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Bromeliad Society of Broward County

November 2012

Aechmea Shining Light; Aechmea fulgens var. discolor & Aechmea ramosa
Photo 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.

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

The Bromeliad Society International
http://bsi.org

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

The Cryptanthus Society
http://www.iinet.net.au/~scrozier/Culture.html

About Our Meetings

Images from our wildly successful auction on Monday, October 15.

Bruce Zaret checks out the beautiful assortment of bromeliads available for our auction.

Nick Bethman from the Bromeliad Society of the Palm Beaches assists with our auction. Many thanks, Nick!

Bruce and Bill David handle the bidding.

Remember : No meeting in the month of November….

Our next meeting will be

The Holiday Social……. Monday, Dec. 17th at Deicke Auditorium.

6:45 pm - Drop off covered dish & wrapped plant for the gift exchange.

7:15 pm - Dining commences

It's going to be a night filled with friendship, great food & terrific plants !

Ask the Brom Experts

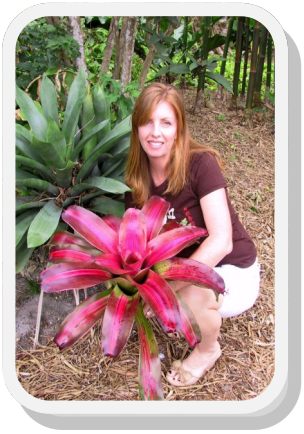
A member asked, "What is the deal with this plant? It is all one plant, living in a garden that faces east…."

And the answer is courtesy of one of our roving brom wizards, Larry Davis.

"The white color means the plant has no chlorophyll and therefore cannot take in sunlight and transform it into food! This is called photosynthesis, and it is one of the most fundamental processes in nature. Green plants, algae and certain bacteria use the light energy of the sun to form carbohydrate food. This plant will not be able to grow or survive by itself. The reason it is alive today is because it is getting its nourishment from the 'mother' plant.

This happened because the dna passed on from the 'mother' plant was faulty. This sometimes happens to hybrids, mostly ones that are albo-marginated. If you just leave this plant attached it will probably grow and may even send out another pup. No telling what it will look like……. "

The President's Message

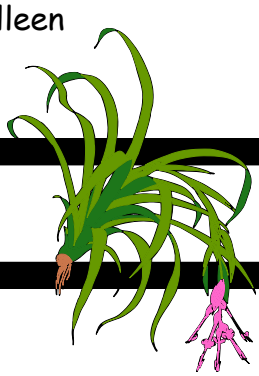


Hi Bromeliad Lovers,

Remember we won't see you this month – the meeting was cancelled due to Deicke being closed for furlough week; it was voted on that we not meet this month. We will see you **December 17th for the Holiday Celebration**. Bring your party hats and jingle bells cause we are kicking it up a notch to finish off 2012 (which I can't believe is already coming to an end). Craig Morell will be speaking (back by popular demand). We will have a couple of fabulous gifts to give away, our traditional plant gift exchange and Harriet will be coordinating a fantastic pot luck dinner. The club will be providing either turkey or ham and drinks. You can help by emailing Harriet at lovedisney20022002@yahoo.com or calling her cell 954-268-3471 to let her know what main dish, side dish or dessert you will be bringing. If you are bringing food, please be there at 6:45 as we will start eating promptly at 7:15. Also, if you want to participate in the plant gift exchange, you must bring in a plant (put it in a bag so the others can't see it). The plant must be clean, free of scale and something you would like to receive yourself as a gift. Don't worry if you have never played before, the rules will be printed out for you.

If anyone has questions please don't hesitate to call me or email.

