Bromeliad Society of Broward County

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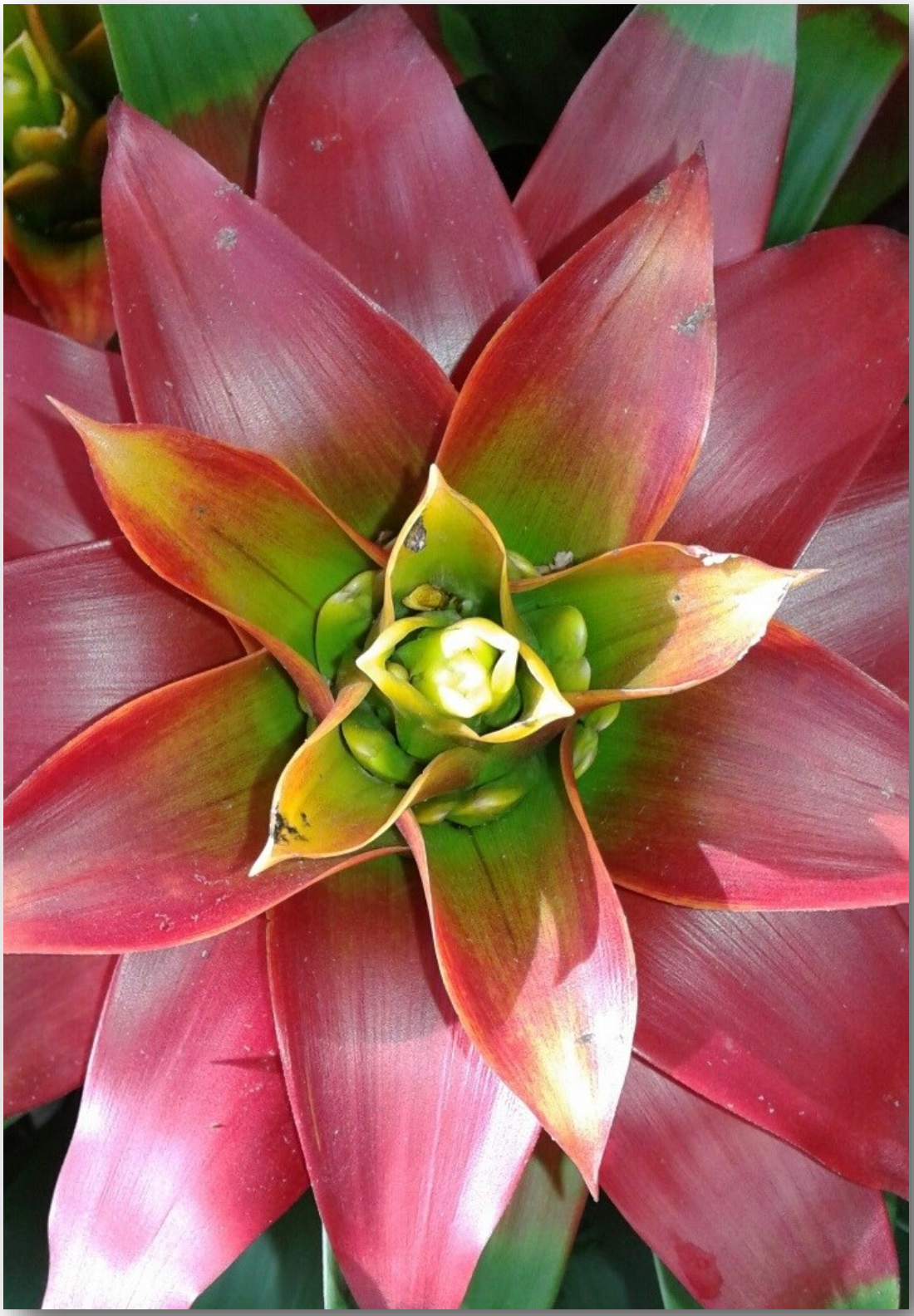

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Our meetings generally offer a speaker on timely and noteworthy topics, member plant sales, a plant raffle, special holiday plant auctions, diagnosis of disease and pest problems, and a Country Store with selected bromeliad and gardening supplies.
We meet the third Monday of every month except January and February.

Affliliations: BSBC supports

The President's Message

It's countdown time!

For our members and the public, it's Fall Auction time. Seems a little early, right? We usually have it in October with almost every other garden club in Broward County. The Board decided we should start a month early and then along came South Florida's Extravaganza on September 26 at the Double Tree Hilton by the Miami Airport and Convention Center in Miami. It's a great statewide event by the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies. Many of our members will be going to see and buy bromeliads from other parts of the state. I plan on going - hope to see you there.

