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Bromeliad Society of Broward County

May 2008

Aechmea "Royal wine"

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

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

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http://fcbs.org

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The Cryptanthus Society
http://www.iinet.net.au/~scrozier/Culture.html

Next Meeting: May 19, 2008

Time: 7:30 pm Plant sales begin at 7:00

Where: Jim Ward Community Center
301 NW 46th Ave (Park East Drive)
Plantation, Fl 33317

The Member Sales Table will be closed
We will have our Raffle Table
Those who bring plants to sell are asked to donate plants to the raffle table.

Speaker: Ray Lemieux of Tropiflora

Topic: "Terrestrials"

Get to know them, how to handle them, where to put them!

About our Guest Speakers

Ray has worked at Tropiflora for 13 years in every capacity. He has a love of Terrestrials because they are the underdogs of the Bromeliad world.

"Catch the Drift"

A Natural Gallery of Gifts , Wood Products, Driftwood, etc. will have a table at the meeting to sell driftwood.
Anyone interested in orchids or bromeliads will love their items.
They are wholesalers and retailers

On the Cover

Aechmea "Royal Wine"

This gracious plant has glossy dark green foliage with dark maroon undersides. It always looks glamorous and the long-lasting berries are an added bonus. It also makes an excellent house plant. , being tolerant of low light conditions.

Ie: Andrew Steens "Bromelaids for the Contemporary Garden"

The President's Message

Hey Everyone,
Feels like August doesn't it?! You may want to take a tour around your yard and browse the bromeliads just to make sure your favorites are not getting too much sun. Sometimes we get so busy we don't notice and next thing you know you have a burnt plant. If you can't move your plant for one reason or the other, consider planting a palm or small tree to shade it.
The last two events we had— "Green Day" and the "Plant Affair" at Heritage Park— were quite a success. At Green Day Jo-Ann and Sara handed out lots of info on our Society and we signed up a few new members. Bud Hendrix was demonstrating, to about 10 little girls that were part of a brownie troop, how to mount a bromeliad, letting them touch the dirt etc. They were fascinated. The Plant Affair was a success, although there were several other bromeliad vendors there, we sold a lot of plants and the club came out ahead. I would like to thank those of you who participated and those of you who just stopped by to say hello; Larry Searle, Larry Davis, Harriet, Sara, Pepe, Bud, Tim, Anne, George, Maureen and Bill, Matt, Jim, and Richard. If I left anyone out, thanks so much. We had beautiful weather and a lot of brom fun.
Our next two events are the "Annual Pot Luck Summer Party" and then the famous "Annual Auction in October
Please be getting your plants ready!!! This is a big event and a fund raiser for the Society so we will need all your participation. We will have a larger refreshment table, so we need runners, tellers, and 2 auctioneers. If you would like to volunteer (experienced or no experience), please let me know— all are welcome.
Who would like to go to David McLean's nursery for a "walk about" and lunch? It is the first Saturday of every month and starts at 10:30 then lunch follows.
There will be a sign-up sheet for those of you interested. We will pick a date and make the arrangements.
In closing, I would like to welcome all of the new members. Please bring your friends and family – this month's speaker is great. Ray does hands on and tricks of the trade. Most of you know him from Tropiflora. He will bring beautiful and unusual plants. So come early to buy plants!!!

See you Monday, Colleen

Calendar of Events 2008

May 9th-11th Bromeliad Society of Central Florida -Mother's Day Show and Sale at Orlando Fashion Square, Orlando

May 31st Saturday and June 1st Sunday. The Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society is hosting an overnight Ramble to Florida's west coast to Tropiflora and the two orchid nurseries on their grounds. The cost for the bus will be $75 per person. The added motel and food costs will be modest. We leave at 8:00 am from the Cardinal Gibbons H.S. student parking lot. (Turn south at Commercial onto Bayview Dr., go a LONG block, turn West at the sign on 47th St. to the student parking lot behind the school. Bring a bagged lunch for Saturday, May 31st . We'll visit Tropiflora and the 2 orchid nurseries on their grounds, Orchid Mania, and Palmer's Orchids. Bob might add one more stop but we need so much time at Tropiflora and Palmers that most of us would rather not be rushed to go to another place. We return by 5:00 pm on Sunday, June 1. Call 954-772-4836 for more details or to reserve a spot and to let us know you will send a check for the trip. Dot of the Fort Lauderdale Orchid Society.

