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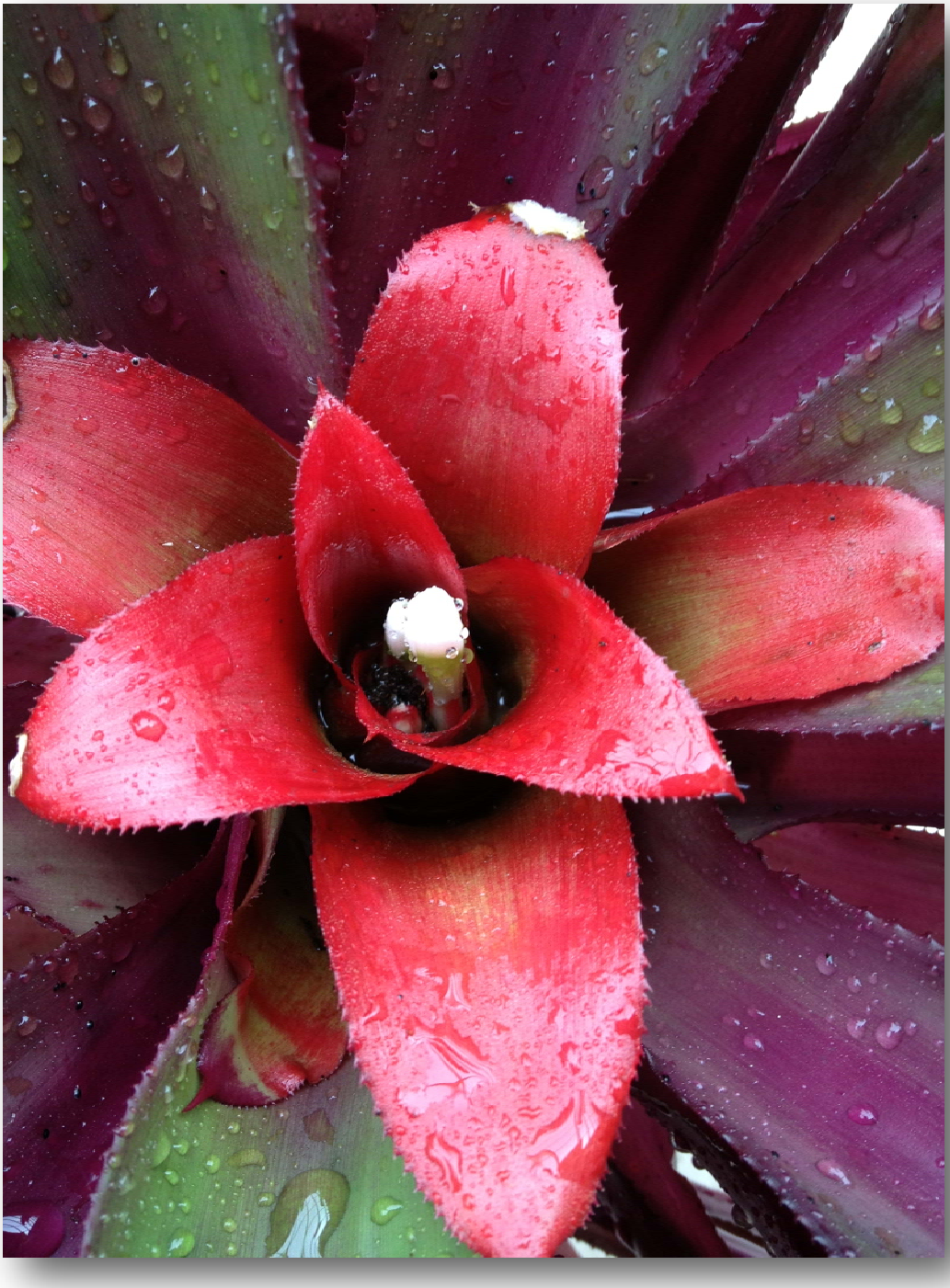

Nidularium 'Midnight'
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Our meetings generally offer a speaker on timely and noteworthy topics, member plant sales, a plant raffle, special holiday plant auctions, diagnosis of disease and pest problems, and a Country Store with selected bromeliad and gardening supplies.
We meet the third Monday of every month except January and February.

Affliliations: BSBC supports

The President's Message

Have You Noticed?

We have increased our membership to 78 members and counting. With all of these new faces and the return of some of our past members, be sure to introduce yourself so we don't become strangers. We will be featuring new members in the Scurf. If you haven't already purchased a name tag, think about it. I will even remember to wear mine so we can get to know one another. I'm at that time in life where I need to see a name tag because my informational file is delayed in getting to my brain.

Not only our new members, but many of our present members told me how much they enjoyed the BROM 101 presentation by our Vice President Larry Davis at April's meeting. I have to include myself because I, like many of you, am just a novice with Bromeliads. If you missed the presentation, our membership table will have extra copies of Larry's handout– just ask for one. It is our plan to provide each new member with Larry's BROM 101 presentation.

