," by Susan Orlean, I noted yet another tall story that was told about the origin of *Neoregelia* "Fireball". This little neoregelia might be one of the most found plants in the bromeliad world. Which brings me to my story. I want to be first in the line of storytellers to claim *Neoregelia carcharodon* 'Tiger.' Hopefully my story will be followed by other stories leaving 'Tiger' to yet another dubious origin.

Someone at the conference in St. Petersburg had remarked to me that *Neoregelia carcharodon* 'Tiger' was not a *carcharodon* at all. This was not an earth shattering statement to me.

After seeing Ed and Moyna Prince's perfectly grown 'Tiger' in the marvelous display put up by the Bromeliad Society of South Florida, my memories started racing back to the day this plant was "discovered."

I have to add here that I always wonder about new plant discoveries since the plants had always been there, somewhere, only waiting for someone with a pedagogic mind ready to collect, dry, dissect, compare and categorize said plant, only later to report that such new discoveries were now extinct or in over abundance, similar but different, and only more research and grants could tell the tale. So I now refer to this new discovery and hope it doesn't get kicked around too much.

Moyna Prince

Figure 1. *Neoregelia carcharodon* 'Tiger'

Moyna Prince

Figure 2. *Neoregelia carcharodon* 'Tiger'

Not so long ago, I was travelling north of the city of Niteroi, in Rio de Janeiro state, looking for new bromeliads. I was travelling with my good friend and well-known botanist, Pedro Nahoum. On this particular day we stopped to visit a dilapidated orchid nursery located off the main road. The old wooden slat houses were leaning to one side, not by design but because of their age and direction of the predominant wind. Browsing through so many new orchids was dizzying when suddenly two plants really caught my eye, not orchids at all. It was a pair of wonderfully banded, somewhat large neoregelias under the bench mixed in with the weeds and orchids. I nearly tripped over myself falling forward and smashing some orchids. I remember thinking to myself that it was my good fortune that they were only orchids popping and crunching under my feet and not those wonderful undescribed neoregelias.

The neoregelias under the benches looked back at me like two large basketballs painted to look like tigers; the plants were heavily banded and mahogany in color. They had been found in nature this way. Plants made by the hybridizer of all hybridizers.

We asked the owner of the orchid nursery where he got these two neoregelias. After a lot of foot dragging, looking up towards the heavens and muttering and pretending to be deaf, we realized this was getting us nowhere. Somehow, call it divine intervention if you must, the orchid owner decided to go that day and see if there were more plants to be found. We were not invited for the hunt. Returning to the orchid nursery the following day, the owner reported to us that, sadly, he had only found one more plant. He pointed towards the hills behind his nursery and waving his hand from left to right said, "The plant is from there." This area he was pointing to must have been a full one half of South America. As always when one is travelling, the reasons "not to" were many more than the reasons "to;" it would be a long walk, there was no time, and anyway with two neoregelias you can make thousands of seedlings and now we had three. So I left that area hesitating and looking west towards the hills over my shoulder. I kept wondering what other treasures were out there for the finding.

On my return to Costa Rica, work began on crossing *Neoregelia punctatissima* x *Neo. carcharodon* 'Tiger' to produce *Neo.* 'Hannibal Lector.' Look for Neo. 'Norman Bates,' a cross of *Neo.* 'Hannibal Lector' x *Neo. carcharodon* 'Tiger' - very heavily banded with short wide leaves. Last of all (at least for now) is Neo. 'Tunisia,' a cross of *Neoregelia* 'Hannibal Lector' x *N. punctatissima.* All of these are very heavily banded neoregelias

The potential for new, banded neoregelias looks promising, thanks to 'Tiger.' There are many talented hybridizers currently working on this group of neoregelias. Who knows what these creative people will come up with in the future?

Oh, I forgot to mention, how did my conversation end with that fellow that informed me that 'Tiger' was not a *carcharodon*? At first I thought I should read him his Carmen Miranda Rights (Brazilian Law) but I calmed down. Sure, I have my doubts about this being a *carcharodon*, but at least 'Tiger' has a point of reference, and I told him if 'Tiger' is described one day, then at least there is a story to go with it, and whether it is dubious to you or not, that's how it was...

Article kindly furnished by Chester Skotak and forwarded to the Journal by Moyna Prince along with her photographs. Originally printed in the newsletter of the Bromeliad Society of South Florida.

Ie: The above article was published in the Nov-Dec 2002 BSI Publication

On the Cover

Neo. Pemiento

Neo. Pemiento is a classic Skotak hybrid of the late 80's. It is a cv of [(carolinae x concentrica) x 'Royal Burgundy'] x 'Royal Burgundy'. The variegation blushes vivid brilliant red, giving the plant a glowing look. Interestingly, another cv of the same hybrid is Neo. 'Milagro', a very different looking plant.

Reminders

July Birthdays please bring goodies!

Happy Birthday to.....

Becky Blackwood, Kris and Don Koleman, Marcia David

Anyone I missed or if it's the wrong month , than Happy Birthday to you and please correct me!!!!

Welcome All New Members

Glad you're on Board!!!

A Big thank you in advance goes to...

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$15 per year for individuals

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

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