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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.

The Bromeliad Society of Broward County is a member of, and supports:
The Bromeliad Society International
http://bsi.org

The Bromeliad Society of Broward County is a member of, and supports:
The Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies
http://fcbs.org

The Bromeliad Society of Broward County is a member of, and supports:
The Cryptanthus Society
http://www.iinet.net.au/~scrozier/Culture.html

NEXT MEETING: MAY 16TH, 2005

Speaker : Gil MacAdam

"Planting a Refuge for Wildlife"

Environmental Administrator for Broward County Parks and Recreation. With 30 years of experience, he will educate us on designing a yard to attract numerous species of birds and butterflies incorporating bromeliads in the landscape.

We meet the third Monday of every month (except January) at 7:30 p.m. in the Broward Agricultural Extension Building 3245 College Avenue, Davie, Florida

Plant sales will be Open
and we will have our plant raffle

Calendar of Events for 2005

Sarasota Bromeliad Society & International Cryptanthus Show

May 13 -15th - 25th Annual Sarasota Bromeliad Society Show and Sale. And 9th International Cryptanthus Show "Alice In Bromeliadland", exhibits, sales, food, rare plant auction at world renowned Selby Botanic Gardens, 811 S. Palm Ave., Sarasota, Florida. Hours 10:00-4:00 941-955-7553, or ldolatow@tampabay.rr.com. Rob Branch show chairman 941-358-4953. Plant sale only on May 13th. Show and sale 14th & 15th. General admission. Banquet and Rare plant auction to be held Saturday, May 14th

The banquet has a choice of entries Chicken with Mushroom sauce or Cherry Snapper with citrus caper sauce

Cost is $15.00 also, we'll have mix green salad, seasonal vegetables, wild rice, appetizers, rolls butter, desert, coffee and soft drinks. B.Y.O.B. send checks made payable to SBS to Dorothy Berg at 5146 Northridge Rd. #107, Sarasota, FL 34238 for the banquet.

August 20 & 21, 2005
Bromeliad Fantasy, with display and sale
9 AM - 4PM at Sanford Garden Club, 17-92 & Fairmont Drive, Sanford.
Sponsored by Seminole Bromeliad Society.
For more info: Sudi Hipsley 352 504-6162.

October 14th, 15th & 16th, 2005
Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society 2005 Standard BSI Show & Sale
Terry Park, 3410 Palm Beach Blvd., Ft. Myers, Fl
Friday, October 14, 2005 - Registration, Exhibit Entry & Standard BSI Judged Show
Saturday, October 15, 2005 - open to public 9:00am to 5:00pm
Sunday, October 16, 2005 - open to public 10:00am to 4:00pm
For further show and sale information please contact Diane Molnar at (239) 549-3404 or capebrom@aol.com and Brian Weber at (941) 355-2847 or brianweber16@aol.com respectively.

BROMELIAD EXTRAVAGANZA

Date: October 22, 2005 Bromeliad Extravaganza, Presented by Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies, hosted by Sarasota Bromeliad Society, To be held at the Sarasota Garden Club 1131 Blvd of the Arts ,Sarasota, FL
Free Admission Hours 9:00-4:00
Banquet and Rare plant auction (benefiting the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies). The Helmsley Sandcastle, 1540 Ben Franklin Dr. Lido Beach, Sarasota, FL. 941-388-2181
Special room rate of $79 - $99
. 12 Florida Bromeliad Societies get together and have a huge plant sale, rare plant auction . For Further info contact Rob Branch 941-358-4953 or email ldolatow@tampabay.rr.com
For banquet info contact 941-962-7401

November 18th - 20th, 2005
Independent Plant Breeder's Conference
Organized by the Environmental Horticulture Department at the University of Florida (UF), Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS).
More information is available at http://conference.ifas.ufl.edu/IPBC

2006

June 6 - 11, 2006
Bromeliads on the Border
17th World Bromeliad Conference
Town and Country Resort & Convention Center
500 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, California 92108
http://www.towncountry.com
More information available here.

Show & Tell Table

Please bring one of your plants that DID NOT make it to the show. Each month we will be taking 10-15 minutes or so to talk about what could make your plants grow bigger and look better so that when we have our next show you will feel completely at ease about entering one plant or going for it all and entering 20! If by chance you have something spectacular to show off, please bring it in....

Past Presidents Message

Hi Bromeliad Fans,

First of all, I want to thank Dennis for his wonderful slide show at the last meeting...Wow, I sure would love to visit some of the places that he has been. I'm not sure if I would be hanging down the side of a mountain, but I sure would like to watch! Dennis your presentations are always the best!

Secondly, we have new officers starting at the next meeting. Please show your support and welcome them at this meeting. Our society is the absolute best thanks to all of our members.

