Bromeliad Society of Broward County

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Neoregelia 'Magali'
Plant acquired from Josefa Leon, in the collection of
Shirley Grills-Konefal
Image courtesy of Shirley

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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

May 2016

Our first Spring Auction was a bidders' success. Collection bromeliads from our members, our Homestead wholesale nurseries and Peter Kouchalakos, our Master of Ceremony, made the evening a memorable event. Even Peter brought unique plants for the auction. The cat and dog planters from last year were a big hit again with the addition of a zebra, giraffe and an elephant. Each planter held a beautiful bromeliad. There were many other great plants at low prices.

Our Fall Auction will be in October of this year. Mark your calendar for the third Monday in October and come just to see what you have been missing. There is no obligation to stay during all of the Auction.
The Spring Auction started with our election of officers for 2016. Our only new elected Board member will be our Vice-President Richard Sedlack. Our members also approved a revision of our By-Laws to allow existing officers to extend their term for another year.

On May 7th and 8th, the Society participated in the Heritage Park Plant Sale. Our plant sellers sold more than $1900 in plants, Country Store items and mounting decorative wood. Root plants were sold, too. Just a reminder; the Society's plant events, including our general meeting member sales and raffle plants, offer an opportunity to get a return on your bromeliad investments, share your extra plants with other members and offer new bromeliad growers an opportunity to add to their collection. Our next plant sale event, outside our meetings, will be in October.

Our speaker on Monday, is Frank Bachman, a landscape architect, who will be speaking about, "Designing with Bromeliads in Your Landscape". Frank will be selling his plants. **The members plant sales table will be open, as well as the Country Store, the Silent Auction and the Raffle table.** Understanding why and where to plant your bromeliads will result in your achieving their maximum beauty in your garden. I will also be presenting the results of our recent annual survey.

Our June speaker will be Tom Guice from Buillis Wholesale Nursery in Homestead. Tom will be bringing plants to sale from his nursery. Our Society will be meeting through the summer on the third Monday of the month. Future speakers will appear in next month's SCURF.

Our members Marcia David and Ann Schandelmeyer are recovering from their recent hospitalizations. Ann has expressed her appreciation for all of the cards, letters, plants and flowers from her friends in our Society and her other Garden Club friends. When Marcia is ready, we will let everyone know her address where to contact her. Bill, her husband, is also recovering from an outpatient illness. Our prayers and wishes go out to them all for a speedy recovery and look forward to having them join us again when they are well.

MEMBERSHIP: **Membership renewals were due in January, 2016.** For those who have over looked paying their dues; single memberships are $25., family memberships at the same address are $30. and student memberships are $10. We have missed you at our general meetings and hope you elect to join us for our general meetings. Please send your membership check paid to BSBC to: Bromeliad Society of Broward County, P. O. Box 17272, Plantation, Florida 33317.

The Board is asking our members to contact us about volunteering to help with our activities. A helping hand always makes our jobs easier. An hour or more a month, if you have time, can add to improving our Society and

making our Society more interesting and successful. Remember, when you volunteer, you will have Board members as references and support. We are also always looking for NEW IDEAS.

Join other Bromeliad Society of Broward County supporters and members in advertising in our SCURF, which includes your ad on our website and Facebook. - $50 for 6 months - $10 per month.

See You Monday.
Becky

Images from the April Meeting

Membership News

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Gene Cain
Jillian Cain
Maureen Frazel
Bud Hendrix
Nancy Long
Michael Schaberl
Richard Sedlak

The BSBC would like to wish Marcia David and Ann Schandelmayer speedy recoveries.

Congratulations to member Thomas Ingold on graduating college with a degree in Environmental Science.

If you have any news you would like to share, please email the SCURF editor at yroftiger@aol.com

Harriet's Hoots

Happy Tuesday, Everyone - -
Tuesday is a good day to write my article. Why???? I don't know, maybe it's because Monday is over and we're marching on to Wednesday (middle of the week) then we have Thursday and then it's Friday - - - Hip-Hip-Hooray – the weekend is upon us.

Hope you all had a good Mother's day (you know I mean the ladies – lol) I had a wonderful Mother's Day. I had my two sons with me (my younger son lives in Oviedo, FL) He told me he had to work, but surprised me and drove down here. My daughter-in-law and grandchildren had driven down earlier to see her Mom and me. So, as we were sitting in the restaurant and having lunch, I felt someone standing at my shoulder, whispering to me "Happy Mother's Day" and with that I turned around and there was my son Laurence. What a great surprise! The best Mother's Day ever.

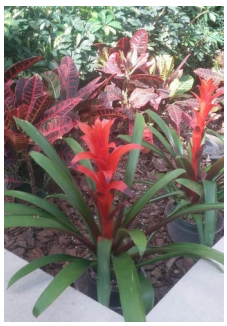
Ok, back to business I guess - - - This past Saturday and Sunday (May 7th and 8th) the Plant Affair was held at Heritage Park. The weather was beautiful, lots of tents and lots of people strolling by, all carrying something. Hope that some of you got a chance to stop by.

We had our spring auction last month. Peter Kouchalakos was the auctioneer and he did a great job as always. We did not have a raffle, or a badge plant, or give out a ticket for bringing some kind of refreshment for the table. However, I would like to thank everyone who did bring a food plate or a dessert. You all are great and I do appreciate your help. After all, bidding is hard work, raising those paddles. You know we have to keep up our strength, so thank you all again for your contributions.

