Bromeliad Society of Broward County

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Neoregelia ‘Hawaii’

Plant purchased at Bullis Nursery during our field trip to South Miami.
Image courtesy of Gayle Spinell-Gellers

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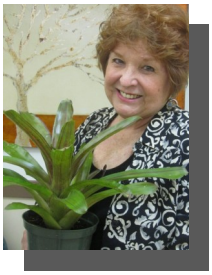
Our meetings generally offer a speaker on timely and noteworthy topics, member plant sales, a plant raffle, special holiday plant auctions, diagnosis of disease and pest problems, and a Country Store with selected bromeliad and gardening supplies.

We meet the third Monday of every month except January and February.

Affliliations: BSBC supports the BSI, Cryptanthus Society and FCBS (2017-2020)

The President's May Message



If you missed our **Spring Auction** on **April 17th**, those who attended were able to purchase unusual plants at far less than retail price. Photos from that event appear in this issue. We were proud to share our auction space with the Democratic Black Caucus that evening due to scheduling issues.

Our Board has awarded our Master of Ceremonies Peter Kouchalakos an honorary membership for his devotion to our Society's bromeliad education and history. Please mark your calendars for our **Fall Auction on our October monthly meeting date – October 16 , 2017.**

May 6th and 7th - You would have found those ever faithful plant-selling Society members at Heritage Park here in Plantation at the Plantation Historical Society's Plant Affair. There were some new sellers, too**. Lee Magnuson, Shirley Konefal, Gina Havens, Larry Davis, Sue Mather, Bill David, Lina Levin, Fred Senior provided plants for the sale.** Harriet Abo and I were helpers. It was a beautiful weekend and one of our highest plant sales events with sales totaling more than $ 2100, with our selling members retaining 80% of their sales. Our Society's 20% is used for paying Florida states sales tax, entry fees and equipment use. I had the opportunity to meet and have my picture taken with **Mark Hyatt, our newly elected Plantation commissioner**. We were visited by our honorary member **Bud Hendrix** whose love of flying model airplanes has stolen his heart away from his bromeliad collection.

COMING EVENTS:

Monday, May 15, 2017 – Speaker Craig Morell from Kampong Gardens in Coconut Grove. MEMBERS PLANT SALE TABLE WILL BE OPEN.

Monday, June 19, 2017 - Our speaker will be Dave Johnston. Dave will present his program, followed by his game of Bromeliad Jeopardy. There will be prizes to the highest point winners. MEMBERS PLANT SALE TABLE WILL BE OPEN.

Monday, July 17, 2017 – Speaker Chip Jones, Landscape Designer and Nursery Owner

We are fortunate to have two professional artists as members – John F. Medeiros and Eric Petrusha. We are looking for members' gardens to videotape for our website and/or Facebook page. If you would like to volunteer your garden, please contact me at cblackwood@bellsouth.net .

Our Membership Directory is being published. PLEASE ADVISE me if you do not want any of your information published other than your name.

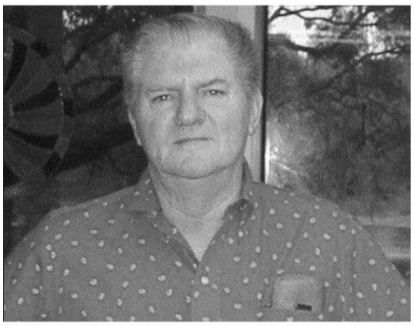
Thank you to our members Gina and John for mixing 10 bags of our Pro-Mix bromeliad soil which we sell at the Country Store. We are looking for a cashier for our Country Store which is only needed at our General Meetings. Eric Petrusha has volunteered to serve as our 2-year Director.

Just a reminder as rainy days have arrived. **To prevent mosquitoes from breeding in your bromeliads, purchase Mosquito Bits from Amazon and put them in your bromeliad cups.**

If you have an unusual bromeliad, please bring it to our meetings to share. Also, the "Doctor is In" if you have an ailing plant. Please diaper and cover your ailing plant. The Board is working on scheduling plant tours in June and in the Fall. Keep an eye out to sign up. Our tours will be local.