June 24-29, 2008—BSI World Bromeliad Conference. The 18th World Bromeliad Conference is being held in Cairns, Australia. Enquiries to Lynn Hudson, 47 Boden Street, Edge Hill, QLD 4870 or Lynnie@Ledanet.com. Also information at http://bsi.org

August 29-31, —Bromeliad Rainforest Fantasy -Extravaganza Sponsored by the Florida Council of B.S. Hosted by Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay at Sheraton Suites Tampa Airport. E-mail Tom Wolfe at Bromeliadsociety@juno.com for details or see the February issue of the Scurf.

April 4-5 2009 Bromeliad Society of Broward County Show and Sale in Association with the Plantation Woman's Club present " Tropical Magic of Bromeliads"
Volunteer Park in Plantation for more info call Colleen Hendrix 954-530-0076 timbo-169@comcast.net

Report on our Ramble to Selby Gardens

On Saturday, April 19, 2008, Richard and Shirley Konefal, Lou Weber (the 'Wunderkind' of horticulture who often assists David Mclean in the identification of plants!), Pat Barnes, Polly Pascal, Richard Sedlak, and Harry Sperling, left Plantation and headed to Sarasota to visit the Marie Selby Botanical Gardens. On our arrival Harry Luther welcomed us and took us on a tour of the four climate controlled, secured greenhouses that are off-limits to the public. He answered all of our questions and told us about many of the plants contained in each greenhouse. We were each presented with a bromeliad plant which he individually labeled and delivered to the Show Room for our convenience. The Sarasota Society had some very interesting plants exhibited in their show, with a top award to Michael's for a strikingly attractive Neo Carolinae x Hannibal Lector cross. There were few vendors selling plants as the Bromeliad Society of South Florida annual Show and Sale, running the same weekend at Fairchild Tropical Gardens in Miami, attracted many vendors. After visiting the beautiful gardens, gift shop and plant show and sale areas at Selby's, our gracious host, Harry Luther, met with us again as we prepared to depart for home.
During the course of the trip we all had an opportunity to get to know one another and our interest in growing and enjoying bromeliads and other plants as well. When you are able, consider going on a Ramble - it is informative, interesting, and most of all FUN!
Our thanks to Maureen Frazel and JoAnn Heyer for making arrangements for this eventful trip.

Harry Sperling

I want to express my thanks to the Board of BSBC for the opportunity to serve as Recording Secretary this past year. To those members who are not familiar with what takes place at Board meetings, let me assure you that each and every person on the Board diligently works to make the society the success that it is. We are fortunate to have as President, Colleen Hendrix, who has managed to work in conjunction with the Plantation Woman's Club, so that we can have our BSI judged Show and Sale at Volunteer Park in April 2009. Plans for that occasion are already underway.
If you, new members and old, have a talent that can benefit the BSBC, step forward and let President Colleen know, so you can be among those who promote BSBC and the use of bromeliad culture—as potted plants to adorn interior decor as well as in the landscape. While watching TV programs observe the use of bromeliads in soap operas, TV interviews in studios and in private homes; also notice them in hotel lobbies, malls, and landscapes in all areas. Bromeliads can be observed very often since their brilliant colors, inflorescence, and ease of care, make them more popular than ever before.
The more YOU become involved the more fun you will have with your hobby!

Harry Sperling
BSBC outgoing Secretary

Save the Date

August 18, 2008 BSBC Annual Covered Dish Summer Party

"Tropical Magic of Bromeliads"

There were several suggestions for the theme of the upcoming show and sale in April of 2009, so it was put to a vote with the board and "Tropical Magic of Bromeliads" was unanimously chosen. I am so excited about this. The venue is set, the name picked, the PWC is on board and very excited to be involved with our society in this venture. They will be preparing the judges lunch and lunch for the clerks. They will also be selling food on Sat and Sun when the show is open to the public. We are also in the process of working on sponsorship, so if any of you have suggestions please let Larry Searle, JoAnn Heyer or me know. We will be happy to take it to the board. As you know putting on an event such as this takes many people to make it happen and be a success. This is the first time that our Society is collaborating with another club that will open up many more avenues to explore. I am looking forward to working with you and I am encouraging your participation. I will have a sign-up sheet at the meeting for you to tell us what you would like to do – what committee etc. Please mark your 2009 calendar for April 2,3,4,5.

