Bromeliad Society of Broward County

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November 2015

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Guzmania Denise variegated
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 President's Message

The holiday season has started. Thanksgiving is only 16 days away. Those who attended our October meeting are now well versed in the different types of Aechmeas as seen in our member Shirley Konefal's slides of Aechmeas from A to Z. Another member, Larry Davis, presented a program on Vrieseas. Larry brought samples of the different types – did you get one of the pups he removed from the mother plant? Larry shared information on how to care for them. I would recommend everyone have a Vriesea in his or her bromeliad collection.

At our General Meeting on November 16th, you have a special treat to look forward to. **Pamela Koide-Hyatt from Bird Rock Tropicals in California will be our speaker on Tillandsias**. Pam is a renowned grower and will be bringing some of her unusual Tillandsias to sell to our members. She was a speaker at the Bromeliad Society International show in Orlando a few years ago. Pam will not only be bringing her own unusual Tillandsias to sell but she also recommended **our members' sales table be open.** A great time to buy that special bromeliad for your holiday gift(s).

Our **Holiday Party** will be held on **Monday, December 14, 2015**. We will be having our **annual covered dish dinner**, **a Chinese Auction of bromeliads** from our members and our **annual bromeliad gift to those members attending**. There will be two varieties of bromeliads to choose from. Harriet Abo and Larry Davis will be passing around lists for each member to note what dish they will be bringing. The Society will provide ham and turkey and drinks for the occasion. Just my advice – if you think our members can grow bromeliads, wait until you taste our homemade cooking! **MARK IT ON YOUR CALENDAR – DECEMBER 14, 2015**.

Don't forget our Country Store for your holiday shopping for the gardeners on your list: gauntlet gloves. 6", 7" and 8"pots, ProMix bromeliad soil, Osmocote fertilizer, tweezers, tag labels, and pens. We also have Bromeliad reference books including *Bromeliads for Home and Garden* by Jack Kramer for $18, *Air Plants and The Curious World of Tillandsias by* Zenaida Sengo for $23. There are angel/frog wind chimes at $20 each, Broward County Bromeliad Society polo shirts with hand-sewn logos – small/extra-large sizes for $11.95. Our FREE coupon books are valid until December 31, 2015.

JANUARY 2016 – TIME TO RENEW YOUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES – SINGLE - $25 ; FAMILY AT SAME ADDRESS - $30; STUDENTS - $10. A MEMBERSHIP FORM IS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE: www.bromeliadsocietybc.com

JANUARY 21, 2016 – THURSDAY – LANKESTER GARDENS with Gayle Spinell-Gellers and **HOLENBERGIAS, UNUSUAL AND ODD BROMELIADS.**

FEBRUARY 22, 2016 – MONDAY – FIFTH WEEK – TILLANDSIAS with Bill David and Ann Schandelmeyer. Election slate presented.

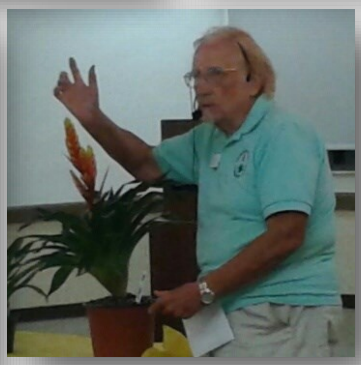
MARCH 21, 2016 – SPRING AUCTION AND ELECTION BALLOTS. For those of you attended our Fall Auction – no hurricanes in March – time to buy for your Spring planting.

THANK YOU – GLORIA CHERNOFF – for volunteering to fill our vacant DIRECTOR's position. **STILL LOOKING FOR A RECORDING SECRETARY.**

We are starting a "BUDDY" system for those members who prefer not to drive at night to come to our General Meetings. Please call me at 954-791-8017 in order to match you with a member living close by.

See You The 16th- *BECKY*

Images from the October Meeting & Heritage Park



November Meeting

Next Meeting: Monday, Nov. 16, 2015

6:30 pm

Deicke Auditorium 5701 Cypress Road, Plantation, FL 33317

*****Special Guest Speaker from San Diego*****

Pamela Koide Hyatt

Bird Rock Tropicals

Pam has 35 years of experience with bromeliads. She Is an International bromeliad judge, hybridizer, collector, consultant, sought after speaker and advocate. She has held a variety of positions with the San Diego Bromeliad Society, been a trustee of the San Diego Botanic Garden as well as served as Director of the Bromeliad Society International (BSI) and Publications Chairman for the BSI. In addition she is the owner of Bird Rock Tropicals. Pam is bringing some her of special plants for sale. The BSBC is delighted we can have Pam present to our club and thank the South Florida Bromeliad Society for partnering with us to make this event happen.

Our own sales table will be open as will the Country Store.

This is a meeting you don't want to miss!