For these two reasons, the decision was made to have our **ANNUAL FALL AUCTION on MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2015**. Our Auction will replace our August general meeting but on the **5th Monday of the month**. SO **SAVE THE DATE AND MARK YOUR CALENDARS**. It's early enough for your fall planting. Of course, there will be unusual bromeliads, garden supplies, bromeliad art and books. At our July General Meeting on Monday, we will be passing out cards advertising the event. Give them to your friends and neighbors as the event is "Open to the Public." There will be refreshments but not our usual fare. Purchases can be paid for by cash, check or credit card. This is the best time of the year to buy your bromeliads. Some are provided by wholesale bromeliad growers and some by our most avid growers. **Preview begins at 6:00 pm at Deicke Auditorium; the Auction begins at 6:30 pm.**

Monday is our July General meeting. Back by popular demand, Dr. Bill Kern will be speaking on one of our favorite pests – spiders. Tired of those spider webs in your face in the summer time? Let's ask the Doc what we can do.

If you borrowed one of our library books, don't forget to return it and check out another.

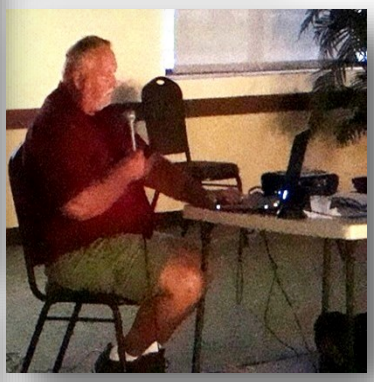
Beginning in September, our avid bromeliad growers will be giving short presentations on the different genera of bromeliads. Shirley Konefal will be speaking on Aechmeas and Lee Mendelson will be doing a presentation on Neoregelias. October's topic will be Vriesias and another genera tbd. Each one of these presentations will be by one of our members who will also bring in unusual examples of plants from that specific genera. Will keep you posted on November's program.

The members' plant sales table will be open at all of our members' presentations.

The tweezer sets have arrived. They will be available at the Country Store for those of you who have been patiently waiting. Our coupon books, good until December 31, 2015, have been reduced to ONE DOLLAR. The movie coupons are worth more than the purchase price. Stop by the Country Store and take a look. See you Monday,

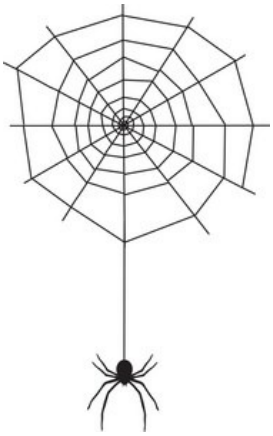
Becky

From the June Meeting



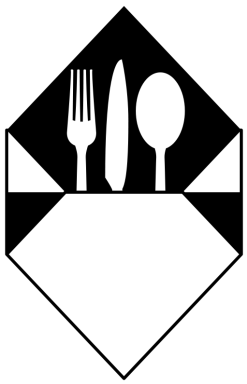
Harriet's Hoots

Greetings to All - - - Hope everyone had a happy and safe 4th of July. The best part was that we had an extra day off of work. Hooray! Actually, I really do not like the 4th of July. All those firecrackers going off, too noisy, and it goes on forever, but, depending on where you are looking, some of the fireworks are really beautiful.



This month's speaker is going to be Dr. Bill Kern. I am looking forward to hearing him talk and the reason being is that he is going to discuss spiders. Now I'm sure that no one really likes spiders (well, maybe our speaker does) but it might be interesting to find out a little about them. I know I would like to and the reason being is that I got a spider bite. Wow, that sure hurt and my foot was all red and swelled up. I had to see the doctor who gave me antibiotics and a tetanus shot. Oh, and guess where I got bit – of all places, Disney World - - you know, the happiest place on Earth. Well, let me tell you, I wasn't so happy. Anyway, all is good now but I'm very careful of where I walk and what is on the ground.

Ok, enough about those little demons - - I do have my list of who contributed to our last meeting, but before I thank you all, I want to congratulate Ann Schandelmayer for being the big winner at our food table drawing and I hope that she is happy with the Tillandsia Intermedia she acquired, a really cool plant. Now back to thanking the following members:



Thomas Mordas - - Mango with Black Bean (Wow, something different)
Carol Mordas - - Plate of Truffles (Nice treat)
Shirley Konefal – Chicken Alfredo (Very good)
Becky Blackwood – Pasta w/Italian Sausage and Olives (Great)
Harry Sperling – Lemon Blueberry Cake (Wonderful, as always)
Brigitte Sheeks – Strawberry Cheesecake (Another great treat)
Bill David – Plate of Chicken Legs (Yummy)
Louella Weber – Platter of Cookies (We love sweets)
Linda Wiringer – Chocolate Chip Cookies (Keep it coming)
Larry Searle – Italian Cookies (Wow – here comes a sugar rush)
Ann Schandelmayer –Green Bean Mushroom Casserole and Coffee Cake (Fabulous)
Gayle Spinell- Gellers – Antipasto on a Stick (Different, but good)
Eddie Yi - Pickled Slaw (Always a treat)

Ok, that's all for now, folks – see you and the spiders at our next meeting.