Third, DUES ARE DUE.....PLEASE GET YOUR PAYMENT TO BILL FRAZEL. Keep our society strong and the Scurf coming your way.

Editors Disclaimer
Any spelling errors or wrong identifications will be corrected in the following Scurf !

New Officers for 2005/2006

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Recognition of Committee Chairs

Plant sales.....Bud Hendrix
Anne Kauffman
Jim Kerns
Refreshments.....Sara Donayre
Librarian.....Sara Donayre
Advertising.....Richard Sedlak
Membership.....Maureen Frazel
Country Store.....Colleen Hendrix
Raffle Table.....Bill Frazel, Richard Sedlak, Pat Boone and Jean Tease

Thank you, to all of you that put in their time and effort to this society!!

The invitation below is from the Boca Raton Bromeliad Society, Thanks Tammy for thinking of us. I have seen pictures of Bob's garden and it is beautiful, something you should really try and see. .....

Hi All,
Just an advance notice of May's ramble. We will be going to Bob Eigelberger's estate in Palm Beach on May 21st (Saturday after our Thursday meeting). Many of you have been there before. Bob has a beautiful garden and he has a great eye for design and layout.
He's also very generous about sharing all the unique plants in his garden. Many of us have cuttings from previous visits, and the plants are thriving in our gardens as well. So you don't want to miss this ramble. We will see what Bob has done to his garden "post hurricane".

You may be interested to know that Bob is taking over a section of the Mounts garden to design and plant. It is located near the old begonia beds which are sadly not there any more. If you were at last weekend's sale, you would have noticed what looked like a dry water bed. That's part of the design. Bob is bringing in yards of dirt to create a "forced perspective" as you view the garden. The end is going to be 2' higher than the beginning where you would be standing.
He's also bringing in lots of palm trees, and other plantings. This is where we come in. We are doing something different this year in that we are charging an admission fee to our ramble. The fee is three plants per person or five per couple (so ok, if you bring less we're not going to kick you out.) Bob needs plants for Mounts. He asked for our
left over plants at the sale but it really was too late to accommodate his request. Continued on next page.....

Since Bob has done so much in allowing us access to his garden this is our chance to reciprocate. We want to show up with lots of plants. They don't have to be bromeliads, they don't have to be full grown, they don't have to be rare or exotic although keep in mind that it is for Mounts and perhaps a little exotic would be nice. Just bring plants with you when you come to the ramble.

If you can't attend, perhaps you can hand off your offering to someone who will be going. All donations will be welcomed. I'm sure you'll do the Society proud and we'll have lots to give.

Thanks a lot, and see you at the meeting and the ramble!
Tammy

Above
Bonus Plant Winner
Kevin Gayle
Neo. Fireball x tristis

Below
Name Tag winner
Anne Bancroft
Vr. red chestnut x fosteriana x nova

Heads up for the November Program

We will have the pleasure of having our own Jack Meharian as our speaker for November. He has requested that we start saving the Spent inflorescence's or any kind of bromeliad material that can be used in an arrangement. The title of the program will be:
" Decorating with Bromeliads for the Holidays"
Jack is an incredible designer and will guide us in using our own bromeliads and incorporating them into our holiday décor. You will be very surprised in how many ways these plants can be used.

Due to technical difficulties the new Presidents Message was unavailable for printing.

Happy Mothers Day

Forcing Bromeliads to Bloom

Many factors cause bromeliads to bloom such as plant age, day length, light intensity, water and temperature. Some bromeliads bloom quite regularly while other do not. Research on the flowering process has shown that bromeliads can be induced to flower by exposing them to ethylene gas (a product of burning wood and leaves and ripening fruit and vegetables.) After exposure to ethylene gas, the flowers appear, depending on the genus involved, within 6 to 14 weeks. A simple method that a home gardener can use to start bromeliads' flowering is to place a healthy, mature plant with all the water drained from its cup inside a tightly closed, clear plastic bag for a week to 10 days with a ripe apple. During senescence (aging process), the apple releases ethylene gas that, in turn, induces the bromeliad to flower.

Chemicals such as " Ethrel" and "Omaflora" are available and are effective for inducing flowering in bromeliads. However, these chemicals are tricky to regulate and may interfere with pup development.

For more info
Ie:http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/MG272

Reminders

May Birthdays bring goodies!

Happy Birthday to.....

Kevin Gale
Elsie Johns
Polly Pascal
Richard Sedlak

Announcements

Membership Dues are Due by May 1st

Welcome New Members

David Mclean
Gil MacAdam

A big Thank You goes to.....

To all those that have been helping clean up our meeting room and bringing in the delicious deserts

On the Cover.....

Tillandsia vernicosa
Grown by: Colleen Hendrix

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Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Month of your Birthday_____

Membership Dues are:

$15 per year for individuals

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

Please make check payable to **Bromeliad Society of Broward County** and mail this page to:

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