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Bromeliad Society of Broward County

May 2012

A once in a lifetime photo taken by our President at Flamingo Gardens

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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.
We meet the third Monday of every month (except January)

Affiliations: The Bromeliad Society of Broward County is a member of and supports:

The Bromeliad Society International
http://bsi.org

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

The Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies
http://fcbs.org

Meetings and Speakers

From Our April Meeting

Guest speaker Charlie L. Birdsong

from the Baton Rouge Bromeliad Society

Charlie spoke about Neoregelias with an emphasis on the subgenus Hylaeaicum and their hybrids. He made a key point that sometimes it is very difficult to identify a particular hybrid because growing conditions can greatly impact appearance of a given plant. Many thanks to the members who invited our guest speaker to tour their own gardens during his visit. Charlie's one regret… he couldn't get to see all the gardens on the list. How's that for BCBS hospitality! Charlie hopes to see those other gardens next time he's in town.

Velene Smith-Myrie and Judith Lahey take home some terrific plants.

An enchanting Racinaea crispa courtesy of Bruce Zaret

Neoregelia pendula variegated

A Tillandsia fasciculata X Tillandsia chiapensis

NEXT MEETING: BCBS— The Inside Scoop

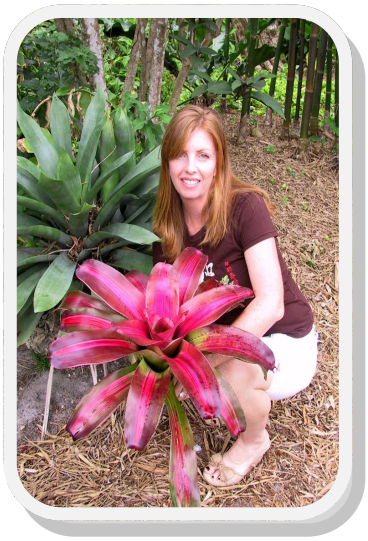
Monday, May 21, 2012 at 7:00 pm

Plant preview 6:30 pm - sales table will be open

Where: Deicke Auditorium
5701 Cypress Rd
Plantation, FL 33317

Ever wonder how the society works? What goes into program development? How does the newsletter get created? Come to our next meeting and get a behind the scenes look at our own bromeliad society. The members of the board promise it will definitely be enlightening and fun.

The President's Message



Hi Bromeliad Fans,

Spring has Sprung (it seems for only about a week) and the Summer Heat is already here. So, this is the time to be walking around your yard to see if you need to move any of your broms that you put in a special spot during the cooler months. Make sure they are not getting burnt from the sun.

Any mosquito issues? Hose out your broms, put tobacco in the cups or coffee grounds that should do the trick.

I would like to take this time to thank the outgoing Board members it has been a great year lots going on – and on to another year that will be busy preparing for Summer fun, Fall auction, Winter parties, and Spring 2013 Show and Gardenfest. New Board, be ready for the ride. I would also like to thank our committee chairs, as they work tirelessly behind the scenes for our society.

One more thing, please remember, we are now signing in when you come in the door – thanks so much.

See you on the 21st,
Colleen

Calendar of Other Local Plant Society Meetings

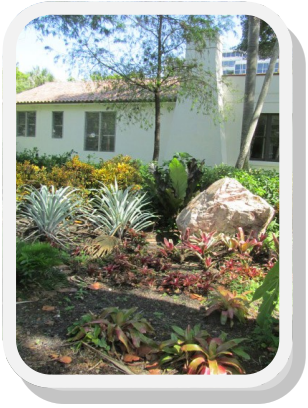
1st Tuesday	Plantation Orchid Society	Deicke Auditorium
3rd Monday	Bromeliad Society of Broward County	Deicke Auditorium
3rd Tuesday	Bromeliad Society of So. Florida	Fairchild Gardens
3rd Thursday	Bromeliad Society of the Palm Beaches	Mounts Botanical
4th Thursday	Shade Brigade	Plantation Bldg. Dept.
4th Monday	BSBC Board Meeting	Deicke Auditorium

Membership News

Please sign in when you attend a meeting so we can better track attendance.

