Bromeliad Society of Broward County

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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

June 2016 -

Welcome to Summer and the 90's. Some of my bromeliads are starting to turn yellow from the hot sun. I am certain there are those who are worrying about the Zika mosquito and what we should do with our bromeliads. I have been told that native Florida bromeliads will not create a home for these mosquitoes but others can. It has been recommended that flushing your bromeliads with a hose weekly will get rid of the larvae.

This month's general meeting's speakers will be 2 of our members – Richard Sedlak who will be speaking on using seashells to mount bromeliads and Shirley Konefal whose presentation will be on unusual bromeliads. Our members plant sale table and the Country Store will be open. Our raffle table will also have plants for $1.00 raffle tickets - best buy in town if you win. We are looking at new items to add to the Country Store – gardening aprons with pockets for your tools and UV hats. Please give me some feedback on these and any other gardening items you think would be beneficial to our members.

Good news – our honorary member, ANN SCHANDELMEYER is at home. She just celebrated her 93rd birthday. HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ANN from all of your friends at our Society. We are waiting for you to come back to our meetings. Our other member, MARCIA DAVID, is receiving visitors at Sunrise Nursing Home, 4200 North Nob Hill Road, Wing F, Room 3. I spoke with Bill, her husband, who told me she would welcome visitors. No need to schedule visiting, afternoons are usually the best. If you have a few minutes, drop by and see her. We MISS her terribly.

Your Board is now busy setting up our Fall speakers. We will be scheduling a presentation on the Zika virus. If you have someone you think would be an interesting speaker, we would love your input. Richard Sedlak, our Vice President and Shirley Konefal, our director, are putting their heads together to schedule Garden Tours. We are looking at several local sites and also Homestead.

I am also still looking for volunteers; especially for Recording Secretary. If you have 5 hours a month, have a computer and can type, YOU QUALIFY. The Bromeliad Society of Broward County is looking for you. We also need a volunteer for Membership Chair. Marsha David held that position for many years and did a wonderful job, but now, with her illness, we are asking for a volunteer to take over a positon that is organized and has all of the hard work completed.

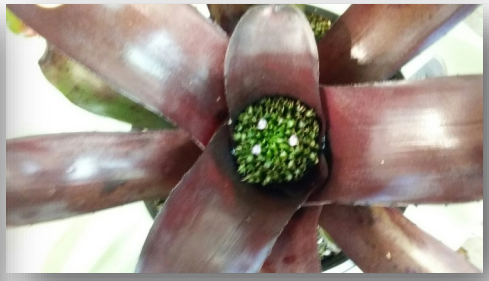
The **Bromeliad Society International** World Conference is presently being held in Houston, Texas June 13-19, 2016. If you have not been to one of these conferences, you have missed a wonderful opportunity. We will keep you posted on the next conference well in advance so you might visit during your summer vacation. For more information, you can see more at Bromeliad Society International website.

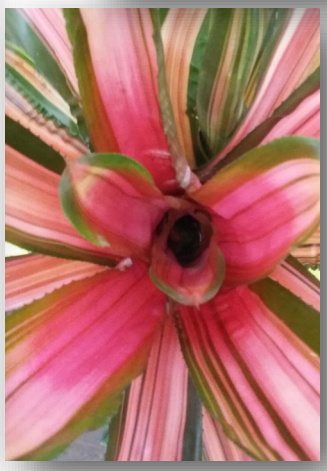
Don't forget to join Amazon Smile and enter the Bromeliad Society of Broward County as your non-profit organization to donate 5% of your purchase price.

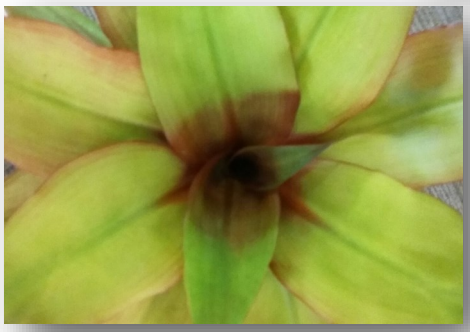
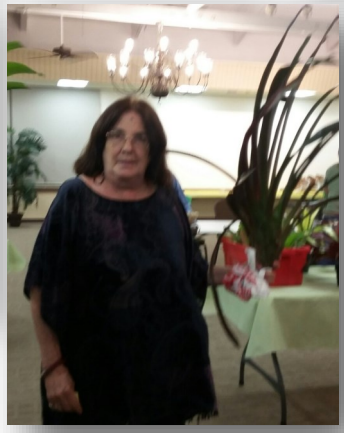
Tom GIce from Bullis Nursery has rescheduled his presentation for our July general meeting. He will be speaking on different types of Bromeliads and bringing plants to sell. Our sales and raffle tables will be open.
Just a few notes to let you know we will be meeting this summer and what we have been up to.

