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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.

The Bromeliad Society of Broward County is a member of, and supports:
The Bromeliad Society International
http://bsi.org

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

Next Meeting: November 21st, 2005

Guest Speaker: Jack Meharian

"Decorating with Bromeliads for the Holidays"

This is a special "hands on" workshop filled with great ideas to fill your home with bromeliads for the holidays. This is a special meeting for Everyone!!!!!!!!!! Don't miss this one!!!!!

Below are some of the thing you will need :

Glue gun, or sticks, wire cutters, scissors ribbon raffia, wreath form, or grapevine, willow etc. dry pods, bromeliad leaves ,twigs, infloresence. If you have something in mind you would like to create, then bring that too!!!! This is also a great gift idea.....now about our speaker.....

From the jungles of Costa Rica to the Vatican in Rome.....

Jack Meharian has been a member of our society for years and has been collecting bromeliads for over 20years. He has traveled the country and abroad with his talents in home and garden design, creating the perfect mood for that special party for some of the most rich and famous. Jack has also lent his talents to us for our shows by either entering an artistic design or by creating a work of art for the entry way to the show. We are very happy to have him for this months speaker and this workshop will surely get your creative juices flowing!!

Calendar of Events for 2005

November 18th - 20th, 2005
Independent Plant Breeder's Conference
Organized by the Environmental Horticulture Department at the University of Florida (UF), Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS).
More information is available at http://conference.ifas.ufl.edu/IPBC

December 10th 2004– Bromeliad Society of Broward County Annual Holiday Party - The festivities will begin at 1:00 pm for Hor d' oeuvres and 1:30 lunch will be served. Then plant exchange will begin promptly after desert. This all takes place at the Sea Watch Restaurant (right on the beach). 6002 N. Ocean Blvd. Ft Lauderdale, Fl.
For more info please call Colleen at 954-530-0076 or e-mail : Timbo-169@ Comcast.net

2006

June 6 - 11, 2006
Bromeliads on the Border
17th World Bromeliad Conference
Town and Country Resort & Convention Center
500 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, California 92108
http://www.towncountry.com More info. http://fcbs.org/

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Any spelling errors or wrong identifications will be corrected in the following Scurf !

The Presidents Message

October 2005 will be remembered for years to come as a terrible month for our society. We had enjoyed a very successful auction with record attendance in response to an all out effort by our auction committee headed by Jo-Ann Heyer. While celebrating our event results, Wilma was pausing in the Yucatan peninsula long enough to destroy the brightest tourist spots of the Mexican Caribbean. Stalling there, it suddenly decided to speed up across the Gulf of Florida threatening its midsection. The Sarasota Extravaganza was in peril until it was clear Wilma would land further down on the Gulf Coast and so it did, north of Naples. It took only part of Monday to reach us , the worst hurricane to hit in this area for 29 years!

The damage caused by the southern winds has been considerable. All our members . We regret to hear about the major losses incurred by the Frazel's, the Hendrix's , Josefahave suffered damages to trees, shade houses and their plant collections Leon and many others large , medium and small. Our entire society is diminished by their losses. We can only hope their continuing enthusiasm for bromeliads will ensure their full recovery. Con't

Fortunately, our plants are so special, that with tender care, pups will survive damaged mothers so we will not suffer for long. Until then, our best wishes and offerings of mutual help.

So now going forward, our Holiday Party is quickly approaching. On the following pages is the time, place and menu. The Sea Watch On the Ocean is a quaint restaurant right on the beach with a spectacular view and fabulous food. Bill Frazel will be collecting the money at the next meeting. *If you cannot attend the meeting, please mail your check to:*

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We hope to see all of you there - it will be a great time to just relax and enjoy!!!

