Bromeliad Society of Broward County

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March 2017
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Vriesea ospinae var. gruberi

A sought after bromeliad known for high contrast leaves and a yellow spike. This plant was on display at Bullis Bromeliad Nursery in Princeton, FL.

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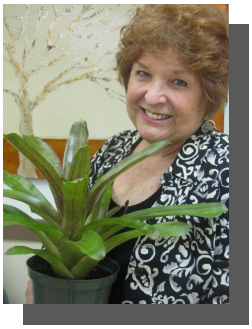
Our meetings generally offer a speaker on timely and noteworthy topics, member plant sales, a plant raffle, special holiday plant auctions, diagnosis of disease and pest problems, and a Country Store with selected bromeliad and gardening supplies.

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 March Message



Back on schedule – 3rd MONDAY OF THE MONTH.

We look forward to those of you who have not attended our January and February 2017 meetings joining us. If you are not sure, look for our meeting information on our http://www.bromeliadsocietybc.com website page or on our FACEBOOK page. MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2017 – OUR GENERAL MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 6:30 pm.

Our February General Meeting featured Dennis Cathcart of Tropiflora Nursery in Sarasota as our speaker. Dennis's slide presentation was about his and his wife's bromeliad adventures in Central and South America and the mountainside challenges of finding unusual bromeliads. Dennis also brought plants for sale, mostly unusual tillandsias.

This past Tuesday, March 14, 2014, about BSBC members visited the newly renovated Bullis Nursery in Homestead. We met with Patricia Bullis and members of her family who graciously gave us a tour of their extended growing structure and let us purchase bromeliads. We enjoyed our lunch by their lovely waterfall. Several photos were taken of our adventure and Gayle Spinell-Gellers is including some of these in this issue.

We are going to expand our 'DOCTOR IS IN" segment to include our members who will bring unusual bromeliads from their gardens. In our March meeting, Bill David and Ann Schandelmayer will be presenting plants from their collections. The "Doctor is In" Clinic is still open. So if you need knowledgeable help, bring your plant but remember to diaper it. If your plant is sickly, please cover it with a paper bag.

MARCH 18, 19 - SATURDAY AND SUNDAY – Our Society will be participating in GARDEN FEST at VOLUNTEER PARK, 10250 W. Sunrise Boulevard in Plantation. There will be a large number of plant vendors from our local community and other parts of the state as well as every type of plant you may want for your garden. Other nature organizations will be there with information for your home. It is also a celebration of Arbor Day. Come by and see us. Food vendors will be there, too.

Our member Richard Konefal and I will be participating with other local artists in an exhibition in the Magnolia Room of the main building during Garden Fest. Don't forget to visit the exhibit while you're there. I will be painting there, too.

MARCH 20, MONDAY – Our speaker will be Jay Thurrott. Jay has recently been elected President of the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies. He will be speaking about Bromeliad Society International's World Conferences, with emphasis on the recent Houston World Conference and the next year's at San Diego. Jay will have some of his plants to sell BUT THE MEMBERS' PLANT SALES TABLE, COUNTRY STORE AND RAFFLE TABLE WILL BE OPEN.

APRIL 17, MONDAY – OUR SPRING AUCTION. Peter Kouchalakos, our knowledgeable honorary member, returns to entertain, educate and sell. MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR A GREAT EVENING. Members are asked to donate 3 plants for the Auction. Plants from our supporting nurseries will also be auctioned.

REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP - January was our membership renewal month - $25 single, $30 family at same address and $10 for students. The Board has initiated a $5.00 late fee for those members who renew after January 31st.

We now have a full Board with JOHN F. MEDEIROS as our new RECORDING SECRETARY and MAURICE BRUET as our 3 YEAR DIRECTOR. Our Election Slate will be presented at our Monday General Meeting for approval by our members. Thank you John and Maurice for making our Board stronger.