You can find out information about our Society at our website www.bromeliadbc.com or on our FACEBOOK page.

Becky



In Memoriam

Bobby " Dean" Fairchild

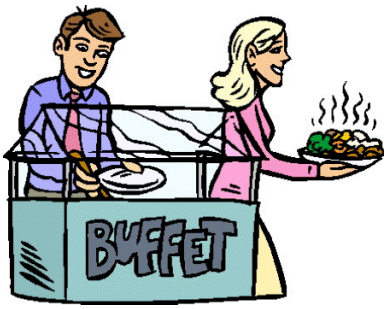
Dean Fairchild passed away on March 27, 2017. He was a Chair for the Central Florida Bromeliad Society and the Bromeliad Society of South Florida as well as a well known bromeliad judge. Our condolences to his family and friends.

Harriet's Hoots

Greetings to All - - Hope everyone is doing fine….. We certainly are having some beautiful days here in the "Sunshine State." We had our Plant Affair at Heritage Park on May 6th and May 7th,. Both days were absolutely great with a slight breeze and sunny. Our booth was the best ever if I do say so myself. Lots of beautiful plants, all perked up for the show (lol) I think I heard some of them shout out to the customers - - "Take me, take me, I want to come home with you." There were a lot of plants which went to new homes.

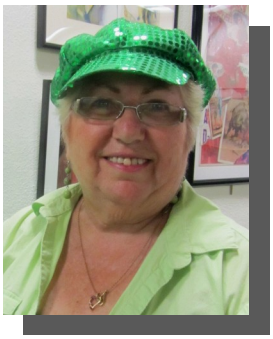
Mother's Day is around the bend. I put in my request to my two sons, let's see if they listened to me (hahaha). Hope all the Moms have a wonderful day.

Ok, back to business. We had our spring auction last month. Peter 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 refreshments for the table. The reason being is that we only concentrated on the Auction. However, I would like to thank everyone who did bring a food plate or a dessert. You are all great and I do appreciate your help. After all, bidding is hard work, raising those paddles, shouting out your bid. I know that you had to keep up your strength and what better way than to have a nibble of this, a nibble or that, something to drink and don't forget those great desserts. So again, thanks for the goodies.



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



Spring Auction, April 17, 2017

Membership News

M A Y

Marilyn Barber
Maureen Frazel
Bud Hendrix
Barbara Moorman

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Richard Sedlak
Melissa Stevens
Andre Williams

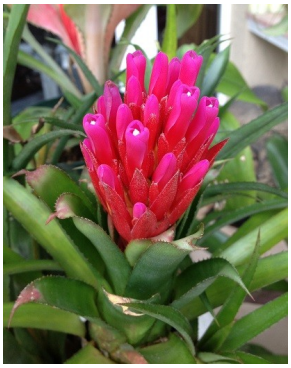
New Members from Plantation

Rick and Melissa Stevens

Aechmea 'Fantasy'

Mystery Bromeliad of the Month

Be the first to identify the plant at the right and win a raffle sheet with 20 tickets. Email yroftiger @aol.com with your guess.



May Meeting

Monday, May 15, 2017 @ Deicke Auditorium at 6:30 pm

Speaker: Craig Morell from Kampong Gardens in Coconut Grove

"The Do's and Don'ts"

Craig holds a degree in Ornamental Horticulture from UF in Gainesville. He is currently the Director of The Kampong (also known as the National Tropical Botanical Garden).

We will have….The Raffle Table & The Country Store and of course, refreshments…..
Member plant sales will be open.