We've started participating again in local plant sale events, beginning with the May 3rd and 4th Plant Affair. Our total proceeds was over $1700, of which 80% is returned to our participating members. Even the new plant sale participants received a return for those extra bromeliads our mother plants keep producing. Participating in plant sales does not mean you have to spend your whole weekend selling but donating a short amount of time in return for two days of plant sales pays off..

One of our Bromeliad Society's missions is education. One way we can achieve that mission is in our communities through our plant sales. I have seen a noticeable increase in bromeliads in my neighborhood's gardens, how about you? I have even shared many of my plants with my neighbors. Since water conservation is becoming more and more important, think how little water a bromeliad needs when adding them to your garden.

Plans are being made to have a Fall Garden Tour at the Jeff Searle's home and the Searle's Brothers Nursery with a barbeque. Members will also have the opportunity to purchase plants at the nursery. Make a preliminary plan in late October or early November to attend. It will be on a Saturday. Once a date has been confirmed, I will let you know in plenty of time to attend.

Don't forget to bring your unknown plants for Show and Tell and remember the Doctor is In for those ailing plants that need medical attention – keep these covered to prevent spreading possible infection.

See you on the 19th - Becky

From the Vice President

Hi Gang,

I thought our Garden Fest was a great event. The Plant Affair last week was an equally great fun time. We had even more participants - - loads of plants - - because of the later date, we had even more plants in full bloom.

Good story - - Elsa Snavely, one of our brand new members, took me up on my offer to give me a call if I could help her. She said she wanted to sell some plants but wasn't exactly sure how to go about it . An hour later, she was in my shade house with about a dozen plants she wanted to sell. I showed her how to prep them, pup some of them, pot them and price them and gave her the necessary sticks to mark her plants. I also was able to get her a buyer's number. She showed up at the Plant Affair with 20 or 30 nice plants, all nicely prepared and then she jumped in to help setup and sold with us for both days and earned a nice check to help her with her new hobby.

So - - I am inviting the whole membership to join Harriet and me in a good old fashioned open house or open shade house. It will be at 9:00 am on June 21. So come on by, y'all !! Harriet says she'll have a breakfast spread for all. I'll try to reduce the weed population and we can parade all over the property and I'll have a good selection of plants for sale. It should take an hour or so to tour and anyone who cares to stick around, we will be chatting about bromeliads for as long as anyone cares to stay - - oh, and the pool is heated and open for anyone who cares for a dip. Feel free to bring guests if you think they might be interested in spending time with a bunch of bromeliad nuts. The address is:

4808 SW 120 Ave, Cooper City, FL, 33330

I will give driving directions next month - - hope to see you all there.

The second response to your request of bromeliad care will be our May talk, given by Bruce Zaret, who is in charge of our Show and Tell table. The title of his talk is, "The Sex Life of Bromeliads."

Our raffle table (augmented by sales plants left at the Fest) and our sales table will both be open.

See you on Monday,

Larry

Membership News

M A Y

Gene Cain
Jillian Cain
Maureen Frazel
Bud Hendrix
Larry Hill
Elsie Johns
Barbara Ladin
Nancy Long
Barbara Moorman
Richard Sedlak
Michael Schaberl

Membership reminder!

Membership renewals: the rate is $25 for an individual and $30 for a family.
We will accept, cash, check, Visa or Master Card.

Although we are no longer members of the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies at this time, BSBC members are still be able to access the Council's newsletter on the home page http://fcbs.org under the Newsletters button. That area, as with the entire site, is public. The Council's Facebook page is also public and intended to promote bromeliads, regardless of the source.

From the April Meeting

More Membership News

Our next meeting: Monday, May 19, 2014 at 6:30 pm

Deicke Auditorium, 5701 Cypress Road, Plantation, FL

Guest Speaker

Dr. Bruce Zaret

With spring in full swing,
Bruce will be presenting…..
"The Sex Lives of Bromeliads"

The lecture will include the following topics:

1. Ethylene Synthesis and Effects
2. Floral Sexual Structures and Function
3. Pollination and "Compatibility"
4. Pollination Strategies and Syndromes
5. Seeds

Yes, there will be a Raffle Table. The Country Store will be open. There will be plants for sale and another great plant auction!

"DIAPER YOUR PLANTS"

Please diaper the 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 the recently renovated Deicke Auditorium as clean as when we got there. Thank you!!!

Info Fun Friendship Plants Food

Harriet's Hoots

Greetings to All - - -and for all the mothers in our club, I hope you had a Happy Mother's Day. It was a beautiful day on Sunday, bright and sunny and as the saying goes……April showers bring May flowers. Hmmm, how come they don't have a snappy saying for Bromeliads????? We will have to think on that and come up with something that will be legendary.

We recently had the Plant Affair at Heritage Park. It was great. There were a lot of people coming and going (with plants in their hands). Weather was super and it sure looked like every-one was having a grand ole' time. Our club's booth looked terrific. We sure had some very beautiful bromeliads on display. I hope some of the people who stopped by and whom we gave information to about our club will come to our meetings.