See you Monday, the 20th with Jay Thurrott. *Becky*

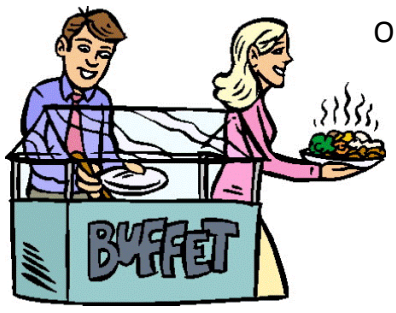
Harriet's Hoots

Greetings Gang: I have a question for all of you. We are in March and I believe that March 20th is the start of spring. So….. How come we are getting cold weather ?- - I know that it gets a little warmer in the afternoon, but oh my gosh - - - in the morning - - - definitely sweater or jacket weather. However, the days are getting longer – hoo-ray. It's great when it is still light out after 7:00 pm and as the days go on, it will stay lighter until 8:00 pm. I'm sure that you all are happy as it gives you more time to remain outside and tend to your plants.

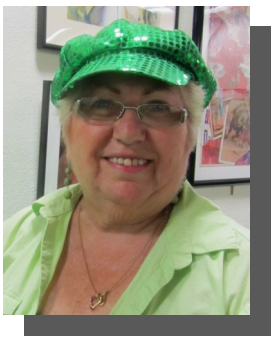
Another holiday on March 17th is St. Patty's Day. I know that our meeting is a few days later – March 20th, but keep the celebration going. Wear something green - - anything will do. You know that Mr. Larry Davis will be sporting a fun hat which will be green. He knows how to celebrate a holiday. Unfortunately, I will not be at the meeting this month as I am going to Orlando – actually Oviedo, Florida for a few days to visit my son, daughter-in-law and grand-kids. Will miss you all but I am so looking forward to it. We will still have our wonderful refreshment table – Susan Mather has been kind enough to take over and run the kitchen this month. I want to thank her for helping out and I'm sure she will do a terrific job.

Ok, so let's get to thank our wonderful members for their contribution to our February refreshment table.

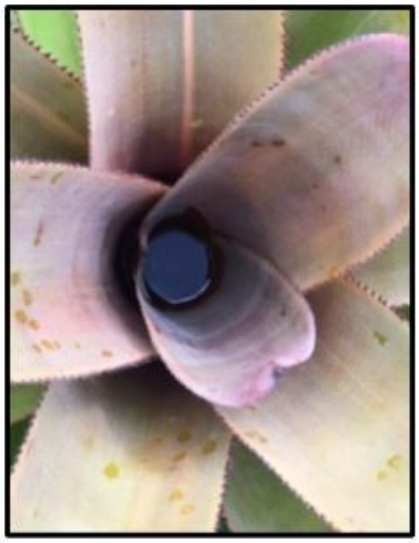
Shirley Konefal - - Chicken Noodle Casserole (great choice)
Harry Sperling - - Mocha Pecan Cake – (wonderful)
Judith Lahey - - Cheese and Crackers (love it)
Susan Mather - - Tres Leeches Cake (Boy, that went fast!)
Bob Smith - - -Green Beans Almondine (very tasty)
John F. Medeiros - - Rice Pudding (great choice)
Brigitte Sheeks - - Plate of Crackers and Guacamole (loved it)
Eddie Yi - -- Thai Eggplant Dish (nice choice)
Lu Webber - - Candies and Cookies Platter (We love our sweets)
Molly Lesnick - - Chocolate Strawberries (I loved them)
Rich Mediavilla - - Platter of Cookies (super choice)
Melissa Garvey - - Russian Chocolate (really good)
Jackie Fisher - - Orange and Grapefruit Juice (refreshing)
Marilyn Barber - - Organic Aussie Bites (very tasty)
Vicki Janda - - - - Platter of Brownies (terrific)
Gloria Chernoff - - Blueberry Muffins (Yum, Yum)