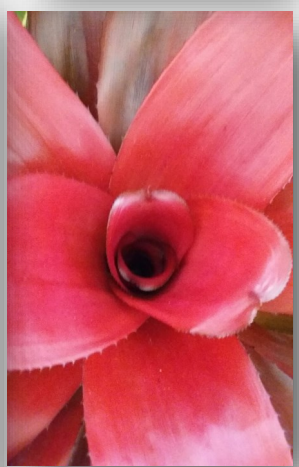
Becky

Images from the May Meeting







Membership News

JUNE

Robert Moorman

Ann Schandelmayer

Linda Wiringer

Harriet's Hoots

Hello, Hello, Hello - - - How is everyone this beautiful, sunny, hot day? I'm in my office looking out of the window and wishing I was outside in this beautiful, sunny, hot day - - but, alas, I must work – not that I don't like my job, but on these type of days it's always better to be out and about.

I hope that it's a good weekend, weather wise cause Larry and I will be going to Jacksonville to climb a Lighthouse. It's the Mayport Lighthouse and the reason we are going is that we belong to the Florida Lighthouse Association and this weekend is one of their meetings. Friday night we will all get together for a Social and Saturday we will have our meeting and lunch and then after that we go on the Naval Base for a lighthouse tour which includes climbing the lighthouse. It is 64 feet tall with 71 steps. It was constructed in 1954 and again it's operated by the United States Navy. I'm sure that we will have a great time and Larry and I will wave to all of you from the tower (LOL)

Well, enough of what we're doing this weekend. I will now thank all the following members who brought a treat for the refreshment table.

Gayle Spinell-Gellers – Chocolate Dip Strawberries (Yummy)
Richard Sedlak - San Francisco Cookies (Wow – very good)
Gloria Chernoff – Assorted Pastry Bites (My favorite)
Shirley Konefal - - Salad with Feta Cheese (Always a favorite)
Harry Sperling - - Chocolate-Orange Cake (He is the best baker)
Gretchen Thompson – Pasta Salad (How good that was)
Patty Messina, Fran Saltz, Rhoda Brignol - - Bagels, Bagels, Bagels (WOW)
Barbara & Robert Moorman – Ice Cream Cookies (Fabulous)
Sandy Block - - Chocolate Chip Cookies (Great)
Lu Weber – Salsa, Chips and Pretzels (Very nice)
Eddie Yi - - Cucumber Slaw (Always a treat)
Maureen Frazel - - Turkey Chunks (Very Good)

Well, that's all for now - - Don't forget to look for us waving. See you at the next meeting.

Hugs - - - Harriet

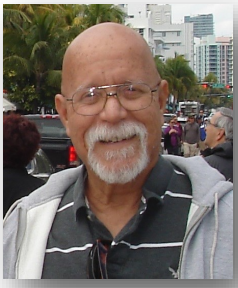
SCURF Feature

Neoregelia Roots and Roots

Win a raffle sheet with 20 tickets—

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

June Meeting



Monday, June 20, 2016

6:30 pm

Deicke Auditorium, 5701 Cypress Road, Plantation

Two great presentations on one night!

Sedlak & *Konefal*

Just in time for our summer at the beach……

VP Richard Sedlak ……. "How to Use Seashells to Display Bromeliads"

Gorgeous photos and a wealth of information……

Board member Shirley Konefal……. "Unusual Bromeliads"

The Country Store will be open…….. The Raffle Table loaded with goodies…….. The Silent Auction with special plants……. Great refreshments…… A night not to be missed

Special Requests… !

