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

Next Meeting: November 20th ,2006

Guest Speaker: Dana Field

"Basics of Crypt Culture for the Hobby Grower"
and "Reminiscing on Pineapple Place"

This will be a fascinating program on Crypts something we haven't heard about in awhile and also Reminiscing on Pineapple Place..... Well, that we'll leave you guessing..... Don't miss this!

The Member Sales Table will be open and we will have our Raffle Table

We meet the third Monday of every month (except January) at 7:30 p.m. in the Broward Agricultural Extension Building

About our Guest Speaker

Dana is a Research Chemist, VP of Technology with Esprix Digital Imaging Technology and has been involved in imaging (pictures) for over 30 years. Also, a Certified Master Gardener (Chicago Botanical Garden) and has been growing bromeliads since 1972. Specializing in Vriesias and Crypts, but grow almost all genera. Also, growing lots of bromeliads from seed, as well as staghorns and other ferns, etc. Orchids and succulents are another favorite. "I would have been a professional horticulturist if it paid more."

Calendar of Events for 2006

November 18 & 19, 2006
Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society Annual Sale
Terry Park, 3410 Palm Beach Blvd., Fort Myers, Fl
For more information contact Larry Giroux,
email:DrLarry@comcast.net
or Betty Ann Prevatt, email: bprevattpcc@aol.com

December 16th, 2006
Bromeliad Society of Broward County Christmas Party
It will be held at the Plantation Preserve and Country Club 7050 W. Broward Blvd. For more information contact Becky Blackwood 954-791-8017 Or e-mail her at

April 13th, 14th, 15th, 2007
Bromeliad Society of Broward County Bienneal Show and Sale
Location to be announced.

Something New This Year

AT the yearly Christmas Parties we sell raffle tickets to win, usually 5 rare or new to the market bromeliads. This year, the board has decided to start selling the raffle tickets at the next meeting so that all of you can get a chance to participate. We know that some of you may have to work or have other engagements and we would like to extend the raffle to all. Tickets will be sold for $ 1:00 each.
So..... If you should win and you are not present at the party, you may pick it up at the January meeting or call Maureen Frazel (954-474-1349) and make arrangements to pick it up elsewhere.

Happy Holidays The Board

The President's Message

Our traditional October Auction was a remarkable success. The large number and quality of plants donated by our members and the funds collected reached a record high for our Society. We assembled almost two hundred plants and had to extend our allotted time to allow for intense bidding. This year, with regret, was the absence of our regular auctioneer Bill Frazel. However, we were more than happy with the replacements. David McLean and Larry Davis (SmilingLarry), in high spirits, performed impressively well in keeping with the momentum going through two hours without breaks. A special prize donated by Larry Searle, an Aechmea 'Blue Tango", was to go to the biggest spender. Surprisingly, at the last minute, it returned to Larry Searle himself. We have to thank all those who contributed to the success of this auction especially to the great bidders we had that night.

We also celebrated the return of the Frazels from California where Bill was to undergo a rather critical operation. Fortunately, that proved not to be necessary and they returned after a week, ready to join us at the Board Meeting on October 23rd with Bill in good health. Remember the deadline to pay for your Holiday luncheon is December 1st, please get your checks to Becky.

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Hurricane Preparation, Part 3

As we celebrate this year's silent hurricane season, we are re-printing the last of the three segments of the article by Motes Orchids. It would be wise to keep the last three issues of the "Scurf" at hand for the coming years when we may not be so lucky.

"Post storm activity is important also. First, be prepared to quickly replace shade either on the structure itself or by jury-rigging shade cloth until the structure can be rebuilt.

The plants themselves will have been severely stunned, bruised or nicked by buffeting winds. Often the plants would have been dark and wet for many, many hours. These conditions are the most highly conducive to fungal and bacterial development. While the plants are still wet they can be sprayed with a tertiary ammonia product Physan, Consan or Greenshield (pool algicide contains the same chemical). This has the advantage of blending with the water on the plants to provide some immediate protection. Once the plants are dry again, they can be sprayed with a broad spectrum fungicide/bactericide. Cupric hydroxide (Kocide, Champion) mixed with Mancozeb, Manzate, Dithane M45) at 1 Tbs per gallon of each should do a good job. Again, a spreader sticker is highly desirable here.

The strategy for all the next few weeks post storm is to keep the plants as dry as possible (most will be moving toward more dormant states in September and October in any case). Close monitoring for disease development and excising damage tissue as disease develops are essential. This should be done with a clean instrument that is disinfected between cuts, preferably with a supersaturated solution of tri-sodium phosphate or by flaming the cutting edge. Much wet weather can still be forthcoming after a hurricane and disease control and prevention will be a long term task post storm. We hope none of us ever again need to know these things we all Florida hands have learned across the years but hurricanes are a price of living in paradise.

Con't

The wise children are making preparations today for all the other storm needs; buying supplies, filling gas tanks, trimming trees, removing debris so at the eleventh hour all efforts can be concentrated on what is truly important: protecting our orchids (*read broms*) and other familial loved ones".

A Historical Note

Mulford Foster 1889 - 1978

A 20th of November, 28 years ago in 1978, an outstanding leader of the bromeliad world passed away after a life dedicated to the exploration of nature. Since early in life he was interested in the fruits of nature. He was barely 14 and he had made his name known as a herpetologist through his knowledge of North American reptiles about which he lectured widely until he was 21 years old. Then he became an expert on trees and their diseases and he quickly decided his place was in Florida. So he moved where he could be surrounded by tropical flora. First, he focused on succulents but soon bromeliads became his overwhelming interest. He set up himself near Orlando naming his property Bromel-La, his own Shangri-La where he lived with his close collaborator, his wife Racine. Admired for his vast knowledge and his vitality he left many friends and associates among which Eloise Beach, of Apopka, was probably close to being his disciple.
His contribution spans many decades when he became the dominant international figure in all aspects of the bromeliad field. He did not consider himself a grower but was bent on collecting, identifying and hybridizing them. Shortly after the BSI was started he became the editor of the Journal a position he held for many years. He kept a large herbarium and painstakingly described the species collected, identified them and provided them with names. It is said that he identified nearly three hundred new plants. Numerous plants have been named after him (Mulfordiis, Fosterianums) or after his wife (Racinae) or his son (Bert).