Pepe

Book of the Month

After bringing two of the elegant and highly technical books by Elton Lema in the last two months, we are going back in time to 1981 and take a look at one of the classics; Jack Kramer's, "Bromeliads" The Horticulturist's Guide to a Houseplant of Unparalleled Beauty". With this stimulating title, Kramer gives the reader a very practical manual for the bromeliad enthusiast , including all you need to know about setting your plants at home, in your garden and patios, how to cultivate, propagate and care for them. Interesting to note is his digest on characteristics of over two hundred bromeliads as well as his recommendations about what plants to choose for direct light, filtered light and semi-shade. His B&W pictures are excellent and do not miss his color photos insert. As usual, we will bring Baensch's Book " Blooming Bromeliads", Steens " Bromeliads for a Contemporary Garden" and the " Beginner's Guide to Successfully Growing Tillandsias" booklet for consulting at the meeting.

Holiday Party

December 10th, 2004

1:00pm Hors d' Oeuvres

1:30 Lunch and 1:31 Fun!!!!

This year our annual Holiday Party will be held at the Sea Watch Restaurant, 6002 North Ocean Blvd, Ft Lauderdale, 954-781-2200.

We will be having a luncheon holiday party that will begin at 1:00 pm with hors d'oeuvres and lunch will follow promptly at 1:30pm.

For those of you who have not experienced the Sea Watch; it is a quaint ocean side restaurant with a antiqued nautical theme and a fantastic 2nd floor bar over looking the Atlantic. We will also have the plant exchange (the rules are on the next page) .....We will start with Hors D' Oeuvres and you will have the choice of the following.....

Entrees

Fresh Florida Mahi Mahi (Hot)

Sauteed Orange Roughy (Hot)

Breast of Chicken (Hot)

Sea Watch Medley (Dolphin, Scallops, Shrimp) (Hot)

Dessert

Warm Godiva Chocolate Torte

Tickets for the luncheon will be $25.00, however ,if you donated 5 plants to the auction you will receive a $3.00 discount, your ticket will then be $22.00 . Bill Frazel will be collecting the money at the next meeting or by mail - the

Deadline is December 1st

Rules for the Holiday Plant Exchange

To participate your plant must be clean and free of scale, one that you would like to receive yourself as a gift. Put it in a paper bag so that it cannot be seen and bring it to the party. When you arrive at the party you will be given a number (only if you have brought a plant) so you can participate in the drawing, which works like this....

1) The numbers are drawn one at a time, randomly.
2) The first number drawn selects from ALL plants on the table removed from the bag and shown to the group.
3) The next number drawn has the option of selecting an unopened bag from the table OR "TAKING" the plant previously selected. IF the previously selected plant is "TAKEN" then that person then selects another UNOPENED plant from the table.
4) The last number called gets to pick from ALL previously selected plants except from anyone that has had their plant taken twice. The EXCEPTION: No one can have more than 2 plants taken from them, you get to keep the 3rd.

Happy Exchange

New! Starting November

The society, at each meeting, starting November 2005, will auction off 2 very unusual or rare Bromeliads. The purpose is to not only give our members first shot at the most special plants, it will also help us start our fund for the Extravaganza we will be hosting in 2007. We are very excited to be able to extend this monthly auction to you and we hope you are as enthused as we are when you see these gorgeous plants. For those of you who lost plants in the hurricane, this will also be a great way to begin collecting those special and / or rare bromeliads again and what better way than " AT the monthly Auction."

Library news!!!!!!!!!

We will be ordering Binders for the BSI journal. For those of you who receive the BSI journal and want to keep them clean and organized these binders are great to have. They hold 24months worth of journals. They will also hold the Scurf , if you are saving those. They are $9.00 each and we will be ordering 15 to start - if you are interested please see Bill Frazel.

BSBC Shirt News!!!!!!!!!!!!

Anyone that has not ordered their Bromeliad Society of Broward County golf shirt please see Tim or Colleen. They are $25.00 and come in many colors with an embroidered BSBC logo. Very " in garden " fashion!

A Successful Auction

Our Annual Auction held last month was a complete success. Bringing in over $1900.00 with an average plant going for $ 8.75. We had over 200 plants and 35 buyers. A very special thanks goes to JoAnn Heyer as Auction Committee Chair along with her committee which was, Gail Shirlaw, Maureen Frazel, Sara Donayre, Colleen Hendrix, Tim Hendrix, Larry SearlePolly Pascal and Richard Sedlak. As well as Harry Sperling and Pat Boone.
Co- Auctioneers, the Frazels, were well helped by the Hendrix's and the Donayre's.

