Bromeliad Society of Broward County

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May 2018 Scurf

As seen in Maurice Bruet's garden.

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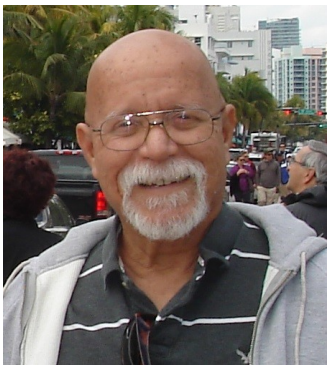
Our meetings generally offer a speaker on timely and noteworthy topics, member plant sales, a plant raffle, special holiday plant auctions, diagnosis of disease and pest problems, and a Country Store with selected bromeliad and gardening supplies.

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

There was a time, many moons ago, when "mom and pop" nurseries of all kinds – including those specializing in Bromeliads proliferated all over south Florida. It was such a joy to visit those places and peruse their eclectic offerings and then being able to take home an exotic treasure - or two! But one by one they have, for the most part, disappeared, leaving us with the Bromeliad growers who concentrate only on the money-maker hybrids that can be marketed to the big box stores and sold in huge quantities. Sunshine Bromeliads being an exception, of course.

Well, when the Society had our trip over to Michael's Bromeliads it was like going back in time to a literal "Disney World" of Bromeliads. Several greenhouses full of wonderful hybrids, hard to find species and new introductions were a wonder to behold. I personally felt like it was 1978 again and I was going from nursery to nursery in Miami! I was able to finally get some species I had been looking for, for a long time. The only problem was that I wish they were closer and not over on the west coast in Venice!

The 14 members who took part were equally wowed as well and we look forward to many return visits. As each visit is limited to 20, I hope those who did not take part in this adventure will join us on future trips. You will have a missed a golden opportunity if you don't! Michael and his staff were very nice and accommodating and we can't thank them enough for their hospitality!

Membership News

M A Y

Marilyn Barber
Maureen Frazel
Bud Hendrix
Barbara Moorman
Richard Sedlak
Melissa Stevens
Andre Williams

For Sale: The BSBC LCD projector: Viewsonic PDJ 5111 with 2500 ansi lumens. $100.
Machine specs are here.

May Meeting

Monday, May 21, 2018…….. At Deicke Auditorium……..6:30 PM

Guest speakers: Joe Libertucci and Jeff Hutchinson
from Palm Beach Bromeliad Society

"Bromeliads 0 to 60. Everything You Wanted to Know."

Raffle Table, Country Store, munchies and friends to catch up with.

Member Sales Table will be closed. Joe and Jeff will be bringing plants for sale.

FROM THE EDITOR

I have gardening regrets.

Nine years ago Project Crescent Garden began. Wish I had taken photos over the years to reflect on its evolution. It started with four palm trees, Nora Grant ixora and not much else. One the palms, which had multiple heads like Medusa (bizarre), we yanked out and replaced. Things looked iffy for the replacement palm but somehow it has gotten established and looks good. Some additions like Blue Plumbago and Lady of the Nile came and went. Gloxinia sylvatica and pentas came, disappeared and came back again. Thanks to the BSBC though, bromeliads are the anchor or the garden. Neos, alas, most without tags that either faded or were blown away, Ananas and Aechmeas (Blue Tango and Blanchetiana) love the Eastern exposure and filtered light provided by those palms. The plan going forward is to streamline the garden to simplify maintenance but maintain the random feel .

Barbara's Guzmania sanguinea!

With full sun a concern for many of us, it seems timely to provide a link to Moyna Prince's 2002 article on bromeliads that do well in such conditions. **True Full-Sun Bromeliads.** Also on the web, if you dabble in Facebook, our sister society the East London Bromeliad Society of South Africa posts some stunning images of bromeliads. It is worth a frequent look. Barbara Kathleen Black gave us the OK to post one of her pix seen at the right.

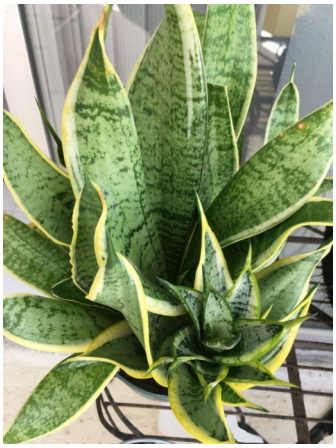
Closer to home, Gloria and I took a field trip to Maureen and Bill Frazel's acre of bromeliads a few miles away. What an assortment of bromeliads they have! Photos taken that day have been turned into a two minute slide show on our website under the heading of **Our Gardens**…. **Bromeliad Bonanza.**

Herb Plever from the NYC bromeliad society moved recently and, with the help of family, was able to set up a new indoor garden for his precious collection of broms. It makes for great motivational reading so be sure to take a look at **Bromeliana** which is attached.

One garden that is surely under control and so lovely is the garden around the home of our own Ann Schandelmayer. Tour day April 28 dawned bright and sunny. Ann gave BSBC members a guided tour and sweet refreshments on her delightful patio. No question Ann has that magic touch and her plants do so well with her loving care. If you could not make the event, check out the photos on Page 5, **Schandelmayer Gardens**. Thanks, Miss Ann, for hosting the tour!

It is that time of year again when concern about zika is in the news. Here is a link to remind all of us on how to keep growing our favorite plants and stay safe. **Bromeliads and Mosquitoes Need Not Go Hand in Hand….**

Schandelmayer Gardens



Places to Go, Things to See

May 11 –13	Bromeliad Society of Central Florida	Orlando Fashion Square Mall, 3201 E. Colonial Drive, Orlando; Fri. and Sat. 10am–9pm, Sun. 12pm–6pm Use the Mall entrance off Maguire Blvd.,
May 18 –20	Redland International Orchid Festival	Fruit and Spice Park
May 29 — June 3	World Bromeliad Conference	San Diego, CA
June 22—June 23	Tropiflora Annual Summer Sale	3530 Tallevast Rd, Sarasota
Oct. 17-20, 2019	Golden Broms	Queensland, Australia !!!!
2021	Australasian Bromeliad Conference	New Zealand !!!!!!

As seen for sale at a local home improvement store…..

Businesses

Next Meeting

Monday
May 21, 2018
6:30 PM

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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