Harriet's Hoots

Gobble Gobble, Everyone - - -
Turkey day is coming up fast. Have you all picked out the poor little guy who is going to be the centerpiece at your table???? I feel so bad for those turkeys, even though I will partake in enjoying them on Thanksgiving. I've always wanted to have a little farm with all the animals around. I know that if I did, I would never be able to kill (gosh I hope they didn't hear me) a turkey or any animal. In fact, the turkey would probably be at my table enjoying all the other food (hahaha)

Ok, here are two jokes for you - - -
Q. Why was the turkey allowed to join the band?
A. Because he had the "drumsticks" (Are you laughing yet?)
Next Joke - -
Q. What did the turkey say to the turkey hunter?
A. "Quack – Quack – Quack" (See, those turkeys aren't stupid!)

Ok, now that you have all stopped laughing - - I would like to thank the following members for their contributions at our last meeting.

Shirley Konefal - -Crackers with cheese and salami (Nice spread)
Thomas Mordas - - Mango Custard Pie and Kiwi Custard Pie (Delish)
Susan Mather - - - Chocolate and Vanilla Cake (Very good)
Lu Weber - - - Platter of Cookies (We sure love our sweets)
Gayle Spinell-Gellers - - Apple Roses (Those were wonderful)
Eddie Yi - - - Guacamole & Chips (My favorite - - Yum)

Well, that's it for now and I'll see you all at our next meeting.
Hugs from me and the turkey (hahaha)

Harriet

Membership News

NOV

Eugene Broder
Suzanne Broucek
James Harcus
Tim Hendrix
Elena Metzkes
Laura Palazzo
June Schram
Elsa Snavely
Jane Von Waldburg
Bruce Zaret

Welcome new member:
Loretta Amone of Plantation

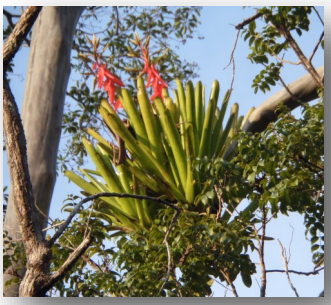
SCURF Feature

October Mystery Plant Identified

Neoregelia pendula

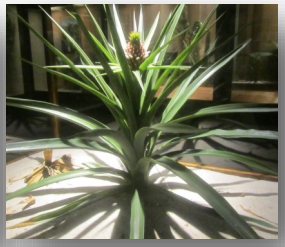
Win a raffle sheet with 20 tickets—-Be the first to email yroftiger@aol.com with the correct name of this brom

From the Editor



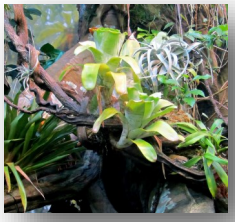
In the course of preparing this month's SCURF I had the chance to read up a bit about our guest speaker…. It seems Pam Koide Hyatt spent a month in Peru scouring the country for bromeliads. I can't wait to hear what she has to say. Last year about this time my own globe trotting friend Jane was in Peru on a mission to help in a remote library on the Amazon. I gave her the task to photograph broms for the club but not one was in bloom. Well, it is a year later and Jane is back in Peru but this time she actually found two in bloom. No doubt these look familiar…….

I was only in Chicago for a few days recently and unfortunately could not make it to the Chicago Botanic Garden. Hence, I figured the odds of seeing any broms was not too good in the downtown area. That proved to be true, but…… if one heads to the Field Museum in addition to seeing Sue, the T Rex, stunning Asian artifacts and a world class collection of Egyptian mummies, there is an exhibit on plants where our broms were found with a small display specifically on the pineapple.



(Upon returning to Broward, I searched the museum's website and found a fascinating 11 minute clip about ongoing research to study the biodiversity in the Amazon, home of so many beautiful broms. It really is worth a look especially given our upcoming speaker's presentation. Check out Into Peru.)

In the exhibit called *Amazon Rising* at the nearby Shedd Aquarium one tiny creature was hiding in this mass of bromeliads. ☺



Closer to home, I finally had a chance to try out the suggestion mentioned at one of our meetings to use Liquid Nails to adhere Tillandsias to driftwood. It has only been a week or so, but no question, the tiny plants seem to be thriving now that they are firmly adhered. What can a gardener say but

Garden on!

Gayle

Calendar of Local Plant Society Meetings

1st Tuesday	Plantation Orchid Society	Volunteer Park
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.

Places to Go, Things to See

Nov. 13 –15, 2015	The Ramble	Fairchild Gardens Coral Gables
Nov. 13, 2015	Pineapple Festival	Downtown Jensen Beach
Dec. 5-6, 2015 9-4	Bonnet House 9th Annual Orchid, Garden & Food Festival	900 N. Birch Road Ft. Lauderdale
June 13-19, 2016	BSI World Bromeliad Conference	Westin Galleria Hotel Houston, Texas

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