Bromeliad Society of Broward County

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July 2017 Scurf

Quesnelia augustocoburgii

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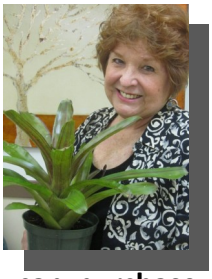
Our meetings generally offer a speaker on timely and noteworthy topics, member plant sales, a plant raffle, special holiday plant auctions, diagnosis of disease and pest problems, and a Country Store with selected bromeliad and gardening supplies.

We meet the third Monday of every month except January and February.

Affliliations: BSBC supports the BSI, Cryptanthus Society and FCBS (2017-2020)

The President's July Message



Welcome to Summer and July –

Could it get any hotter? How are your bromeliads doing? Most of mine are doing well but some of my full sun ones are fading. With all the rain, though, they are pupping like crazy. Don't forget to keep an eye out for excessive water in your broms.

With hot weather, Zika is back. To prevent mosquitoes from breeding in your bromeliads, you can purchase Mosquito Bits from Amazon and put them in your bromeliad cups to kill mosquito larvae.

Monday, July 17, 2017 – Chip Jones, landscape designer and nursery owner, will be our speaker. His program will be "Xeric Terrestrial Bromeliads." Chip has been a resident of South Florida for more than 12 years and a gardener for much longer. His nursery is located at :

5301 S. W. 82nd Avenue, Davie, Florida 33328.

Call for an appointment 954-296-2019 or e-mail chipjones14@hotmail.com. His webpage is http://cycadflorida.com/cycadflorida/Cycad_Gallery.html Chip's bromeliad collections focus on Neoregelia hybrids, Aechmea nudicaulis, Achemia orlandiana, Skotek variegated hybrids, terrestrial bromeliads, Dyckia hybrids, Dyckia species and Hectia species.

MEMBERS PLANT SALEs TABLE WILL BE OPEN. The Country Store, Silent Auction and Raffle Table will be open.

Monday, August 21, 2017 – Mike Michalski presents Bromeliads in Ecuador

Have you visited our website, bromeliadsocietybc.com, yet? You can find more information about our Society at our website or on our FACEBOOK page. Included in our website are videos of our members' gardens for you to visit online. We are still looking for other members' gardens to videotape for our website and/or Facebook page. If you would like to volunteer your garden, please contact me at cblackwood@bellsouth.net

Wanted: A cashier for our Country Store, only needed at our General Meetings.

Our Membership Directory is being distributed by e-mail to our internet members. At our general meeting next Monday, hard copies will be available to those members who do not have internet access.

We are always still looking for unusual bromeliads to share with our general meeting attendees. Have one – bring one. Our "Doctor is In" at every general meeting. If you have an ailing plant, please diaper and cover it when you bring it to the meeting.

HEADS UP: If you are planning on attending The Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies "2017 Bromeliad Extravaganza" on Friday, August 4, 2017, Saturday, August 5, 2017 and Sunday, August 6, 2017, in Tampa, Florida, registration forms are available at our Sign-in Desk.

Stay cool, drain your bromeliads but best of all, join us Monday for our general meeting.

Becky

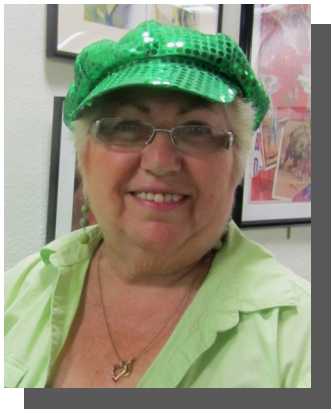
Harriet's Hoots

Happy July to Everyone - -

Well, the fireworks are all finished. Hope all of you had a great 4th of July. Actually even though I really don't like the fireworks, Larry and I had a very nice time. Our neighbor put together a block party – all the neighbors came over to her house bringing food, desserts or drinks. Tables and chairs were set up outside with tents in the event it might rain (thank goodness it didn't). There was a barbeque with burgers and hot dogs, lots of kids running around having fun and I must say that I think everyone had a great time. When it got dark, we all took our chairs and hustled across the street to another neighbor's house and there we all got ready to watch the fireworks across the canal that our neighbor's husband and friends set up. I must say, he did a great job, had music playing while the fireworks went off. They were loud, but it was really nice seeing all the beautiful colors in the sky.