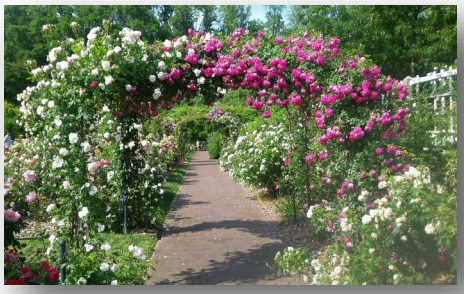
If you have extra **plastic bags** from a grocery, we can use them for taking home plants and for the local food bank.

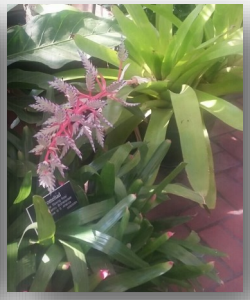
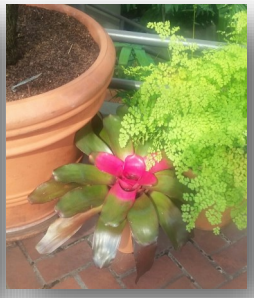
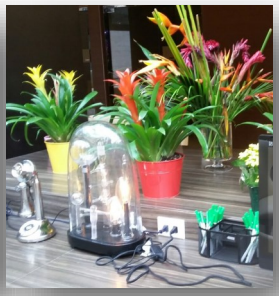
Amazon Smile? Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible AmazonSmile purchases to a charity of your choice which could be the BSBC. NO COST to you. Log on at smile.amazon.com for the same great prices and selection. The funds directly to the organization.

If you have extra ear buds the kind the airlines give out for free, Gayle is collecting them for a school on the Amazon River in Peru. Her friend Jane Claud, a brom grower in Pompano Beach, will hand deliver them.

From the Editor

My goal of visiting The Brooklyn Botanic Garden, a runner up in the competition for best botanic gardens in the United States, has been years in the making. Finally, last Saturday I was able to tour this most treasured landmark. It is a beautiful setting right in the heart of the burrough. The rose garden alone is worth a trip north. Rose bushes are laden with blooms and there are a staggering number of arches covered with blossoms. It is gorgeous. Timing, however, is everything. We were too late for the Cherry Blossom festival and too early for the class in kokedama or Japanese moss balls. Last year there was a holiday exhibit called Tropical Kokedama which featured bromeliads hanging down from the Conservatory skylight. One chatty visitor said it was simply stunning so we have penciled it in for a December 2016 visit. If for some reason I can't get there, a friend will visit on our behalf and send pictures. Meanwhile, we wandered the 52 acres in search of bromeliads. Sure enough, a few very nice plants were tucked away in the Tropical Pavilion. I figured that was going to be it for Brooklyn but no, all the flower arrangements in our two month old ultra modern hotel also in the heart of Brooklyn were Guzmanias! Not a geranium in sight.



Over the years folks have often shyly admitted they baby their plants and even talk to them. Some said they play music and swear it works. Well, check out David Stacey's May 27, 2016 article entitled, **"Plants are 'in touch' with the world around them,"** published on Phys.org**.** Will read the article closely as the little puyas we have been growing from seeds for two years now are sort of in a holding pattern.

Garden on!

Gayle

Calendar of Local Plant Society Meetings

1st Tuesday	Plantation Orchid Society	Deicke Auditorium
2nd Monday	BSBC Board Meeting	Deicke Auditorium
2nd Friday	Ft. Lauderdale Garden Club	Birch State Park
2nd Friday	B.U.S.H. (On leave for summer)	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

Friday, June 24 & Saturday, June 25 **8-5**	**Tropiflora Summer Blowout Sale** …. Huge plant sale, free parking and admission	**Tropiflora** **3530 Tallevast Rd** **Sarasota, FL** **(941) 351-2267**
August 20th - 21st **9-4**	**Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Sale** Bromeliads, gingers, orchids, gifts	**The Garden Club of Sanford (on 17-92, one block south of Lake Mary Blvd) (bldg. is air conditioned!)**
Sept. 15-17	**The Landscape Show**	**Orange County Convention Center** **International Drive** **Orlando, FL**

Businesses

Final Reminder….

Monday Night, June 20!
BSBC Meeting @ Deicke
6:30 pm