Bromeliad Society of Broward County

November 2018 Scurf

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Neoregelia "Heart Stopper"
——- a Chester Skotak plant —

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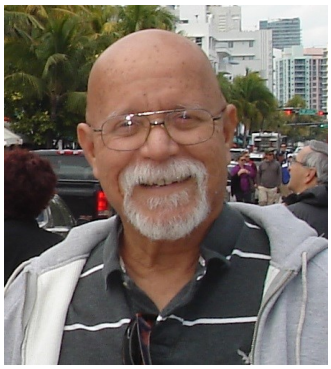
Our meetings generally offer a speaker on timely and noteworthy topics, member plant sales, a plant raffle, special holiday plant auctions, diagnosis of disease and pest problems, and a Country Store with selected bromeliad and gardening supplies.

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

As the number from "Cabaret" tells us, "money makes the world go 'round." Unfortunately, that is true. All of us have expenses and clubs and organizations are no exception. Fortunately for the Bromeliad Society we do have ways of adding to our treasury so we can run the club efficiently.

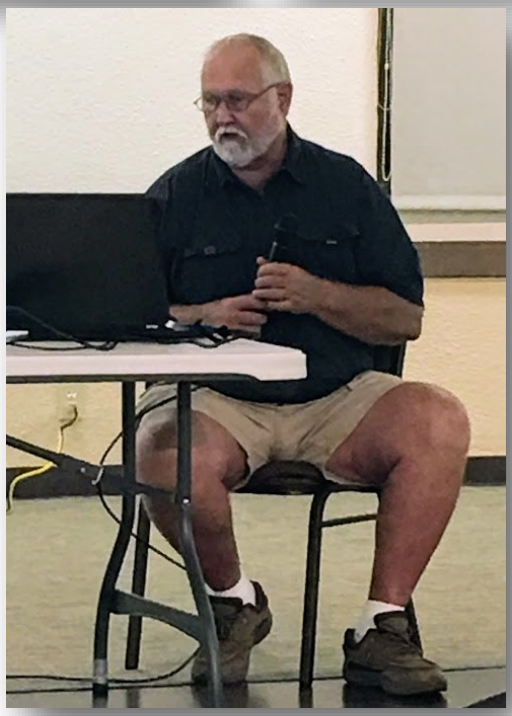
One of our most popular means is our auction, the next one occurring this month at the November meeting! This is a great opportunity for you to add to your collection while helping the Society at the same time. We hope you can help by donating at least three plants to auction off. All we ask is that the plants are clean, have the water drained from the cup and are "diapered" (the plant placed in a plastic bag). Please plan to attend and even if you do not purchase anything, just come and show your support!

In February we will have a completely different and fun event. The date will be announced soon, but it involves dinner or lunch at the California Pizza Kitchen! Sounds good, doesn't it? It is simple….The membership will be issued a special coupon which you take to the Pizza Kitchen. It can be done anytime during the day (lunch or dinner) and all you have to do is present your coupon to the server and the Society will receive 20% from each check! You do not have to be a Society member to attend, just make sure you have that coupon…..otherwise "no tickee, no laundry." Just think, a great lunch or dinner and you help the Society at the same time. "Such a deal!"

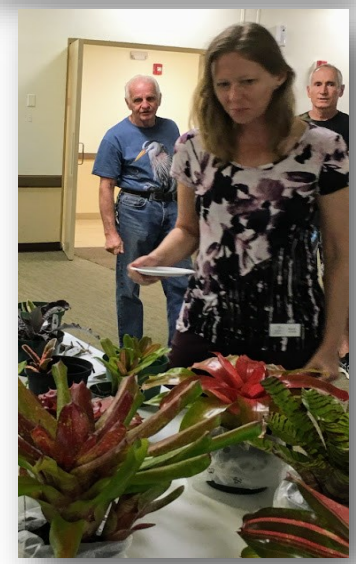
Membership News

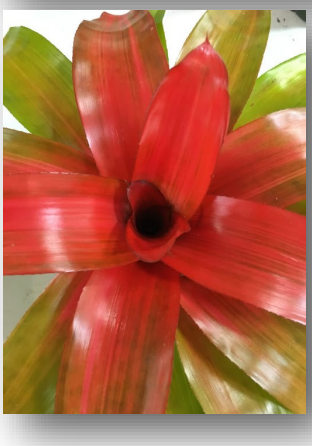
Once again, Peter Kouchalakos will MC our auction with quips and quotes and fun tidbits on each plant. Great broms at terrific prices and finger food munchies. You know this is the place you will want to be. Come and get your paddle and bid on the plant your garden must have!