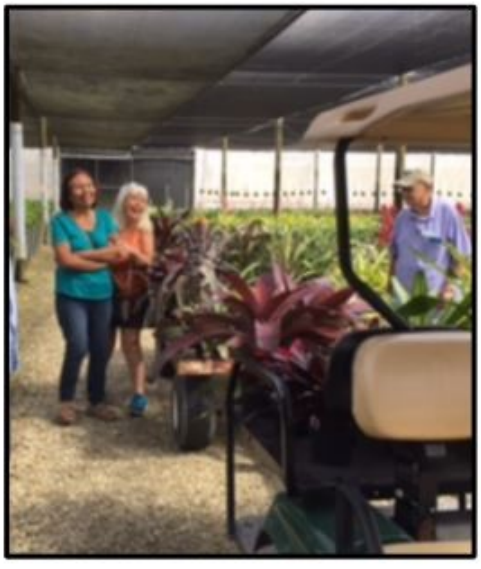


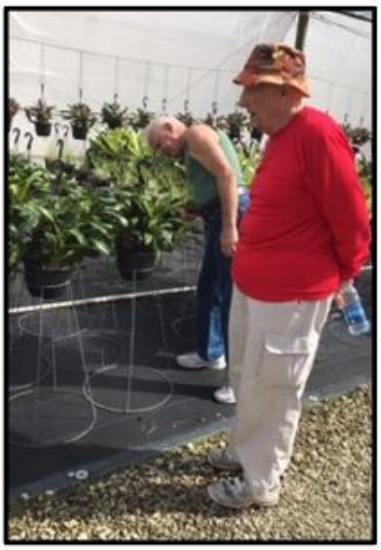
Ok, so until the next time I see you - - - Take care
Hugs,
Harriet

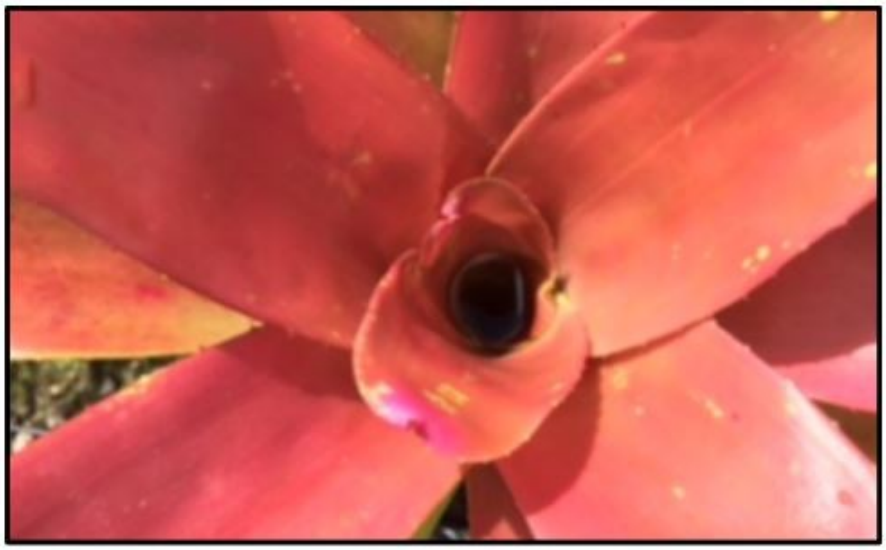


Images from Our Tour of Bullis Nursery









Membership News

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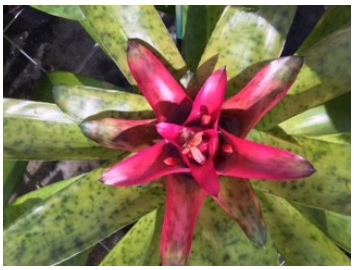
Carolyn Cray
Melissa Garvey
Peter Hartig
Richard Konefal
Jack Mackey
Mary Pavlinek

February Mystery Plant
Aechmea fasciata

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.



March Meeting

Monday, March 20, 2017 @ Deicke Auditorium at 6:30 pm

Guest Speaker: Jay Thurrott

Topic: The Inside Scoop on World Bromeliad Conferences

(If you have ever been to a conference, you know just what a great event it is!)

Jay has been growing bromeliads since the 1970's. He has more than 700 varieties. Over the years he has served in various capacities in the Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society, the Bromeliad Society International and the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies where he is now the Chairman. Jay is also an accredited judge. He was the Chairman of the 2011 Bromeliad Extravaganza.

Lucky for us, Jay will be bringing plants for sale.

