Bromeliad Society of Broward County

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November 2017 Scurf

Billbergia Hallelujah is known for tubular growth and pink splotches.
If you need a plant for full sun, this may be a good choice.

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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 November Message

November 2017 – **HAPPY THANKSGIVING EVERYONE!**

October was a very busy month for our Society. On October 16, 2017, we had our Annual Fall Auction. Despite our community recovering from Hurricane Irma, our attendees were able to find bidding bargains with many bromeliads selling between $10 and $25. Even so, our Fall Auction proceeds totaled $1131 (less expenses). The auction was one of two we have each year for our fundraisers. Thank you, members, the public, local nurseries and our honorary member and Master of Ceremonies Peter Kouchalakos, for an entertaining and educating evening of bromeliads. Thank you, too, to our contributing nurseries, Sunshine Bromeliads and Wonder Gardens, for their donated plants and support. Our next auction is in April of next year. See Fall Auction pictures in this edition of the SCURF.

On October 28th and 29th, several of our members participated in the Plant Affair at Seminole Park after Heritage Park was closed due to Hurricane Irma. The Plant Affair was sponsored by the Plantation Historical Society. Unfortunately, there was a tropical depression that weekend and our sales ended early on Saturday afternoon. Saturday night, the storm arrived at its maximum. The Society lost both of their canopies due to the high winds and downpours. Sunday was far more profitable. We were only able to sell $748.50 of members plants for both days. Twenty percent (20%) of these net sales, $149.70, remain with the Society to pay for the entry fee of $99., 6% state sales tax and miscellaneous expenses. Eighty percent (80%) of the net sales, $598.80 was returned to our selling members.

HEADS UP: Instead of our November general meeting, the Society will have a garden tour to Fairchild Tropical Gardens on Saturday, November 18, 2017. We are going to carpool and meet at Fairchild's at 11 am. If we are able to assemble 20 members, Fairchild's will reduce our entry fee to $18, rather than their usual fee of $25. A tram tour is scheduled and lunch will be at each attendee's choice; bringing their own or enjoying a meal at the restaurant there. If you are interested in going, please call RICHARD SEDLACK at 954-296-5633.

December 14th - HOLIDAY PARTY at Deicke Auditorium, beginning at 6:00 PM. MEMBERS ONLY must be present to receive one of the free bromeliads. 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. NOTIFY US OF YOUR DISH BY** emailing our party chair **HARRIET ABO**. Her e-mail address is **lovedisney20022002@yahoo.com or call her at 954-268-3471.**

This year the Board decided to expand the Chinese Auction "gifts" to not only a potted bromeliad but plant-related gifts, i.e., books, garden tools, garden gift cards. If you bring a POTTED bromeliad for the Chinese Auction, make sure it is clean and free of disease or scale. **If you are not a member and would like to join us for our Holiday Party, you can become a 2017-2018 Society member at the Holiday meeting. Bring a wrapped gift and a covered dish. You will be entitled to a free bromeliad plus participate in the Chinese Auction and munch on food from the best cooks in Broward County.**

January is our membership renewal month - The Board voted at our last Board meeting to increase our annual membership dues to $30 single, $35 for a family at same address and $10 for students. We will continue to give a free sheet of raffle tickets to those members who renew before the January 31st deadline. There will be 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 18, 2018 AND FEBRUARY 12, 2018

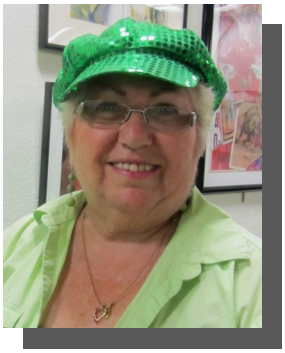
On February 12, 2018, Dr. Teri Bert will give a presentation on using the Florida Council for Bromeliad Societies' website and all its resources.

Our condolences go out to the Broder family for the passing of Eugene Broder. Get well to our Treasurer Gloria Chernoff who is recovering from hip surgery and Colleen Hendrix who has suffered injuries from a fall.

See those of you going to Fairchild's on Saturday. **Otherwise, see you at our Holiday Party**.