Have a Very Happy Thanksgiving, See you December 17th!
Colleen



Garden Fest 2013…….. March 23rd & 24th Update

Humanitarian Drive for Man's Best Friend:

Colleen is collecting blankets or newer dog beds for the Miami-Dade County Animal Shelter – they must be clean and put in a plastic bag for transport. The dogs are in deplorable conditions at the MDAS and they need something warm to lay on. Colleen is also collecting bags of dog food for the "Dogs of the Everglades" . Rose Maytin, President of the Plantation Orchid Society, is doing this food drive. You can give the food to Colleen and she will take it to Rose's salon.

Flyers will be passed out at the December meeting if anyone is interested in helping these "throw away" dogs. Thanks for helping!

Membership News

Reminder to all: Please sign in when you attend a meeting so we can better track attendance.
Also, if you change your snail or email address, please let us know.

Welcome new member: Jackie Matuseski of Ft. Lauderdale

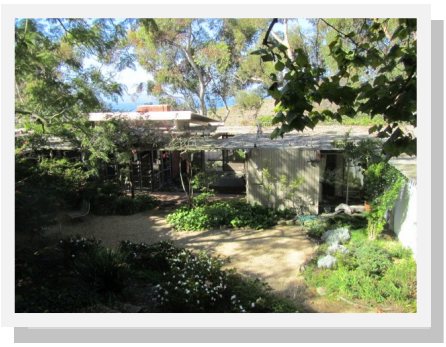
Editor's Note

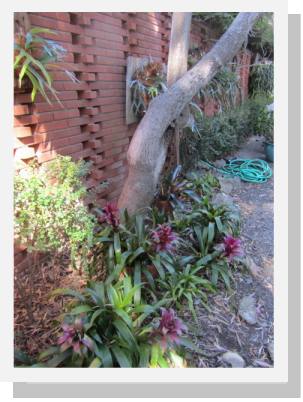
Greetings from the road, Everyone.

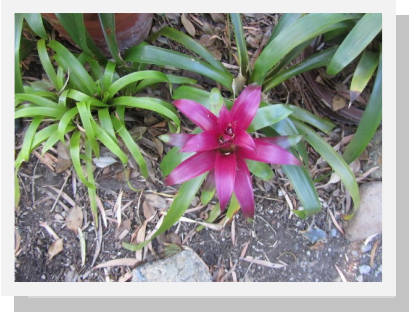
I am on a mission….. Since we can't all travel together, the plan is to share with you my travels as they pertain to gardening and our beloved bromeliads. Wherever and whenever, I will be in search of broms to share from those in little known gardens to the what's happening in large horticultural centers. Here is the first installment of SoCal October 2012.

Nestled high in the hills of Laguna Beach, CA is the midcentury modern home of the late Hortense Miller. Hortense was a woman way ahead of her time and an avid gardener. Her property, in a gated part of the Laguna community, tumbles over the hills for 2.5 acres. The house and gardens have been maintained by a devoted group of volunteers since Hortense passed away in 2008 just shy of her 100th birthday. The gardens are a collection of the wide variety of plants that can be grown successfully in coastal California, Hardiness Zone 10a . (We are 10b according the USDA Hardiness Zone Map… Hmmmm.) Are there bromeliads? But, of course, many proudly hanging from wood planks on poles throughout the house; others scattered in the gardens. Check out the images below. If you happen to be in the area, call the Laguna Beach Dept. of Rec to arrange a tour of your own. The garden is constantly changing and well worth the visit. It is also free but donations are much appreciated.

Happy Trails, Gayle







Harriet's Hoots

Hey Gang - -

It's November and we are almost into the holidays – Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years - - Wow, things are moving right along. Speaking of the holidays, our annual Holiday Social is in the planning, so get out your festive sweaters and be prepared to have fun. It is a potluck event with our club providing a main dish and drinks. Please contact me at 954-268-3471 or by email at lovedisney20022002@yahoo.com so I can record whether you are bringing a main dish, a side or a dessert. Thanks!

Now back to the past – we had our annual Auction for our October meeting. People were bidding all over the place and to keep up their strength, they were munching away at all the goodies on our tables. I would like to thank the following members who contributed.

