Bromeliad Society of Broward County

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Alcanterea Imperialis

Native to Brazil; the red inflorescence can reach 6 feet in height
…..An excellent centerpiece plant for landscaping

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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

November 2016 – **HAPPY THANKSGIVING EVERYONE**
Despite concerns about the Zika virus in South Florida, our Fall Auction was a great success, $1678 in total (less expenses). Thank you members, the public, local nurseries and Peter Kouchalakis, our Master of Ceremonies, for your support, plants for bidding and Peter's intimate knowledge of bromeliads - fundraising for our Society, unusual plants at discount prices and an extensive educational opportunity. There were also bromeliads in unusual and beautiful planters for bid, too. Great Christmas gifts. I want to thank Country Garden Nursery, Bullis Nursery, Sunshine Bromeliads, Searle Brothers Nursery and Rainforest Collection and Grant's Farm Nursery for your continuing support of our Society.

If you were unable to make it, we are scheduling another Auction in the Spring. Hope you are able to make it. The following weekend after our Auction, our members participated in the Plant Affair at Heritage Park presented by the Plantation Historical Society. Again, our community gardeners welcomed our plants, purchasing a grand total of $1818 less expenses. These plant events are an opportunity for all of our members to sell their wide variety of bromeliads and earn money for their efforts. Twenty percent (20%) of these net sales, $364, remain with the Society for entry fees, 6% state sales tax and storage fees for the Society's tables, chairs and canopies plus miscellaneous expenses. Eighty percent (80%) of the net sales, $1454, were returned to our selling members.

Why do we fundraise? As you know, the Society is a nonprofit organization. Our expenses, other than those mentioned above are for meeting rental costs, speaker's fees, refreshments, member's holiday plant gifts, printing costs, Country Store costs, garden tour costs and other miscellaneous expenses.

HEADS UP: **Monday, November 21st our General Meeting** speaker will be Dr. Terrie Bert. Her presentation will be "Surveying the Ultimate Wonders—the S through W Uncommon Bromeliad Genera". The Members' Sales Table will be closed but the Country Store and the Raffle Table will be open. Bring your problematic plants for our **"Doctor is In"** segment. Remember to diaper your plant. If your plant is sickly, please cover it with a paper bag.

December 12th - HOLIDAY PARTY. **MEMBERS ONLY** will receive one of these free plant gifts and must be present. The Board will also provide the meat course and drinks for the event. Each member is asked to bring a covered dish **WITH A SERVING FORK OR SPOON.** Please sign up for the dish you will be bringing, i.e., appetizers, salads, sides or desserts at our November meeting. We will be passing around lists for you to sign for your covered dish. Don't forget to bring a plant for the Chinese Auction, covered with a bag, clean and potted to exchange with our other members. **If you are not a member and would like to join us for our Holiday Party and a free bromeliad plus a Chinese Auction plant and food from the best cooks in Broward County, you can become a 2017 Society member at our November meeting, in time to join us for the Holiday Party.**

January is our membership renewal month - $25 single, $30 family at same address and $10 for students. A free sheet of raffle tickets will be given to those members who renew before the January 31st deadline. The Board has initiated a $5.00 late fee for those members who renew after January 31st.

IMPORTANT: JANUARY AND FEBRUARY OF EACH YEAR HAVE FEDERAL HOLIDAYS ON OUR NORMAL MEETING DAY – WE HAVE RESCHEDULED THOSE MEETINGS FOR: JANUARY 24, 2017 AND FEBRUARY 28, 2017.

Thank you, Gloria Chernoff for volunteering for our Treasurer's Board position. Gloria will serve until March 2018. Gloria's position as Country Store's cashier is now vacant. Her position is only needed during our General Meetings. Elsa Snavely will act as **Assistant Corresponding Secretary**. **Our Recording Secretary position is still open** – the Bromeliad Society of Broward County needs you.

REPEAT INFO: For those of you looking for Mosquito Bits for eliminating the Zika Mosquito, our Board Members recommend purchasing them through Amazon for approximately $15. If you do, remember to select Amazon Smile and enter the Bromeliad Society of Broward County. Amazon will then make a donation to our organization for your order.

See you Monday with Terri Bert.

Becky

Membership News

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Eugene Broder	Henry Parrish
Tim Hendrix	Jane Von Waldburg
Rich Mediavilla	Bruce Zaret

Auction Images

From the Editor

My Janes are back from their respective journeys to faraway places. Their missions to find bromeliads yielded mixed results. Jane, who went to Barcelona, found nary a bromeliad during her somewhat rainy trip to Spain, not even on Las Ramblas where I had seen them for sale in 2013. Jane, a returning volunteer to Peru on behalf of Conapac Amazon Library, found one blooming brom right outside her lodge. Yes, there are broms along the Amazon but apparently they aren't in bloom in October and pretty nestled in among the other lush greenery. To the right is her one snapshot.

Late February, early March an unexpected offer will send me back to Kauai. We visited the island in 2004 and were surrounded by plumerias, orchids, and gingers. It was breathtaking. That trip was long before joining the BSBC so this one will have a very different focus. A list of places to see is in the works. There very definitely are bromeliads in Hawaii and stunning gardens where they are incorporated into the design. If you have any suggestions, your bromeliad searching emissary would be most grateful.

Garden on!