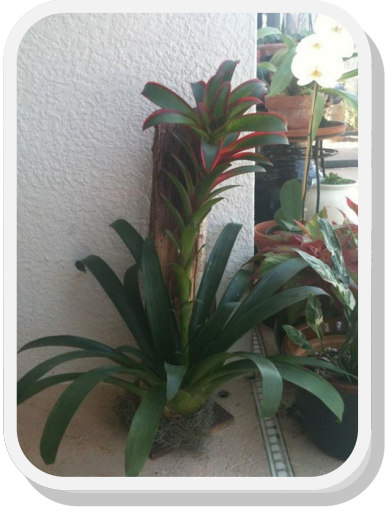
Marcia will be at a desk in the lobby to help with membership concerns. Click here for the BCBS membership application. Being current with club dues is important as they pay for the facility, speakers, refreshments, donations to weevil fund, etc. February 1 was our due date for renewal.

Editor's Note



Bromeliads seem to be popping up everywhere….from the legendary Fairchild Gardens where bromeliads are in the ground, attached to tree trunks or anchored to branches overhead, to the main quad of an environmental science middle school at the north end of our county. Bromeliads now abound in the yard of Ft. Lauderdale's historic Stranahan Park where on a day just about a year ago groups of volunteers representing many local companies, including BCBS, descended en masse to answer the call for help in landscaping the yard. What a difference these plants make! Two of the photos below came via cyberspace. To the left, a freaking bromeliad bought at a Webster, FL flea market sent courtesy of Phoebe Chatham's friend, Missy Light. In the middle, Mark Olsen of Garden Crafters posted this image of a Belgian bromeliad cornucopia on his blog at http://gardencrafters.typepad.com/. The plant on the right graces the front yard of a local homeowner. Is this not the BEST hobby? Happy trails,

Gayle



W h a t's H a p p e n i n g

Harriet's Hoots

Hello to All:

I know that on my previous articles I gave out little fun facts about holidays, such as Leap Year and St. Patrick's Day. Well, since I'm going to be referring to our April meeting, the only thing that comes to mind for April is INCOME TAX DAY. I am sure that this is not your favorite subject, unless you either did not have to pay Uncle Sam or you got back a ton of money. (If so, please share it with the rest of us – or at least bring a snack for our refreshment table) Well, that day is over, thank goodness and now we can get back to more pleasant things, such as our great meetings, interesting speakers, wonderful raffle table and when allowed, our sales table – Wow, I feel like a cheerleader - - Ok here's one for you - - - - "Broward club is really great, come to our meetings and don't be late" "We have super plants as you will see, take some home, maybe one or two, how about three"

Ok gang – back to business and thanking those of you who contributed to our table.

Carol Mordas – Great Pineapple Upside Down Cake with Whipped Cream
Norma Jeanne Flack - Crispy Sun chips
Velene Smith-Myrle - Jamaican Patties that were delicious
Colleen Hendrix – Pecan delights which were delightful
Harry Sperling - Super Mocha Black Walnut Cake (such a good baker)
Louella Weber – Great display of Brownies, Lemon Cookies & Choc cakes
Shirley Konefal – Loved that Garlic Shrimp – keep it coming
Gloria Chernoff – Rugala (my favorite) pastries that were so good
Patty Zucerrelli – Refreshing Fruit Tray and Coconut Maroons
Barbara Moorman – Banana Bread with chocolate cupcakes (mm-good)
Molly Lesnick – Delicious Brownies

If I have forgotten anyone, I do apologize and wish to thank you. Remember, we are not proud and will accept any and all contributions, so please feel free to bring whatever floats your boat and I'm sure that it will be appreciated.

See you all at the next meeting

Hugs – Harriet

Jay Abrams
Jillian Cain
Grace Gray
Larry Hill
Elsie T. Johns
Barbara Ladin
Nancy Long
Barbara Moorman
Michael Schaberl
Jim Temples

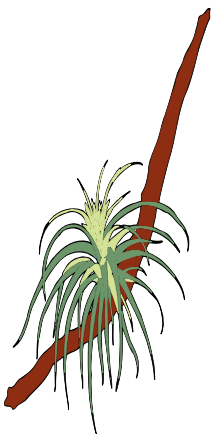
For your reading pleasure

A couple of articles about gardening and mulch merit sharing with members.

The May 2012 issue of *Reader's Digest* has a great article by Michelle Crouch, "13 Things Your Landscaper Won't Tell You ." From a recommendation to "ditch the mower bag," to leaving space in your garden to facilitate later pruning (We know *that* can be hard to do…. so many terrific plants, only so much space……), to #4 on her list…. red mulch and the concern that it has been found to contain arsenic along with other not so plant-friendly chemicals. Colleen Hendrix said she has witnessed first hand how red mulch had a very negative effect on landscaping and when it was moved back away from the trees, they improved shortly thereafter. It may be pretty, but not a good choice environmentally and hurtful to our plants.