Well, it's time once again to give thanks to our wonderful members who contributed to our "Raffle Table" Opps, did I say Raffle Table???? (LOL)

If you all remember, when I gave my little talk at our last meeting, that is what I kept calling the "Refreshment Table" . Shame on me (hahaha) Well, I think that maybe I should change the name and call it "Our Buffet Table" how does that sound to everyone? I'll try it out for a bit and see how it works. Ok, so with that being said. I would like to thank the following members who brought something for **"Our Buffet Table"** and they are:

Harry Sperling – Pineapple Cake (Delicious as always with fresh pineapple)
Shirley Konefal – Chicken Pasta with Farfalle (Her famous dish – wow)
Carol Mordas - - Quinoa Rice and Grain (Nice choice)
Susan Halliwell-Mather - - Strawberry Strudel Pie (It was so good)
Gloria Chernoff - - Assortment of Cuban Pastries (Loved it)
Leslie Parker - - Strawberry Snicker Doodles (Very Nice)
Brigitte Sheeks - - Smoked Tuna Spread (It was wonderful)
Louella Weber - - Assortment of Cookies and Jelly Beans (Always a treat)
Suzie Newman - - Chicken Wings or Legs (Very Tasty)
Eddie Yi - - Slaw and Korean Seasoned Cucumbers (A favorite)
Peter Hartig - -Lemonade, Strawberries, Red Velvet Cup Cakes (WOW)
Gayle Spinell-Gellers - Strawberries w/Ricotta & Choc (Yummy)

Ok, now that all of the above has made me hungry (is it lunchtime?) I will bid you farewell and see you all at the next meeting - - - - - Hugs, Harriet

P.S. Now if anyone wants to bring a little something for our "Buffet Table" , it would be most appreciated. We accept anything and everything.

From the Editor

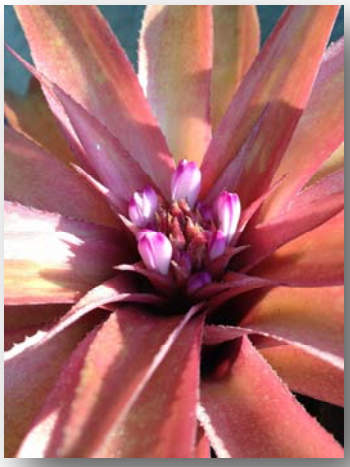
On the bucket list was a trip to the Epcot International Flower and Garden Festival. I was curious to see how Disney handled the richness and diversity of plants in our climate. What plants would they focus on? How would they display them in fresh ways? Would there be bromeliads? The sun rose on a recent Sunday to a cloud-free sky with a gentle breeze. Whew! One never knows with Orlando. It can be sizzleville. Accompanied by family, plant-loving friends and armed with maps galore, we hit all the highlights in a one-day blitz. The first visual we took in was all the Disney creatures in topiary form. I am actually not a big fan of topiaries (something about forcing a plant to grow a certain way…..) but these do bring a smile to your face. Mickey Mouse with a butterfly on his nose is really cute. Lady and the Tramp, the broomstick from Fantasia…. You just smile. The four year old with us was mesmerized. She is already into plants thanks to a grandmother who is an extraordinary gardener of broms and all things green. Next up, the floating islands of flowers. It stopped all of us in our tracks. Simple concept but just beautiful and serene. The fun facts sheet says there are 3,500 plant species represented in this festival. Geraniums, snapdragons, impatiens, roses abound. There is a wee little spot reserved for plumeria with super duper pricey stalks for sale. Broms **had** to be somewhere. On we went to the Festival Center…… Voila! Guzmania , Vriseas, and some Neos have made the Disney cut. Masses of Neos were displayed along masses of orchids. Nothing really unique or outrageous, just one beautiful display after another inside the center. Enjoy the magic.

BTW, we are again attaching newsletters from sister bromeliad societies.

Happy gardening, Gayle

SCURF Feature

April Mystery Plant Identified



xCryptmea 'Dazzler', a bigeneric -
Cryptanthus beuckeri X Aechmea recurvata var benrathii
Plant is 8 inches across. Grown in 70% sun

Want to win a raffle sheet with 20 tickets?

Be the first member to email the SCURF editor at yroftiger@aol.com with the correct name of the bromeliad featured below.

Images Too Good to Miss

Quesnelia quesneliana
Leaf banding and slightly larger inflorescence distinguish this from Quesnelia testudo

xVriecantarea 'Seeger'

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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	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.

Places to Go, Things to See

Aug. 16—17	Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Sale	9 am—4 pm	Garden Club of Sanford 200 Fairmont Dr. Sanford, FL
Sept. 8—13, 2014	**Bromeliads in Paradise** **21st World Bromeliad Conference**		Ala Moana Hotel Honolulu, HI

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Have a bromeliad question? Email yroftiger@aol.com and we'll ask our experts.

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
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