Meanwhile, back here the cooler weather is such a welcome relief after a sizzling summer. Puttering around the garden, pupping plants, cleaning out the overgrowth, and plotting the next phase have been most satisfying pursuits. Hope you, too, are seizing the moments during this change of season. Happy Thanksgiving!

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.

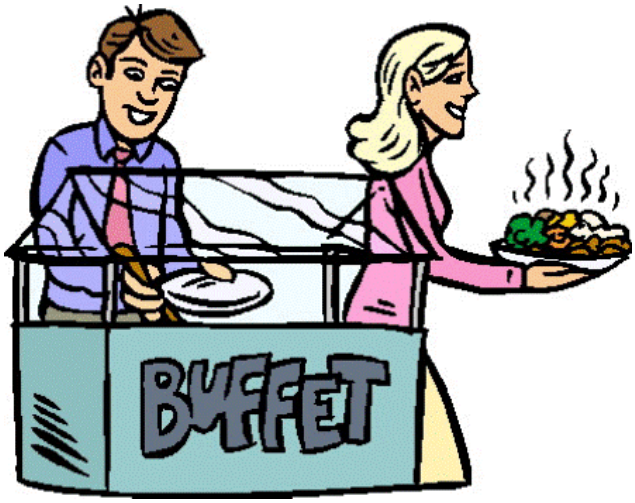
Harriet's Hoots

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 as I love all animals and sorry to see any of them killed (Do you think they heard me, I hope not). If I had to pick one animal (excluding dogs and cats) I would love to have a rooster. I know they are noisy, but I love them. I even have a name for one - - what do you think of Rosko the Roost-er (lol).

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)

Now that I have brightened your day or night (depending on when you are reading this article - - - I would like to thank the following members for their contributions at our last meeting.

Shirley Konefal - - Chicken Wings (Yum, yum)
Harry Sperling - - Fig Neatens (Nice taste)
Maurice Bruet - - Fried Chicken (Very Good)
Molly Lesnick - - Brownies & Crackers (Nice assortment)
Susan Mather - - Platter of Sandwiches (Great choice)
Emelda Pecou - - Lemon Cookies and Apples – (Good match)
Gayle Spinell-Gellers - - Pita Chips and Hummus (Healthy choice)
Bill David - - Homemade Brownies (So delicious)
Carolyn Cray - - Plate of Brownies (We do love our sweets)
Gloria Chernoff - - Platter of Cookies (Very nice)



If I have missed anyone, please accept my apology.

Well, that's it for now and I'll see you all at our next meeting.

Hugs from me and the turkey (hahaha)

Harriet

Upcoming Meeting

Return Engagement!

Monday, Nov. 21. 2016 at Deicke Auditorium…… Dr. Terrie Bert

"Surveying the Ultimate Wonders—
the S through W Uncommon Bromeliad Genera."

The Member Sales Table will be closed this month.
Dr. Bert will be setting up a Speaker's Sales Table.
She always brings some terrific broms so be sure to take a look.

Raffle Table……. Country Store…….Refreshments

Special Requests… !
If you have extra plastic bags from a grocery, we can use them for taking home plants and for the local food bank.

SCURF Feature

Nidularium Rainbow

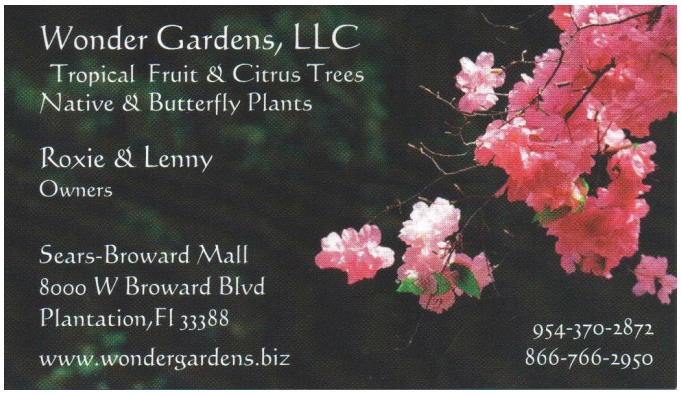
Win a raffle sheet with 20 tickets—

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

Places to Go, Things to See

Nov. 19 & 20, 2016	Key West Garden Club Sale, 10 am—3 pm	West Martello Tower by Higgs Beach
Dec. 2 & 3, 2016	Holiday Garden Fest, 9 am—4 pm	Tampa Garden Club 2629 Bayshore Blvd, Tampa
Dec. 3 & 4, 2016	10th Annual Orchid & Exotic Plant Sale, 9 am — 4 pm; $15 for nonmembers, free parking	Bonnet House 900 N. Birch Rd., Ft. Lauderdale
Dec. 11, 2016	Holiday Gift and Plant Sale, 10 am—4 pm suggested donation $4	Florida Botanical Gardens 12520 Ulmerton Rd., Largo, FL
Dec. 16 & 17, 2016	Tropiflora Winter Sale, 8 am—5 pm	3530 Tallevast Rd. Sarasota, FL
Mar. 18 & 19, 2017	Garden Fest Arbor Day Extravaganza	Volunteer Park 12050 W. Sunrise Blvd, Sunrise, FL
May 29—June 3, 2018	World Bromeliad Conference	San Diego, CA

Businesses



Next Meeting:
Monday, November 21, 2016

Special Guest Speaker: Dr. Terrie Bert
6:30 pm @ Deicke