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Bromeliad Society of Broward County

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November 2013

Bromeliads on old growth cypress wood acquired thru Nature's Relics
Photo courtesy of Sandi Block-Brezner

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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)

Affiliations: Bromeliad Society of Broward County is a member of and supports

The Bromeliad Society International
http://bsi.org

The Cryptanthus Society
http://fcbs.org/cryptanthussociety/

The Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies
http://fcbs.org

The President's Message

Hello Bromeliad Lovers,

This month is our BIG BROMELIAD AUCTION BASH – I hope you will be attending bringing friends and family. This is a great way to add to or start your collection. We ask that members contribute 2 plants— CLEAN, FREE OF SCALE AND SOMETHING YOU WOULD WANT TO RECEIVE YOURSELF. IF YOU DON'T HAVE A PLANT, THEN BRING SOMETHING GARDEN RELATED…. BOOKS, ART, GIFT CARD, GARDEN MEMBERSHIP……We have donations from Tropiflora, Michael Khiel, Sunshine Bromeliads, Flamingoblue Designs and other garden related items. We will have a surprise guest auctioneer that will keep things movin' and shakin' !!! We will also be capable of taking credit cards (Visa & M/C).

NOTICE: We will be in the front half of the auditorium where the dance floor is – there is another event in the back half of the room at the same time (not to worry, there should be plenty of room) …SO, UPON ENTERING DEICKE, PROCEED TO THE SECOND SET OF DOORS. THERE WILL BE A TABLE SET UP TO SIGN IN AND GET YOUR BIDDING PADDLE. NEXT, IF YOU ARE A CURRENT MEMBER, YOU WILL RECEIVE A BALLOT TO VOTE ON THE NEW BYLAWS. We would appreciate you voting right there before the auction begins. The bylaws, current and proposed, were attached to last month's Scurf. Plant preview is 6:30 and the auction will begin promptly at 7:00.

NEXT: PLEASE CHECK THE CALENDAR FOR THE MEETING DATES IN JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2014.

That's all for now – if you have any questions about anything, please give me a call or shoot me an email.

See you Monday,
Colleen

Membership News

NOVEMBER

Eugene Broder
Suzanne Broucek
Tim Hendrix
Karen Ryan
Naomi Shirley
Elsa Snavely
Jane VonWaldburg
Bruce Zaret

Welcome new member Maurice Bruet of Wilton Manors

Membership News

From our Oct. 21st meeting

Where else can you eat, drink, socialize, learn about plants and old growth cypress wood, win some broms and get serenaded by guitar all in the same evening? Our October meeting was jam -packed with all of the aforementioned. Many thanks to Jesse and Dee Vance for a very entertaining presentation. No question that the cypress wood makes for a great material to creatively display our plants. The possibilities are endless as seen by our cover photo. Many thanks to Sandi Block-Brezner for sharing the photo of her old growth cypress piece that she acquired from Nature's Relics.

Our next meeting: Monday, Nov. 18, 2013 @ 6:30 pm

Location: Deicke Auditorium
5701 Cypress Road
Plantation, FL 33317

Remember to bring in two plants for the auction!

Our Country Store will be closed during this meeting.

BSBC Auction !!!

Bring your family! Invite your friends! Some terrific plants from a variety of our favorite vendors will be available thru the auction. In addition, we have a painting by JoAnn Heyer, a book, a painted pot, and a t-shirt to be auctioned off. A special guest will be serving as our auctioneer!

We will also be voting on the revision to the by-laws which was proposed at the last meeting.

Harriet's Hoots

Hello to all……

It's good to be back, however I'm ready to go on another cruise (LOL) Larry and I had a wonderful time on our vacation and I would certainly recommend the Carnival Cruise Line. Everyone was so nice, helpful and the ship was immaculate. Food was good, people we met were very friendly and we had plenty of entertainment. Actually, we were a little bit of the entertainment or should I say Larry was.

Brief synopsis… One of our stops was Key West and that week they had Fantasy Fest. The theme was Villains and Heroes. Well, Larry dressed up as The Riddler and I was Bat-girl. So, needless to say, we walked around Key West and Larry had a bunch of riddles to ask people. Most of them were passengers on our ship. They all wanted to take our picture, which they did. When we got back on the boat we changed into our everyday clothes, however, people were stopping Larry as we walked around saying, "Hey Riddler, tell us a riddle", which he did. He was quite popular, if I say so myself. So, when you see him, even though he will be in regular street clothes, ask him to tell you a riddle, which I'm sure he will (hahaha).

Well, back to reality. Again, I would like to thank Carol Mordas for handling the food table. Many thanks to all who brought food. I'm sure that Larry would like to thank Suzee again for her help with the Raffle table. We do appreciate it.

Our November meeting will be the Auction. In regards to refreshments, I would like to ask anyone who plans on bringing something, if they could make it a finger type of food or dessert….something that people can just pick up and pop in their mouths. The reason I am saying this is that I do not know if tables will be set up and if they are not, then it's easier for people to grab a small plate with some goodies on it that they can just pick up with their fingers. (Don't know how else to explain this.)

Ok, that's it for now - - - so I will see you all at our next meeting and remember, BID, BID, BID…….