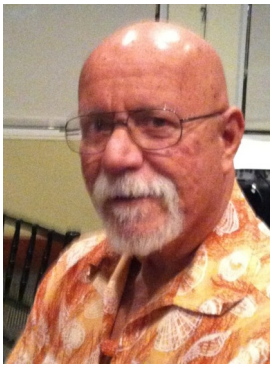
Now it's time to thank our members who contributed to the refreshment table. Can I have a drum roll, they are…

Linda Romalin - - Chocolate Cake (Yummy)
Shirley Konefal - - Big Salad (Always so good)
Harry Sperling - -- One of his special cakes (Love it)
Gayle Spinell-Gellers - - Chips and Salsa (Ole !)
Gloria Chernoff - - - Pastries (My favorite)
Pattie Massina - - Veggie Tray (Very healthy)
Brad Bearden - - Plate of Brownies (Nice choice)
Diane Leiner - - Bowl of Pretzels (I like those)
Sandra Davis - - Blueberry Muffins (Great)
Ann Schandelmayer - - - Crab Dip (Fantastic)
Molly Lesnick - - Platter of Grapes (Colorful – Green and Red)
Lu Weber - - Salsa and Chips (Ole! again)
Brigitte Sheeks - - - Platter of Fruit and Cheese (Always a delight)
Lena Levine - - - Lemon Flavored Chicken (Just wonderful)



Long List, I love it - - - Ok, that's it for now. Keep cool and I'll see you at our next meeting. Hugs – Harriet

Historical tidbit from Richard



Did you know our society has had three famous members in its history? You did not know?....Well, let's bring you up to speed.

First, we had Ann Kolb. You know – the County Commissioner for whom the Nature Center and park on Sheridan in Hollywood is named after. She was a big supporter of environmental issues. Then we were equally honored by having Donn Pearce, author of "Cool Hand Luke" which was made into a movie starring Paul Newman (he loved big landscape Bromeliads and was quite a character). He is still with us at 88 years old. Finally, the most famous of them all, John LaRoche. Don't recognize the name? Think "The Orchid Thief" which was made into the movie "Adaptations." When John was a member, he was the club librarian and, along with his then wife, owned and operated a small nursery in North Miami that specialized in unusual bromeliads.

Images from the June 2017 Meeting

Many thanks to Dave Johnston for his presentation on Billbergias. He convinced many of us to give this species a try.

Membership News

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Maria Amador	Jim Kerns
Becky Blackwood	Kay McGinn
Steve Coy	Rolando Rodriguez
Bill David	Linda Romalin
Vann Elliott	Eddie Yi

Welcome

David Harris of Hollywood
Kay McGinn of Pompano Beach
Michael Ray of Ft. Lauderdale
Linda Romalin of Miramar

July Meeting

Members: Please sign in at the front desk upon arrival. Those wearing their ID badges will receive a raffle ticket at that time. We will also be distributing hard copy membership rosters to folks who do not have internet access and Broms 101 by Larry Davis to new members.

Guest Speaker: Chip Jones presents: Xeric Terrestrial Bromeliads

Monday, July 17, 2017 @ Deicke Auditorium at 6:30 pm

We will have….The Raffle Table & The Country Store and of course, refreshments…..
Member plant sales will be open.

Vriesea fenestralis

Mystery Bromeliad of the Month

Be the first to identify the plant at the right and win a raffle sheet with 20 tickets.
Email: yroftiger @aol.com with your guess.

From the Editor

Hot off the presses….. A possible game changer for gardening..... In a posting on Facebook from My Gardening Stories a short clip appeared announcing a robot that weeds gardens! It is weatherproof, solar powered, and weeds on a daily basis. As of this writing, it is a kickstarter project by the guy who brought us the Roomba. Check out this link to Tertill. The only downside for the Crescent Garden is the fact that plants are so jammed together Tertill probably could not get thru the congestion…. However, for the big garden and hopefully your own garden, yahoo! This is something to keep a watch on.

If you are planning a summer trip but not anxious to travel far, you might give consideration to Disney's Animal Kingdom. On Father's Day, The Herald ran a piece about the new world of Pandora from the movie Avatar along with a photo. Not hard to see the bromeliads right up front. How exciting to see our favorite plants being chosen for a futuristic scenario! Very curious to see exactly which broms were used throughout to create the lush landscaping. If you go visit, please take some photos and share. Thanks!