Well, time to wrap this up – not that I want to, but I have to get back to work, so I'll see you all at our next meeting.
Hugs - - - - Harriet

From the Editor

The last time I was in Tennessee, I was not a member of the BSBC. So this time around, in addition to checking out Nashville's Ryman Auditorium, The Johnny Cash Museum and trying my hand at remixing a Reba McIntyre song (clearly a third career is not in the offing), I, of course, went in search of bromeliads. The climate is certainly different from ours, but you never know. Sure enough, online I found Kevins Bromeliads in Arrington, TN and then a blog out of Murfreesboro, TN…. www.bromeliads.info. The blog has some nice photos and some good clear info. The question remained, though….. Are there any broms in Music City? Word had it that there were some terrific plants at the Walk of Fame. Off I went on a blustery day only to find no broms, but rose bushes named in honor of legendary country western singers. I grew up with rose bushes but even my mother, the rose bush growing legend of Eastchester, never had bushes so laden with gorgeous blooms. Short, stocky bushes just bursting with flowers. I took a ton of photos. A chance conversation with a friendly local then lead me to the indoor garden of the AT& T building—- the famous building fondly referred to as the Batman Building because it looks like it has Batman ears. Inside the lobby garden, there they were…. Guzmanias in glorious color thriving in the filtered light among a very nice indoor setting. Not to shabby to go to work each day surrounded by that. Broms may be more prevalent out at the Grand Ole Opry. I never made it out there but there is always the next trip.



Meanwhile, back on home turf, I have been surfing around for related reading materials, gardening sites, and paraphernalia. Gloria Chernoff recommended the memoir *Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren, the story of a geobiologist who focused on seeds and trees. Another friend suggested Susan Wittig Albert's China Bayles series. *Birds and Blooms Magzine* on Facebook is pretty cool as well. An email from Pinterest unleashed a wealth of the coolest fresh ideas of things you can do with tillandsias. It will take me the whole summer to go thru them all. Check out http://tinyurl.com/hkqzp2n. You might also enjoy materials posted on The Humble Gardener website. Just for fun, a whole array of gardening t-shirts have appeared online. If you need something new for spring, take alook at Café Press, Two Chicks or Razzle. And then, there is Harry Sperling recommending a small saw he found at a new local supermarket which is just perfect for pupping broms.

Garden on!

Gayle

Calendar of Local Plant Society Meetings

1st Tuesday	Plantation Orchid Society	Deicke Auditorium
2nd Monday	BSBC Board Meeting	Deicke Auditorium
2nd Friday	Ft. Lauderdale Garden Club	Birch State Park
2nd Friday	B.U.S.H.	Trinity Church Community Rm.
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.

SCURF Feature

Win a raffle sheet with 20 tickets—

Be the first to email yroftiger@aol.com with the correct name of this brom on the right.

Neoregelia 'Guacamole'

May Meeting

Monday, May 16, 2016

6:30 pm

Deicke Auditorium, 5701 Cypress Road, Plantation

Guest Speaker: **Frank Bachman of Landscape Rehab**
Topic: How to Make Bromeliads the Focal Point in Your Landscape

Frank Bachman moved to Ft. Lauderdale over 11 years ago from Ohio where he was in the landscape business for over 22 years. He graduated from Northern Kentucky University with a BS in Psychology and Speech Communications. Frank has won numerous landscape design awards and has had several designs featured in newspapers and journals.

While in Florida, he's gained a new appreciation for tropical plants focusing primarily on bromeliads. What started as a hobby has blossomed into his current business venture 'Landscape Rehab.' Basically, it is how to take an existing landscape and update the look with plants, textures and colors to create a new and unique design.

Discussion topics will include landscape design and how to treat bromeliads as focal and accent plants.

The members' Plant Sales Table and the Country Store will be open. We will also have our Raffle Table.

Special Requests… new and ongoing!

If you have any **plastic bags** from the grocery to spare, please bring them in. We can use them for taking home plants and for the local food bank.

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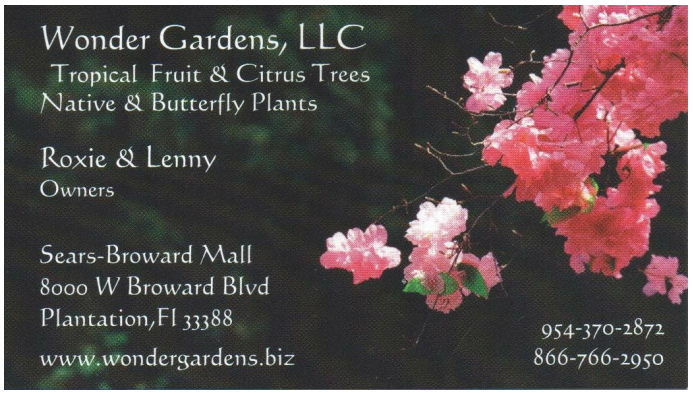
Places to Go, Things to See

BROMELIADS TEXAS STYLE

World Bromeliad Conference XXII
June 13-19, 2016

Westin Galleria Hotel
5060 West Alabama, Houston, Texas 77056, USA

Friday, June 24 & Saturday, June 25 **8-5**	**Tropiflora Summer Blowout Sale** …. Huge plant sale, free parking and admission	**Tropiflora** **3530 Tallevast Rd** **Sarasota, FL** **(941) 351-2267**
August 20th - 21st **9-4**	**Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Sale** Bromeliads, gingers, orchids, gifts	**The Garden Club of Sanford (on 17-92, one block south of Lake Mary Blvd) (bldg. is air conditioned!)**

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