Becky

HARRIET'S HOOTS



Greetings to all - - -

Well, we are now in November - - my goodness where did the time go. You all know what is coming up soon and that is - - - **Turkey Day**. I love Thanksgiving, my favorite holiday of all. I don't like it that these poor turkeys have to suffer. I wonder what they're thinking a few days before Thanksgiving. For example - is George the Turkey saying to Tom Turkey, "I hope it's not me that's going to get chopped up." Tom Turkey answers with, " No, George, it's not you or me – I heard the farmer saying that this year it's going to be Stanley." Poor guy, he doesn't have a chance. I told him not to each so much but he wouldn't listen and now he is just the right size for a "Butter Ball Turkey."

Oh well that was my little story to everyone, hope you enjoyed it. (LOL)

As you know there is no meeting this month. The next time we'll get together is at our Holiday Party. I think that we will have a Scurf printed before our party, letting us know about what's going on - - such as food, plants and whatever else we need to know. I'm sure we will all have a great time. Remember, it's our Holiday Party, so wear something festive.

I hope all of you have a very nice Thanksgiving (don't eat too much – just think about Stanley the poor turkey ready for slaughter).

I'll see you all at our Holiday Party…..

Hugs from me and the Turkey,
Harriet

Membership News

NOV

Tim Hendrix
Lena Levine
Rich Mediavilla
Elsa Snavely
Jane Von Waldburg
Mel Witte

November Field Trip

FTBG

FAIRCHILD TROPICAL BOTANIC GARDEN
Exploring, Explaining and Conserving the World of Tropical Plants

Saturday, November 18, Meet at 11 am

Opened in 1938, this 83 acre botanic garden was named in honor of the famous plant explorer David Fairchild.

Yes, there are bromeliads, mainly tillandsias, among the extensive collection which includes over 3500 plants from all over the tropics.
FTBG is also the home of the American Orchid Society as well.
Join us for the tram ride!
It is going to be a really interesting fun adventure.

Images from the October 2017 Auction

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

The mystery continues...

Mystery Bromeliad of the Month

John Medieros sent in the photo to the left. Any thoughts? Be the first to identify the mystery plant to the right and win a raffle sheet with 20 tickets.
Email: yroftiger @aol.com with your guess.

From the Editor

My world traveling friend Jane is back again volunteering for Conapac at a library in Peru on the Amazon River. This is her fourth or fifth year helping out. Last year I sent her on a mission to find some broms growing in the wild. Jane found only one in bloom. The story was the same this year until virtually five minutes ago when Jane sent another photo of a cluster of broms way up high in the trees.

Our own brom mission of the month is to relocate all my Blue Tangos. They currently surround the failing weeping hibiscus in the front yard and are jammed together. Have to move them before the tree stump gets ground down. It will be interesting to see just how many plants there actually are and how many can be relocated successfully. There is a little space in the Crescent Garden and a tiny spot under the arch ways but other than that not much…...We love having blue in the garden and the inflorescence on the Tango lasts forever. The happiest news from the garden is that the porterweed which got clobbered by Irma is bouncing back and once again, we have some butterflies. One hot pink neo is sending out a pup. It has been a long time coming but yay!

Meanwhile, if you are gearing up for the upcoming holiday season, check out the newest decoration found in your local home supply store…..

Gardening rules!

Places to Go, Things to See

Nov. 13, 2017	**9th Annual Bromeliad Auction**	**Indian River Bromeliad Society** Garden Club, 2526 17th Ave. , Vero Beach
Nov. 18-19, 2017	**Edison Garden Festival (it's free!)**	**Edison & Ford Winter Estates** 2350 McGregor Blvd, Ft. Myers
Dec. 2-3, 2017	**11th Annual Orchid and Exotic Plant Sale, 9-4 both days, $15**	**Bonnet House, Ft. Lauderdale**
Dec. 2-3, 2017	**Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society Show and Sale … 9-4, 9-3**	**Araba Shrine Center,** 2010 Hanson St., Ft. Myers
Dec. 10, 2017	**Gift and Plant Sale**	**Florida Botanical Gardens, Largo**
Mar. 17-18, 2018		**Volunteer Park**
May 29—June 3, 2018	**World Bromeliad Conference**	**San Diego, CA**

Businesses

Next Meeting is the Fairchild Field Trip: Sat., Nov. 18 , 2017 11 am

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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