Bill David – Choc Walnut Brownies & Choc Brownies (mm-mm good) Shirley Konefal – Pizza squares - - (Who doesn't love pizza?)
Pepi & Sara Donayre-Choc Chip Cookies & Pumpkin Bread (WOW)
Tracy Moulton – Twin Pumpkin Breads – (Nice and Hot and Delish)
Molly Lesnick – Blueberry Cookies – (We just love our treats)
Patty Zuckerelli-Pasta Salad - - (It was so good and healthy too)
Larry Davis– Ham/Cheese Sandwiches & Cheese/Crackers- (He loves them)
Jack Meharian - Fruit Juice (Always refreshing)
Club Donation - Mini Hot-dogs in their blankets (They were gobbled up fast)

As always our table was packed with great food and goodies and I apologize if I have forgotten anyone. I try to make a list of who brought what but sometimes my back is turned and poof - - someone put something on the table that I missed. So, if you do bring a contribution and if I do not see you or what you brought, please, please tap me on the shoulder and let me know.

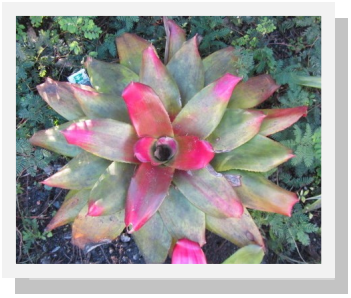
Well, that's all for now and until we meet again (Didn't the Lone Ranger say that?????) I will see you all at our Holiday Social.

Hugs, Harriet

Eugene Broder
Suzanne Broucek
Tim Hendrix
Elena Metzkes
Karen Ryan
Naomi Shirley
Elsa Snavely
Bruce Zaret

Calendar of Other Local Plant Society Meetings

1st Tuesday	Plantation Orchid Society	Deicke Auditorium
2nd Friday	Ft. Lauderdale Garden Club	Birch State Park
3rd Monday	Bromeliad Society of Broward County	Deicke Auditorium
3rd Tuesday	Bromeliad Society of So. Florida	Fairchild Gardens
3rd Wednesday	Equality Park Gardens Club	Pride Center
3rd Thursday	Bromeliad Society of the Palm Beaches	Mounts Botanical
3rd Thursday	Shade Brigade (no meetings July & Aug.)	Plantation Bldg. Dept.
4th Monday	BSBC Board Meeting	Deicke Auditorium



Neoregelia Green Apples

A feathered friend munches on a Lymania spiculata

Tillandsias at Tree Tops Park

Places to Go, Things to See

Dec. 1 – 2, 2012	Key West Garden Club Fall Sale		West Martello Towers, White Street Beach, Key West
Dec. 1 - 2, 2012	Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society Sale		Terry Park 3451 Marion St., Ft. Myers
Dec. 1 - 2, 2012	Orchid, Garden & Gourmet Food Festival	9:30 am — 4:30 pm	Bonnet House 900 N. Birch Rd, Ft. Laud. $10 members, $12 nonmembers
Jan. 23 - 25, 2013	Tropical Plant Industry Exhibition	10 am - 5 pm; 9 am - 5 pm; 9 am - 2 pm	Broward County Convention Center ($15 pre-reg.) ($30 at the door)
Feb. 2 – 3, 2013	Gardenfest!	Sat. 9 am — 5 pm Sun. 9 am — 4 pm	Riverside Park, Vero Beach (free)
Feb. 23, 2013	Secret Garden Tour	TBD	Ft. Lauderdale Garden Club by reservation ; fee based
Mar. 14 - 18, 2013	Bromeliad Society of New Zealand	Hours vary daily	Cool Broms Conference, Auckland, NZ
Mar. 23 – 24, 2013	Bromeliads Gone Wild !		Bromeliad Society of Broward County Show and Sale
Apr. 26, 2013	Ft. Lauderdale Garden Club — Cordia Garden Circle		Tours the T & C Hendrix Bromeliad Garden

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.