Thank you mucho!!!

Bonus and Name Tag Winners at the April Meeting

BOOK REVIEW OF THE MONTH

This month's book review is about the new book that came out in New Zealand titled "Bromeliads...the connoisseur's guide" by Andrew Steens. The cost of the first group of books to hit our soil sold in the low thirty dollar range. I was taken aback by the beauty of this book when I first saw it a few months ago. What makes this a must have book is the close up and beautiful color pictures that are all throughout the book. With close to 400 pages and probably double that in photos this certainly is a book that must be added to any collection. It covers Neo's ,Guzmanias and all the way thru to Wittrockia's. There are chapters on Developing new bromeliads, Hybridizing, Sports and Intergeneric hybrids.

Since it is published in New Zealand, I was surprised to see many of our local growers and nurseries mentioned, such as Bullis Bromeliads, Grant Grooves and some others, just to name a few. Chester Skotak's hybrids are mentioned all throughout the book as well.

Don't delay — get your order in for this nice book. You won't be disappointed.

Larry Searle
BSBC Librarian

Checking out a book from BSBC Library at the general meeting:
The book must be returned to Larry within 30 days—by the next meeting. If for some reason there is a conflict in your schedule in returning the book you MUST call Larry and make arrangements to get the book returned. There is a form for you to complete upon checking out the book. Members are responsible for returning the book within 30 days in the condition in which it was lent. If the book is damaged, lost or stolen, the member is responsible for replacement cost so please handle with care.
Thank you ,
BSBC Board

Show, Tell and Admire

Bring in your Blooming Broms to show off to us. There will be a table in the front of the room to display them. Always remember, if you are having trouble with one of your plants, or need a plant identified, or have a question about one, bring it to a meeting and we'll help you with it.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Annual dues were due February 1st. Be sure to send in your check to remain on the mailing list for the Scurf and the meeting notice e-mails. Send the form (inside back cover) and check payable to Bromeliad Society of Broward County to

Larry Searle, Treasurer
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$20.00 for individual membership or $25.00 for multiple members at same address. The increase in dues was approved by the membership at the February general meeting.

Reminders

MAY Birthdays please bring contribution to the Refreshment Table!
And get a free raffle ticket for a special drawing

Happy Birthday to.....

Anne Bancroft, Norbert Baugh, Sergio Bulit, Nancy Burdelsky, Jillian & Gene Cain, Jeff Koker, Elsie Johns, Cynthia Long, Michael Schaberl, Richard Sedlak, Maureen Frazel, Alice and Bud Hendrix, Ann Kauffman, Polly Pascal

If we missed your birthday or have you listed on the wrong month , than please correct me!!!!

Happy Birthday to you

Plantation's Green Day
April 26, 2008

Sara Donayre, JoAnn Heyer and Bud Hendrix at the BSBC booth

Bud Hendrix demonstrating Bromeliad techniques

Photography by
Tim Hendrix

Plantation's Green Day at the BSBC Booth

Bud Hendrix And JoAnn Heyer

Bud, Jim Kerns, Jo and Sara

Sara Donayre manning the Membership desk

Heritage Park Plant Sale, May 3 and 4, 2008

Colleen & Pepe checking the layout

Bill Frazel checking the rare ones

One of our beautiful Bromeliads has attracted a butterfly!!!

Larry Searle

Treasurer Larry Searle waiting for the cash

Sara Donayre at the Membership Table

Richard Konefal's Amazing Driftwood

Plant Sale

I am moving and selling selected bromeliads from my collection
Some Rare, Some Unusual

By Appointment Only
Please Call Anne Kauffman
954-966-5890

T & C Tropicals
Specializing in Bromeliads
21 Holly Lane
Plantation, Fl., 33317
954-530-0076
954-931-1711

Tim and Colleen Hendrix

BUD'S BROMELIADS

BUD HENDRIX
824 N. BEL AIR DRIVE
PLANTATION, FL 33317
954-583-8636

Membership Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone : _____

E-mail: _____

Month of your Birthday_____

Would you be willing to serve on a committee or otherwise assist? Yes_____ No_____

Permanent Name Tag? Yes_____ No____ Paid____

Membership Dues are:

$20 per year for individuals

$25 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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We meet on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at:
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