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

The 2017 slate of officers will be presented for your consideration !

From the Editor

Members of the Board would like to express our thanks to Shirley Konefal for arranging the tour of Bullis Bromeliad Nursery. The nursery is at its new location and it definitely was worth the trip down to Princeton. Owners and staff were welcoming and very helpful in assisting us with plant selection. There were rows and rows of gorgeous plants. Some were surrounded by blue tape indicating they were already spoken for, others were ready for purchase. It is always interesting to see our members walk around such an array of plants and then zero in on what speaks directly to each of them. No two selections were remotely alike. After careful decision making, members got to enjoy a picnic lunch in a charming garden setting. Pretty cool. Patricia Bullis, owner of the nursery, was the cultivator of the Blue Tango, a personal favorite. I bought one plant years ago at Garden Fest and now have at least eight, three of which have enormous spikes. Today, my new lawn man Bob literally did a double take when he saw my Blue Tangos. It was a proud moment. He just could not stop staring at them. One plant may be enough to hook someone new on bromeliads.

They may not be edible, but the hot pinkananas are popping up all over the garden and they, too are attracting attention. Bob has been growing traditional pineapples with some degree of success. He really took to the ananas as well. I started with just one anana and now must have a dozen in various stages. Methinks it might be a nice gift for Bob as a thank you for taking on the challenge of my poor dollar weed infested lawn.

Now an update on Project Puya. Three of the Puya alpestris plants which I started from seeds a few years ago are still alive but not progressing. No new leaves and little in the way of growth. The web info says the plants can reach 3'- 4'. I would settle for 6 inches. The odds of the plants making It to the Crescent Garden are not good. Visions of hummingbirds swallowing the nectar of these plants are rapidly disappearing. Not sure what the problem is but I have yet to find anyone else trying to grow this specific brom around here. If you know of anyone, please advise. Thanks.

Garden on!

Gayle

Calendar of Local Plant & Nature Society Meetings

1st Tuesday	Plantation Orchid Society	Deicke Auditorium
2nd Monday	BSBC Board Meeting	Deicke Auditorium
2nd Tuesday	**Butterfly Club**	**UF Extension , College Avenue , Davie**
2nd Friday	Ft. Lauderdale Garden Club	Birch State Park
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.

It's this weekend!

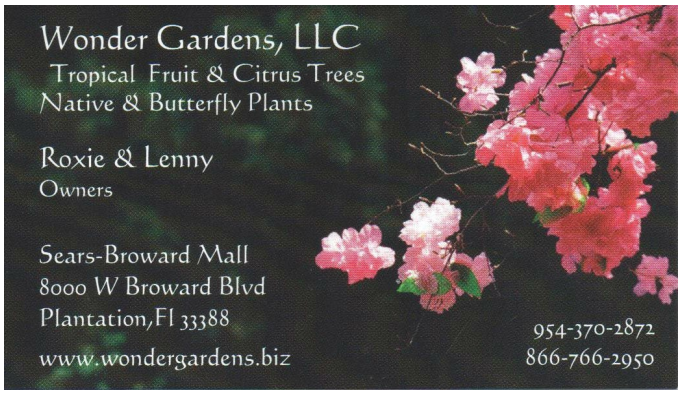
Our Library Collection.... To borrow: call Lee Magnuson at 954-427-4790

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

Places to Go, Things to See

Mar. 18 & 19, 2017	Garden Fest Arbor Day Extravaganza	Volunteer Park 12050 W. Sunrise Blvd, Sunrise, FL
Apr. 22 & 23, 2017 9-4	Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society Sale	Garden Club of Sanford, on 17-92, one block south of Lake Mary Blvd.
May 2, 2017	Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society Annual Bromeliad Auction	Good Samaritan Church, 6085 Park Blvd, Pinellas Park, Florida. Doors open at 7 PM..both live and silent auction.
Aug. 4—6, 2017	2017 FCBS Bromeliad Extravaganza	Clarion Hotel, 2701 E. Fowler Ave. Tampa, 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.
May 29—June 3, 2018	World Bromeliad Conference	San Diego, CA

Businesses



Next Meeting:
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