Closer to home, we visited the 100 year old Coral Castle in Homestead in late June. The owners have been busy enhancing this one of a kind attraction with some nice landscaping since our last visit years ago. Neos, Aechmea Blanchetianas, and Ananas were featured along with some Bougainvillea and Mandarin Hat. (I am hooked on this plant too, but word has it that it is very invasive……. Hmmm. Got to check that out.) Landscaping with broms etc. sure adds to the site.

Alas, my own trip to Sri Lanka did not pan out. However, my older son will be en route to the National Botanical Garden in Kandy tomorrow and I have sent him on a mission to take photos of the bromeliads found in this enormous garden. The National Garden is known for its orchids, but I could spot some broms in the photos on the website and the text does mention them as being in the collection. Stay tuned.

New to our website is a short video of Diane Leiner's garden in the front and back of her house. So pretty! To see the virtual field trip, go to: http://www.bromeliadsocietybc.com, then click on Our Gardens. Thanks, Diane !

Becky mentioned treating your plants because of insect concerns. Please also remember to take good care of yourself as you garden in this sizzling summer. I swear I am only going to pull off a few dead leaves, move a pot or two of broms but invariably the five minutes of gardening turns into an hour or more and I am battling an overdose of sunshine which wipes me out for the day. Sunscreen, gloves, protective eyewear and timing are a must.

Garden on, but wisely and stay safe! Gayle

Places to Go, Things to See

Aug. 4—6, 2017	2017 FCBS Bromeliad Extravaganza	Clarion Hotel, 2701 E. Fowler Ave. Tampa, FL
Aug. 12, 2017, 9-1	Secret Woods Nature Center Native Plants Sale	2701 W SR 84 Davie, FL
Aug. 19 & 20, 2017 9-4	Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society Sale	Garden Club of Sanford, on 17-92, one block south of Lake Mary Blvd.
Sept. 23, 2017, 9-1	Fern Forest Nature Center Native Plants Sale	201 Lyons Rd, South, Coconut Creek, FL
Nov. 3 & 4, 2017	Mead Gardens GROWvember Fall Plant Sale	Mead Botanical Gardens 1500 S. Denning Dr. Winter Park, FL 32789
Nov. 4, 2017, 10 –2	Quiet Waters Park Native Plant Sales	401 S. Powerline Rd, Deerfield Bch
May 29—June 3, 2018	World Bromeliad Conference	San Diego, CA

Businesses

Next Meeting: Monday, July 17 , 2017
6:30 pm @ Deicke

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Title	Author	Copyright
Blooming Bromeliads	Ulrich Baensch	1998
Brazil Orchid of the Tropics	Mulford & Racine Foster	1945
Bromeliaceae Andreanae	Edouard Francois Andre	1983
Bromeliaceae Ole Proceedings of the 1982 World Bromeliad Conf	Corpus Christi Bromeliad	1982
Bromeliaceaes of Venezuela	Francisco Oliva-Esteva	1987
Bromeliaceas en Flor (In Spanish)	Ulrich Baensch	1996
Bromeliads	Francisco Oliva-Esteva	1996
Bromeliads - Genera, Species, Hybrids	Louis Dutrie	none
Bromeliads Copy #1	Victoria Padilla	1973
Bromeliads Copy #2	Victoria Padilla	1973
Bromeliads for Contemporary Gardens	Andrew Steens	
Bromeliads for Home Garden & Greenhouse	Werner Rauh	1973
Bromeliads Horticulturalist Guide	Jack Kramer	1981
Bromeliads in Cultivation	Robert Gardner Wilson	1964
Bromeliads in the Brazilian Wilderness	Elton M.C. Leme	1993
Bromeliads in the Atlantic Forest	Elton M.C. Leme	1997
Bromeliads, Houseplants of Today & Tomorrow	Walter Richter	none
Bromelien (German)	Werner Rauh	1973
Canistropsis - Bromeliads of the Atlantic Forest	Elton M.C. Leme	1998
Jewel of the Tropics - The Bromeliads	Lyman B. Smith	1969
Nidularium - Bromeliads of the Atlantic Forest	Elton M.C. Leme	2000
Searching for Miss Fortuna - The Hunt for a Bromeliad	Chester Skotak	2007
Taking Bromeliads		
The Colorful Bromeliads - Their Infinite Variety Copy #1	Victoria Padilla	1981
The Colorful Bromeliads - Their Infinite Variety Copy #2	Victoria Padilla	1981
Tillandsia II	Paul T. Isley III	2009
University Press of Florida		2011