From the October Meeting



Many thanks again to
Dennis Cathcart
for his presentation on
bromeliads in the wild.





In Memoriam

Maureen Frazel
A BSBC Founder

The BSBC and the gardening community of Broward County lost a great friend and devoted advocate with the recent passing of Maureen Frazel.

Maureen, who was Canadian by birth, moved here as a young woman in search of opportunity. She met and married Bill in the mid fifties and together they built a wonderful life of family, faith and horticulture. Maureen was a medical histologist by profession working at UM laboratories and then in her own pathology lab which she ran until her late seventies. Together with Bill, they were instrumental in introducing bromeliads to our area and in the founding of our own Bromeliad Society of Broward County now in its fifty-fifth year. Maureen held leadership roles with the BSBC, the Ft. Lauderdale Garden Club and the BSI. In addition, Maureen and Bill were early members of the St. Bonaventure Catholic Church in Davie which started out in a store front and which now calls the beautiful building of stained glass and light at the corner of 136th Avenue and SW 14 Street home. It has been said that this church is largely the result of the efforts Maureen and Bill made over the years. Maureen simply had that “can do” attitude and she was one of the “go to” horticultural enthusiasts we all counted on. Our sincerest sympathy to her large and devoted family.

Rest in peace, Maureen, and thanks.

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

Welcome

NEW MEMBER:
Zoe Bejar from Ft. Lauderdale

Special Requests… !
If you have extra **plastic bags** from a grocery, we can use them for taking home plants.

Already getting ready for the holiday gift giving season?
Remember Amazon Smile! Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible AmazonSmile purchases to a charity of your choice which could be the BSBC. **NO COST** to you. Log on is easy at **smile.amazon.com.** Funds go the organization directly.

Membership renewal is in January. Invite your family and friends to get involved with your favorite plants! We hope to have lots of great events and speakers in 2019.

Harriet's Hoots

Greeting to everyone and hope that you all are doing well.

Our next meeting is going to be November 19th and surprise, surprise as it's going to be our famous and fabulous Auction. I know that you all love it as you get to raise your paddles and bid, bid, bid. We will be having our wonderful auctioneer Peter and you know that he can be very funny and has a way of getting you to bid for that special plant.

I will not be able to attend since I have the great pleasure of watching my 3 grandkids, Devin, Chelsea and Riley. They will be here for the entire week and the reason being is that my son and daughter-In-law are going on a cruise. Now, do you think that is fair - - they get to relax and have fun and I get the 3 amigos (hahaha) I am only kidding – I love being with my grandkids. They are great and we have a lot of fun.

In my absence, Susan Mather has been kind enough to take over the refreshment table. She took care of this other times and she did a wonderful job and I want to thank her for her help.

Our refreshment table will be up and running as always. I would like to ask anyone who plans on bringing something for the table that it be a finger type food, something that you can just pick up and pop into your mouth. Some examples could be chunks of cheese, deviled eggs, veggies cut up, sliced brownies, mini cookies, chicken nuggets, little smokies, hummus with crackers, small pretzels, sandwiches cut in four triangles, fruit bowl, etc. etc.

The reason for my request is that it will be easier for people to grab a small plate with some goodies on it that they can just pick up with their fingers. (Don't panic, there will still be utensils on the table)

So, I hope everyone has a great time at the Auction and that you all get a fabulous plant that you'll love and take care of.