Remembering Bob....

By Maureen Frazel

The first time we met Bob Burstrom was at the Pompano race track in October, 1974. We were there to see plant displays. This was before the competitive shows that we now have. We were captivated by the Bromeliad Society display which featured a Neoregelia tricolor bed. I enquired about Bromeliad information from a tall slender blonde blue eyed gentleman with a friendly smile. It seems the Bromeliad society annual auction would be held the upcoming Monday. We attended that auction and were hooked.
Bob and his lovely wife Jean took us under their wing. Hurrah! We had found a mentor. Bob was a newly retired pilot from Eastern Airlines and was devoting most of his time growing and hybridizing bromeliads, philodendrons and crotons.
He knew everybody and everything it seemed to us. He

to giving programs and setting up displays. When we organized a group to attend our first world conference in New Orleans, where he helped set up the prize winning display from our society, Bob and Jean introduced us to the "who's who " in the Bromeliad World. Bob served as a Director of the BSI. These contacts resulted in speakers such as Victoria Padilla and Jeffrey Kent of California also Morris Dexter MD. and Mulford Foster's widow, Racine. Whatever the event was we knew it would be fun if Bob was involved.

When Jean called to tell about his passing, we were recalling his fun times. She said although he battled cancer for ten years he never complained, always with a joke and a smile. He enjoyed being close to his two daughters and their husbands, five grandchildren and nine great grandchildren, living outside Atlanta for four years. Bob along with Jean were also very involved their Church.

We treasured the years we knew Bob and it was with sadness we heard they were moving from Plantation to the north in the nineties. Many of his hybrid Vrieseas still circulate in our collections. Among our favorites of his registered hybrids were Vriesea 'Plantation Pride' Vriesea 'Red Rocket' and Neoregelia 'Eric The Red'. He had a full and happy life and a fruitful 83 years.

Bob was buried In Cumming Georgia, October 12th, 2005.

Reminders

November Birthdays bring goodies!

Happy Birthday to.....

Tim Hendrix
Elaine Farquharson
Manuel Ortega
Mark DuPree
William Shirley

Anyone we missed? Then Happy Birthday to you!

Announcements

BSBC Holiday Party, Saturday, December 10th At the Sea Watch Restaurant

Welcome All New Members & Guests

A big Thank You goes to.....

Bill Frazel for being our auctioneer, JoAnn Heyer for being our Auction Chairman and to all those that participated in coordinating the very successful event!

On the Cover.....

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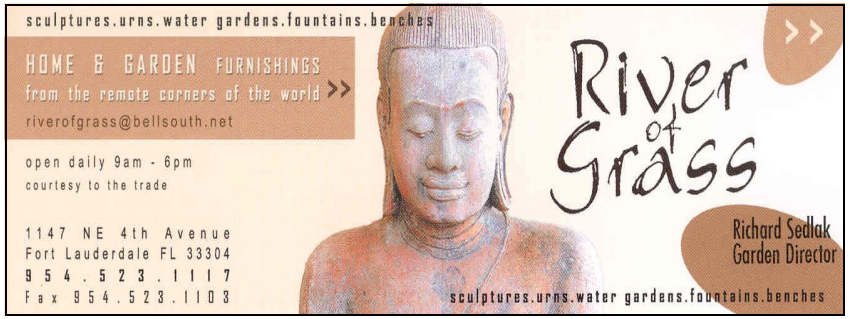
Plant set-up

Auction Action!

Plant Preview

JoAnn and Polly

Workin' up a frenzy



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City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone : _____

E-mail: _____

Month of your Birthday_____

Do you want a name tag? YES _____ NO_____

Would you be willing to work on a committee or other capacity? Yes_____ No_____

Membership Dues are:

$15 per year for individuals

$20 per year for more than one member at the same address

Please make check payable to **Bromeliad Society of Broward County** and mail this page to:

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