Hugs – Harriet

Membership News

JULY

Becky Blackwood
Marcia David
Vann Elliott
Dr. Norma Flack
Jim Kerns
Andrew Montone

Position Open! **The BSBC Board is looking for someone to be our new Recording Secretary. Now is your chance to get more involved. See Becky.**

July Meeting

Next Meeting: Monday, July 20, 2015

6:30 pm
Deicke Auditorium
5701 Cypress Road, Plantation, FL 33317

Return engagement!

Dr. William Kern, our local Entomology expert from UF, will present on spiders that spin their webs in our gardens….. the good, the bad, the ugly and the ones you need to worry about

The Country Store will be open. There will be terrific plants for the Silent Auction. Our usual Raffle Table will offer plants to enrich your collection . **The Sales Table will also be open**! Have extra plants in your garden? Bring them in for the Raffle or to sell if you have a sales number.

Plants…… Friends…….Info…….Refreshments!

SCURF Feature

June Mystery Plant Identified

Dyckia Heaven and Hell

Win a raffle sheet with 20 tickets

Be the first to email yroftiger@aol.com with the correct name of this brom

From the Editor

Having trouble identifying a particular plant? Have an iPad? If so, a wonderful new free app has been developed just for you by Columbia University, University of Maryland and the Smithsonian. Upload a close-up picture of a leaf on the unidentified plant to LeafSnap and help may be on the way. Nothing like using visual recognition technology to help gardeners! Thanks to Richard Byrne of Free Technology for Teachers for steering us towards this amazing new resource.

Also seen on the web…. the following quote on a t-shirt,

"Play in the dirt because life is too short to have clean fingernails."

From more a traditional source—— The May/June issue of *Florida Gardening* on p.38-41 had an article by Polly Reed entitled, "Epiphytes to the Rescue." Always nice to read about our favorite plants. Polly mentions seeing a cool wall of Tillandsias at the Naples Botanical Garden. Time for a field trip there and to the Maison Fleury Tropical Garden in Jensen Beach. Who knows what we will find.

We all recognize the benefits of gardening. Apparently, so does Henderson Behavioral Health on SW 27th Ave, Ft. Lauderdale. Under the direction of Psychosocial Rehabilitation Coordinator Sheryl M. Hidalgo, Henderson Central Branch has implemented a program called the Seeds of Hope Garden Project as part of their Health Community Garden. The garden, which includes a section for growing vegetables, is focused on helping people who are facing challenges including recover from a variety of mental and behavioral health issues. Gardening reduces stress, builds self-confidence and a sense of purpose while stimulating the senses. Participants learn problem solving, team work and vocational skills all necessary for moving forward in a positive direction. When Sheryl mentioned that they still had some room for other plants, we made an agreement to stop by with some bromeliads to get the program going in an additional direction. With pups from plants given to me by Bill David and Harry Sperling and some additional plants from Carol Mordas, Henderson will be planting a bromeliad garden with twenty assorted Neoregelias, Alcanterea and a showstopper Aechmea blanchetiana. We gave them a copy of Broms 101 to provide some guidance and will continue to support their initiative.

The recent survey revealed that most members did not want to undertake trying to grow broms from seed but were nonetheless intrigued by the process. It can be a long road to successful growing from seeds for sure and the results can be hit or miss. Sadly, the first batch I tried from those seeds given to us by Mike Michalski took off and then just died. Other seedlings of all sorts have started off well and then bit the dust too but Project Puya continues. As of now, 3 of the 5 original plants survive at my house and are growing, albeit slowly. They seem to like an indoor western exposure on a windowsill. These small treasures have spent their entire lives in a sealed ziplock "hothouse." Lessons from the front lines——always plant more seeds than you think you will want because some won't make it for an unknown reason. Have patience. Just when you think there is no hope, suddenly there is a growth spurt and you have to separate the plants. Like below.

Happy Gardening,

Gayle

Calendar of Local Plant Society Meetings

1st Tuesday	Plantation Orchid Society	Volunteer Park
2nd Friday	Ft. Lauderdale Garden Club	Birch State Park
2nd Monday	BSBC Board Meeting	Deicke Auditorium
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

Aug. 8, 2015	Bromeliad Sale		USF Botanical Gardens, 4202 E. Fowler Avenue NES107, Tampa
Sept. 25, 2015	Bromeliads in the Magic City		Double Tree Hotel 711 NW 72 St., Miami

Businesses