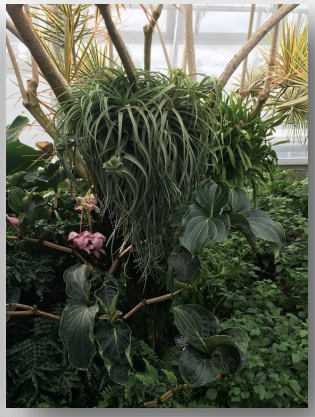
See you all at the next meeting which will be our Christmas Party. But until then I hope that you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

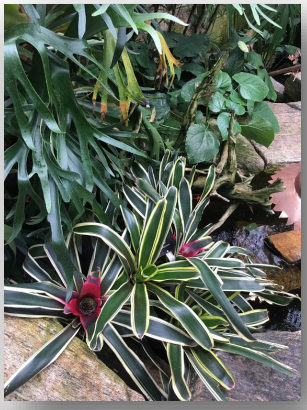
As always - - -
Hugs

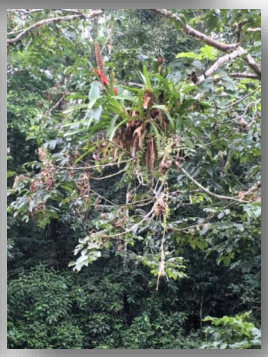
Harriet

FROM THE EDITOR

Yes, there are bromeliads in Niagara Falls! Given the climate up there, who would have thought? It had been decades since I had been to the Falls and so much has changed. The falls are beautifully lit up at night, there is a casino which seems to be busy at all hours, and an extensive botanical garden——Niagara Parks Botanical Garden with a butterfly conservancy is a short bus ride outside of downtown. Only a few feet after entering the conservancy, a tree laden with tillandsias came into view. Other broms were scattered throughout the enclosure. You just never know.







Speaking of travels, my friend Jane is back from her latest trip to the Conapac library in the Amazon. Happily she found a few more bromeliads in the wild this trip. Jane is my answer to Dennis Cathcart!

Our sister society in South Africa is staying right on top of changes in the world of bromeliads. Be sure to keep current.
The names, they are a-changing: http://www.bsi.org/new/the-new-bromeliad-taxon-list/

Attached with our SCURF is a copy of the New York society's November newsletter, Bromeliana This particular issue has a reprint of a 1979 article about the early days of the BSI dating back to 1950.. Pictures of Mulford Foster and Frank Overton are included as well. The early days were a mix of fascination with these incredible plants and conflicts over vision, rules, and organizational control. Amazing that the whole thing held together. Feel free to share our own SCURF with your friends.

Months back Gloria Chernoff and I visited Maureen Frazel in the hopes of transferring her slides from the early years of the BSBC to digital format. We were all excited by the prospect of preserving those moments but unfortunately the slides had not aged well and conversion was not possible. Maureen was disappointed but still upbeat and excited to show us the garden she and Bill had built over the years and the many unusual broms and trees on their property. She was particularly tickled by the neo on the previous page. That specific plant had literally landed at her house after a storm. It had found a home at the entrance to her house and had thrived there. It delighted her. My favorite memory of Maureen, however, is seeing her manning a bromeliad booth at one of the stops on the Ft. Lauderdale Mystery Garden Tour every February. Maureen was in her element—- surrounded by gardening enthusiasts, sharing her knowledge and introducing new folks to our favorite plants. The tour just won't be the same without her.

Garden away!
Gayle

Places to Go, Things to See

Sat. Dec. 1 and Sun., Dec. 2, 2018; 9-4 and 10-3	Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Sale	Arab Shrine Temple, 2010 Hanson St, Fort Myers, FL
Sat. and Sun, Mar. 16 and 17	BSSF Annual Show	Fairchild Gardens, Coral Gables, 10901 Cutler Road, Coral Gables
Sat., Mar. 16 & Sun., Mar. 17; 9 am—5 pm ; 9 am—4 pm	Garden Fest Plant Extravanganza	Volunteer Park, Plantation, FL
Sat., April 13, 2019 9:30 am to 4:30 pm Sun., April 14, 2019 9:30 am to 4:30 pm	Spring Garden Festival and 39th Annual Spring Plant Sale	Fairchild Gardens, Coral Gables
Sept. 2019	Bromeliad Society of Central Florida	TBD
Oct. 17-20, 2019	Golden Broms	Queensland, Australia !!!!
2021	Australasian Bromeliad Conference	New Zealand !!!!!!

Businesses

Got a business you would like to advertise?
Ads in the SCURF are $50 for 6 months, $100 for 12 months.
Contact Becky Blackwood if interested.

November MEETING
AUCTION

Monday, Nov. 19
6:00 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