As permission to repost this article has not yet been granted by the publisher, we will have a copy at our next meeting. You can also check out http://rd.com/may for more information.

Gretchen F. Coyle penned a piece on Pg. 36 in the Dec.-Jan. 2010 issue of *Florida Gardener* entitled, "Ball Moss." This epiphyte, also known as Tillandsia recurvata, and its cousin Spanish moss (Tillandsia usneoides) are among the 16 bromeliads native to Florida. Found attached to palm tree trunks, over the branches of hard woods and live oaks in the South, both have been scattered due to years of high wind storms to the point that they are in declining numbers. Many feel these plants have been killing the very trees they call home. Coyle makes the case that these plants actually grow faster on trees which are already hurting. As these plants pull nitrogen from the air, she suggests that you remove them from the trees and mix them with dirt to use as mulch.



OK…..The above article lead to the question, "What are the 16 bromeliads native to Florida? The answer was found at a 2008 UF /IFAS sponsored website Jacks Florida Bromeliads http://www.jacksbromeliads.com/floridasnativebromeliads.htm. All 16 are epiphytes as are the 2 naturally occurring hybrids. 10 of the 16 are threatened or endangered by habitat loss, poaching and the non-native Mexican boll weevil.

Drum roll, please! In alphabetical order, here is the list of the 16 native bromeliads: Ball Moss, Bartram's Airplant, Broad Needleleaf, Cardinal Airplant, Florida Strap Airplant, Fuzzy Wuzzy Airplant, Giant Airplant, Leatherleaf Airplant, Nodding Strap Airplant, Northern Needleleaf, Potbelly Airplant, Powdery Strap Airplant, Southern Needleleaf, Spanish Moss, Twisted Airplant and West Indian Tufted Airplant.

Places To Be, Things To Do

May 18 -20	Redland Orchid Festival	9 am - 5 pm	Fruit & Spice Park, 24801 SW 187 Ave., Homestead
May 26 -27	Orchids in the Park	10 am - 5 pm	Dante Fascell Park, 8600 SW 57th Ave., (Red Road) South Miami
Aug 18-19	Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Sale	10 am- 5 pm	Garden Club of Sanford
Sep. 19-22	Society of Amer. Florists Convention		The Breakers, Palm Beach, FL ; Kent's Bromeliad Nursery of Vista, CA won the Blue Ribbon and Best in Class for their Guzmania Lindsey in 2011; They have developed 35 prizewinning bromeliads !

This world class event includes outstanding sales, a Rare Plant Auction, seminars, tours and an opportunity to meet bromeliad collectors and growers from all over the world ! We have inquired if there is any kind of one day pass for those who can't spend all five days in Orlando. Stay tuned.

Save the date: March 23 – 24, 2013 Garden Fest Show & Sale !

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Plant Sticks___50 sticks for $1.00

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@ 954-321-9229

"DIAPER YOUR PLANTS"

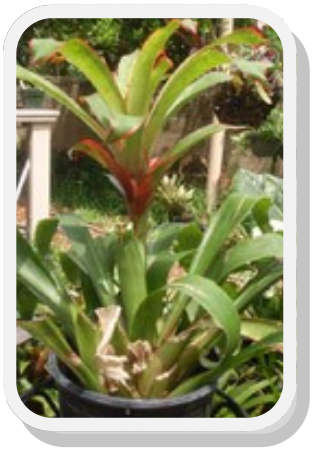
Please "diaper you plants that you bring in by using a paper sleeve or a plastic bag to cover the bottom of the plant.
We want to make a good impression and keep our new meeting place as clean as when we got there.
Thank you!!

Don't forget…. If you have a garden you would like photographed, see Bill David at our next meeting. Want to share a gardening triumph with members? See Gayle Spinell-Gellers. Have a question? Send an email to yroftiger@aol.com and we'll post the question for our experts in SCURF.

Ask the Brom Experts….

Larry Groshart poses a question.

"I have a strange pup on a *Guzmania lingulata*.



The puppy in question arose from the center of the plant, rather than from a leaf axil. I don't recall seeing that behavior before. Have you?

My interest stems from the fact that the mother plant was a normal green, but this pup has nice red margins on every leaf. I want to save it for posterity (and for "*purse*-sterity").

The big question is: How and when do I remove it to propagate it? Or do I? Maybe I should let it grow as-is, then propagate "normal" pups later.

Inquiring minds want to know... "

And the Answer is:

To be revealed at Monday night's meeting!

See you then!