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Bromeliad Society of Broward County

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Photo of a very rare Hohenbergia andina, courtesy of Bruce Zaret

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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)

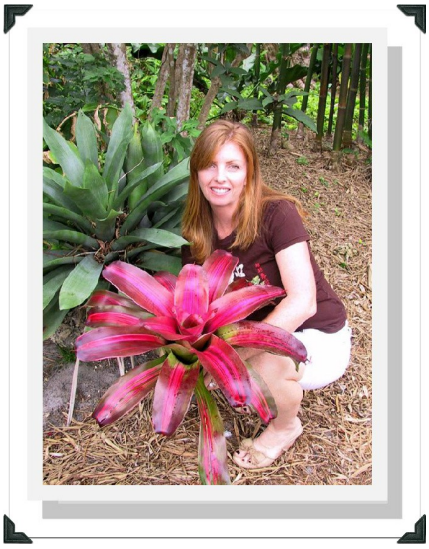
Affiliations: Bromeliad Society of Broward County is a member of and supports

The Bromeliad Society International
http://bsi.org

The Cryptanthus Society
http://fcbs.org/cryptanthussociety/

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

The President's Message



Hi Bromeliad Lovers,

Hope this messages finds everyone in good health and kissin on those bromeliads. The weather has been perfect for pupping and cleaning.

This message will be short as we are winding down for the summer. This month's program will be very interesting and given by someone whom we have not had as a speaker. She will also be bringing plants to sell yeah!!!

June 15th will be a "Mystery Garden Tour" - Maureen Frazel will be putting together a garden tour for you, I will pass around a sheet so we can see how many of you can attend. If we don't have at least 15 going, it will be cancelled.

We will meet at Plantation Community Church at 9:00am we would ask that as many of you carpool as possible.

I would like to thank Maureen in advance for volunteering as "program chair. " If any of you would like to learn or help Maureen, please call her at 954-474-1349.

We will see each other again in September when our speaker will be Ignacio Moreno. He is one of our members from Bogota, Colombia. His program will be on "High Altitude Bromeliads" and then in October we will have Jesse and Dee Vance of "Nature's Relics" to talk about their cypress, harvesting and mounting.

See you Monday,

Colleen

Membership News

Many thanks to all who renewed their memberships.

Gene Cain
Jillian Cain
Maureen Frazel
Bud Hendrix
Larry Hill

Elsie T. Johns
Barbara Ladin
Nancy Long
Barbara Moorman
Michael Schaberl

From the garden of Colleen and Tim Hendrix.

Alcantarea imperialis in bloom with Sissy on the bridge.

Harriet's Hoots

Howdy, Everyone - - -

Well, how did you all like our meeting place last month? I thought it was very nice and I loved the kitchen set up. I could be in the kitchen getting things organized and still be able to see everyone and what's going on. As far as I know, we'll be at the Church for this month and then we are on hiatus for the next three months (June, July & August) and then hopefully back to Diecke (but the Church was great)

It's May and I'm sure everything is blooming. You know the little phrase – April Showers bring May Flowers. I'm sure it's the same for Bromeliads. If only we can get rid of those nasty weeds.

Ok, it's time to thank everyone again. I was so pleased that our first meeting at the Church brought in such goodies. The table was filled with food and deserts. Hats off to our members and hooray to the following:

Carol Mordas – Mini Hot Dogs (kept warm and delightful)
Shirley Konefal – Salad with Chipotle Dressing (always a favorite)
Brigette Sheeks - Rice Crispy Treats (loved them)
Harry Sperling - Home baked cake (You are so good at this)
Jack Meharia - Refreshing Soda (great choice)
Gayle Spinell-Gellers – Chocolate Spice Cake (another winner)
Gloria Chernoff – Cheese, Grapes and Crackers (healthy and good)
Tracy Moulton – Quiche (wow – did that go fast – wonderful)
Patty Ziccerili – Hummus with pita bread & Oranges (another healthy item)
Lou Webber – Chocolate Cookies (we do love our sweets)
Martha Reichmann – Pineapple Upside Down Cake (Yum, Yum, Yum)
Norma Jean Black – Pretzels (great to munch on)

Hopefully I have listed everyone. Again, thanks to all and remember let's make it another successful meeting as this could be our last time at Plantation Community Church. So, even if it's not your birthday, please feel free to show us your cooking, baking or "buying" skills (LOL). We have nothing against Publix and we welcome all types of food.

So, until we meet again, happy planting and I'll see everyone at our next meeting.