From the Editor

It was a perfect combo…..a touch of Florida history and a terrific botanical garden. Heritage Village in Largo, Florida has 31 historic buildings dating back to the 1800's. The site gives you a real feel for early Pinellas County. Right nearby is the Florida Botanical Gardens which is under the management of UF. These gardens have more than 12 distinctive areas including Native Plants Garden, The Succulent Garden, The Butterfly Garden and the Vegetable Garden. Having struggled with an herb garden, it gave me comfort that they too were struggling with theirs. Their vinery section was amazing, however. What an assortment! Oh yes, there were plenty of bromeliads in the Tropical Courtyard and Walkway. Both the village and the gardens are free and well worth a visit. Check out the images .

Garden on!

Gayle

Calendar of Local Plant & Nature Society Meetings

1st Tuesday	Plantation Orchid Society	Deicke Auditorium
2nd Monday	BSBC Board Meeting	Deicke Auditorium
2nd Tuesday	**Butterfly Club**	**UF Extension , College Avenue , Davie**
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.

Places to Go, Things to See

Aug. 4—6, 2017	2017 FCBS Bromeliad Extravaganza	Clarion Hotel, 2701 E. Fowler Ave. Tampa, FL
Aug. 12, 2017, 9-1	Secret Woods Nature Center Native Plants Sale	2701 W SR 84 Davie, FL
Aug. 19 & 20, 2017 9-4	Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society Sale	Garden Club of Sanford, on 17-92, one block south of Lake Mary Blvd.
Sept. 23, 2017, 9-1	Fern Forest Nature Center Native Plants Sale	201 Lyons Rd, South, Coconut Creek, FL
Nov. 3 & 4, 2017	Mead Gardens GROWvember Fall Plant Sale	Mead Botanical Gardens 1500 S. Denning Dr. Winter Park, FL 32789
Nov. 4, 2017, 10 –2	Quiet Waters Park Native Plant Sales	401 S. Powerline Rd, Deerfield Bch
May 29—June 3, 2018	World Bromeliad Conference	San Diego, CA

Businesses

Next Meeting: Monday, May 15, 2017
6:30 pm @ Deicke

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Title	Author	Copyright
Blooming Bromeliads	Ulrich Baensch	1998
Brazil Orchid of the Tropics	Mulford & Racine Foster	1945
Bromeliaceae Andreanae	Edouard Francois Andre	1983
Bromeliaceae Ole Proceedings of the 1982 World Bromeliad Conf	Corpus Christi Bromeliad	1982
Bromeliaceaes of Venezuela	Francisco Oliva-Esteva	1987
Bromeliaceas en Flor (In Spanish)	Ulrich Baensch	1996
Bromeliads	Francisco Oliva-Esteva	1996
Bromeliads - Genera, Species, Hybrids	Louis Dutrie	none
Bromeliads Copy #1	Victoria Padilla	1973
Bromeliads Copy #2	Victoria Padilla	1973
Bromeliads for Contemporary Gardens	Andrew Steens	
Bromeliads for Home Garden & Greenhouse	Werner Rauh	1973
Bromeliads Horticulturalist Guide	Jack Kramer	1981
Bromeliads in Cultivation	Robert Gardner Wilson	1964
Bromeliads in the Brazilian Wilderness	Elton M.C. Leme	1993
Bromeliads in the Atlantic Forest	Elton M.C. Leme	1997
Bromeliads, Houseplants of Today & Tomorrow	Walter Richter	none
Bromelien (German)	Werner Rauh	1973
Canistropsis - Bromeliads of the Atlantic Forest	Elton M.C. Leme	1998
Jewel of the Tropics - The Bromeliads	Lyman B. Smith	1969
Nidularium - Bromeliads of the Atlantic Forest	Elton M.C. Leme	2000
Searching for Miss Fortuna - The Hunt for a Bromeliad	Chester Skotak	2007
Taking Bromeliads		
The Colorful Bromeliads - Their Infinite Variety Copy #1	Victoria Padilla	1981
The Colorful Bromeliads - Their Infinite Variety Copy #2	Victoria Padilla	1981
Tillandsia II	Paul T. Isley III	2009
University Press of Florida		2011