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Members Gallery

By Jose Donayre

Richard and Shirley Konefal are long term Floridians having come to the state in their early years. They moved to their current property about six years ago and have converted it into a tropical garden. While he leans more toward orchids, she sides with bromeliads. Their plants are set up in several areas arranged around trees or garden objects. One large bed, shown by Shirley on the right, Is mainly made of Aechmeas several of them blooming like Ae. Patricia in the center, Blue Tango, and Shogun in the front. Two Hohembergias Correia Araujoi and a Portea Petropolitana visible at right are surrounded by many other smaller to medium potted plants. Turning to Neoregelias, they can be found dominating some areas but are frequently placed against larger, taller plants lending color to the green of Aechmeas or other plants. Below left a bed of Neos. under the tree canopy and shade cloth. On the right, several recently acquired Neos. share space with a very large double specimen of Ae. Sphaerocephala gained at the Extravaganza auction last month.

Their most recent acquisition, on the left, rest s safely in their Neo. bed after their trip last weekend to the Tropiflora sale. This is Neo. Rosy Morn of un-known parent age but better described as a "cruenta " type, as revealed by the hot pink tips.

Richard collects driftwood mainly from the Keys and likes to experiment with tints and imaginative arrangements. Some of them end as hanging items like the ones pictured below

Driftwood is also assembled as supports or pedestals to hold some plants or objects like the shiny globe below. In this bed, the composition shows three reddish Aechmeas from Bullis derived from Ae. 'Patricia". These are taller, with straight hard leaves and are expected to be named Ae. 'Hacienda". Right, a wide based blooming Ae. Zebrina is propped

against a tree.
Here, one is a work in progress with Cryptanthus on a tall piece of driftwood and another an innovative use of a fallen tree , a victim of hurri-

Many of them had been collected during his many trips especially those to Brazil. In fact, his first trip to that country, in 1940, was chronicled in his engaging book "Brazil. Orchid of the Tropics" which is out of print but is in our library. This volume should have had bromeliads in the title but the publisher prevailed to ensure sales.
In 1977, a year before his death, the Frazels took a trip visiting the Fosters. Describing their visit in our old newsletter "Commentary" , Bill found a 10 acre property on a lake with greenhouses in the rear. Abundant bromeliads were all planted in ground, with no grass and arranged following a natural disposition around trees and shrubs.
Mulford Foster was a jovial fellow, given to humorous stories and jokes, raunchy sometimes but always entertaining. His keen sense of observation and detail took him to drawing and painting filling his house with examples of his art. A few weeks ago one of his great granddaughters contacted the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies looking for his paintings as she was interested in taking pictures of them for a book she was planning. So, if any reader have one in their possession, please contact the Council and be part of the Mulford Foster legacy.

JD

Below:
JoAnn and Becky setting up the tellers for the auction

Above:
Pepe, Ann and JoAnn listen intently to the bidding!

The Annual Christmas Party

Deadline to make your reservation with Becky is December 1st. Please get with her at the next meeting.

The Plantation Preserve Golf and Country Club

7050 West Broward Blvd in Plantation

December 16th will be a lunch beginning promptly at 11:30 - 2:00. In our own private room with a view of the Preserve. The menu is as follows.....

Salad course

Baby Spinach Salad with Bermuda Onions topped with Toasted Almonds and Florida Strawberry Hearts Served in a Creamy Poppy Seed Vinaigrette

Entree Selections:

Penne Pasta a la Vodka served al Dente in a pink Tomato Sauce with Vodka and Parmigianna Cheese

Chicken Breast pan seared and drizzled with a Creamy Chardonnay Beurre Blanc served with Select Rice Pilaf and Chef's Sautéed Vegetable Medley

Fresh Grilled Mahi Mahi seared to perfection topped with a Wild Plum Sauce and served with Select Rice Pilaf and Chef's Sautéed Vegetable Medley

Dessert

Classically Prepared Olde Key West Key Lime Pie served with Freshly Whipped Cream

Water, Iced Tea (including herbal tea) and Coffee (including Decaffeinated) are included.

The Price per person is $21.50; if you bring 5 plants to the October Auction you will receive a discount of $2.50 off your lunch. Anyone wishing to have a cocktail or wine can purchase it at the bar.

Last Months Auction Pics.....

Reminders

November Birthdays please bring goodies!

Happy Birthday to.....

Elaine Farquharson, William Shirley, Tim Hendrix

Anyone I missed, than Happy Birthday to you!!!!

Welcome All New Members

Glad your on Board!!!

A big Thank You goes to.....

Everyone who participated in the auction, from the organizers, to the bidders

On the Cover.....

Aechmea mako santan

One of many cultivars of Aechmea chantinii. It's a large upright clone with heavey intence banding on outer leaf (becoming) silvery toward the base and blacker towards the tips, the upper surface is lightly banded in green and silver. Splendid branched long lasting inflorescence. Large scape brachts hang down in bright red. The plant grows epiphytically in full morning sun or 60% afternoon sun. Available since the 1980's but not common in average collections.

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Address: _____

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

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