Hugs - - Harriet

From Our April Meeting

Many thanks to our own Bruce Zaret for his clear and informative presentation ,
"A Taxonomic Approach to Streptocalyx and Similar Aechmea Forms".

The handout he distributed will serve as a great reference of all bromeliad fans going forward. Preparing new AV and print materials is very time-consuming so again, thanks, Bruce, for all your efforts in our behalf.

For Our May Meeting

Next meeting: Monday, May 20, 2013 <u>at our new location:</u>

Plantation Community Church
6501 W. Broward Blvd.
Plantation, FL 33315

Time: 6:30 pm
Sales table will be open!

If you are interested in brainstorming plans for the church grounds, join us in the parking lot at 5:30 pm!

Speaker: Kathy Brown, vendor
Topic: "Bromeliads and Other Epiphytes"

"With a major in Biology, I have been an avid collector of tropicals and unusual plants from all around the world. I've been on collecting expeditions to the Caribbean and have grown plants from seeds from around the globe. I am always in search of new (non-invasive) plants to introduce to the Florida landscape. My current interests include presenting plants in an interesting way such as container gardening, mounting and *kokedama*, which is a unique form of bonsai. "

Calendar of Local Plant Society Meetings

1st Tuesday	Plantation Orchid Society	Volunteer Park
2nd Friday	Ft. Lauderdale Garden Club	Birch State Park
2nd Monday	BSBC Board Meeting	Deicke Auditorium
3rd Monday	Bromeliad Society of Broward County	Plantation Community Church
3rd Tuesday	Bromeliad Society of So. Florida	Fairchild Gardens
3rd Wednesday	Equality Park Garden Club	Pride Center
3rd Wednesday	Plantation Garden Club	Hawthorne Village Club House 9:30 am—noon
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

Sat., May 18, 2013	Native Plant Sale	9 am—1 pm	Secret Woods Nature Center 2701 W. SR 84 Dania Beach, FL
May 17-19, 2013	Redland International Orchid Festival	9 am—5 pm all days	Fruit and Spice Park 24801 SW 187 Ave Miami, FL
July 12, 2013	Bromeliad Symposium (part of Monocots V, 5th International conference on Comparative Biology of Monocotyledons)		New York Botanical Garden

Carol Mordas recommends two articles on the web by renown author Georgia Tasker: "Imperial Flower Stalk" and "Icing on the Bromeliad Cake."

Gardening Quotes on Weeds, etc.

"They know, they just know where to grow, how to dupe you, and how to camouflage themselves among the perfectly respectable plants, they just know, and therefore, I've concluded weeds must have brains. " ~Dianne Benson, *Dirt*, 1994

Plant and your spouse plants with you; weed and you weed alone.
~Author Unknown

Show me your garden and I shall tell you what you are. Alfred Austin

From the Editor

Each issue of SCURF is a little bit different and this one is no exception. This month seems to be all things rare…. to have had a presentation by one of our own members, to have a chance for us to participate in a community project (It was fun to help Stranahan House freshen up their gardens…. Joann, Colleen, Juan and I wish more of you could have joined us in the event. The historic building looked so much better after just 3 hours!), to be holding meetings at an alternative location, to have a summer hiatus, to have images of unusual bromeliads (See below.), rare to be on the road in search of bromeliads in near and faraway places.

NEAR !

Photo courtesy of Bruce Zaret

Hohenbergia lanata in bloom. There is no picture of this species on the FCBS.org site. It has long lancinate leaves and the flowers are YELLOW unlike most of the Hohenbergia species that have violet/purple petals.

FAR !

Photo courtesy of Josh Gellers

http://www.gardensbythebay.com.sg/en/the-gardens/attractions/the-world-of-plants.html

Gardens by the Bay in Singpore. From Supertree Grove pictured above to the World of Plants where bromeliads abound, these Gardens are amazing sites to visit day or night when everything is illuminated.

Whether you travel near or far this summer, keep the camera or cell phone ready to capture bromeliads. Are there bromeliads in Spain? I have the rare opportunity to find out and report back. Happy Trails, Everyone, Gayle

Business

ADVERTISE HERE……..

$10.00 PER MONTH

BSBC Country Store

The Country Store has the following items for sale at great prices!

6 in" pots_____5 pots for $ 1.00
Plant Sticks___50 sticks for $1.00

Contact Bill David
@ 954-321-9229

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"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!!

Got a bromeliad question? Send an email to yroftiger@aol.com and we'll post the question in SCURF.