Hugs,
Harriet

From the Editor

Harry Sperling and Glorida Chernoff both forwarded a link to really cool plant event showcased on the web. Ever hear of "mosaiculture?" Every three years there is an international competition in horticultural sculpture. This year it was Montreal Botanic Garden's turn to host the event. Steel armatures with dirt, moss and hoses support the sculptures which are made with locally grown living plants and which can be up to 20' high. Twenty countries participated ultimately creating 50 sculptures which ran along a two mile path. Click here and prepare to be dazzled. Hoping the next competition isn't too far from home. Thanks Harry and Gloria for steering us to this event.

Speaking of travels— once again this garden goddess headed out west in search of bromeliads. This time I found there were a few broms on Balboa Island tucked into charming gardens in the front of historic homes. So pretty. The bounty, however, came further south in the San Diego Botanic Garden. Once called, "Quail Botanical Gardens," this garden is actually located in the city of Encinitas, CA. It is simply a special spot for folks of all ages. I was drawn to this place after seeing their online photo of the Sapphire tower (Puya alpestris), an arid climate bromeliad with huge spikes of sapphire blue flowers. which had been chosen as the Plant of the Month at the garden. The plants bloom in late spring - early summer but a gardener can always hope. Maybe, just maybe…… so I put my rental car was in gear and headed off in hopes of snagging one of these beauties or at least their seeds.

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No such luck (Yes, I am already plotting how I can get back there next spring…) , but what a terrific garden overall! When I arrived I asked where to find the broms and was told they are "out and about." The garden map listed broms in the rainforest section and sure enough, there they were happily spiking among an interesting array of other regional plants and whimsical sculptures for purchase The bromeliad bonanza came in the Hamilton Children's Garden. Does it get any better than climbing up into a treehouse, crossing a rickety jungle-like bridge, and looking out over an expanse to see bromeliads of all shapes and types burrowed into the trees? Think Sheena of Tarzan fame. The day was picture perfect and so was this moment in time. The children's garden has so much to offer kids—a music area, an area of edible plants, an overgrown tic tac toe board, a spell and smell garden, etc. Whoever designed this garden should get an award for excellence. The little future gardeners were having the best time. It was heartwarming to see. As for the rest of the garden, it was the horticultural highlight of my trip. If you ever head out that way or have family or friends in that area, suggest they add it to their plans. San Diego Botanic is a must.

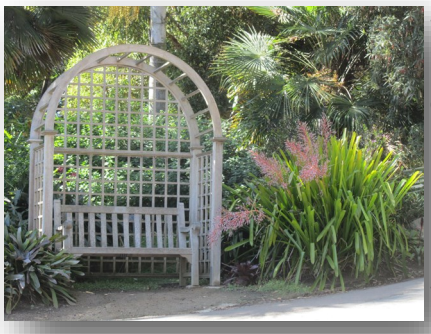

Image Gallery from San Diego Botanic Garden

For those of you receiving the SCURF by email, you will find attached a copy of Bromeliana, the New York Bromeliad Society's November newsletter. Herb Plever from the NYBS is graciously allowing us to distribute it with our own newsletter. The issue is about fertilizers.

Also noteworthy is the article "Bromeliad Heaven" on Josefa Leon of Sunshine Bromeliads in this past Sunday's Home and Garden section of the Herald, p. 4H. It's always great to read about key people in the industry. If you missed the article, click the link above or pick up a copy from me at Monday's auction.

Happy trails,
Gayle

P.S. The top of the legendary pineapple mentioned in last month's SCURF has rooted! Could a cottage industry be far behind?

New SCURF Feature

Mystery Plant of the Month

(Thanks to Becky Blackwood for suggesting this feature!)

Want to win a raffle sheet with 10 tickets?

Be the first member to email the SCURF editor at yroftiger@aol.com
with the correct name of the bromeliad featured to the right.

You Know You're Addicted to Gardening When...

Your neighbors recognize you in your pajamas, rubber clogs and a cup of coffee.

You grab other people's banana peels, coffee grinds, apple cores, etc. for your compost pile.

You have to wash your hair to get your fingernails clean.

All your neighbors come and ask you questions.

You know the temperature of your compost every day.

You buy a bigger truck so that you can haul more mulch.

You enjoy crushing Japanese beetles because you like the sound that it makes.

Your boss makes "taking care of the office plants" an official part of your job description.

From http://forums2.gardenweb.com/forums/load/peren/msg0619504510853.html ,
Anonymous

Calendar of Local Plant Society Meetings

1st Tuesday	Plantation Orchid Society	Volunteer Park
2nd Friday	Ft. Lauderdale Garden Club	Birch State Park
2nd Monday	BSBC Board Meeting	Deicke Auditorium
3rd Monday	Bromeliad Society of Broward County	Plantation Community Church
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.

Places to Go, Things to See

Nov. 16, 2013	**Plantation Tree Day 2013! Tree giveaway and plant sale**	8 am—1 pm	Jim Ward Community Ctr. 301 NW 46 Ave. Plantation
Nov. 23-24, 2013	**Key West Annual Fall Plant & Art Show**	10 am - 3 pm	Historic West Martello Tower by Higgs Beach, Key West
Dec. 6-8, 2013	**Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society Show and Sale**	9 am - 4 pm	Terry Park 3451 Marion Street Ft. Myers
Dec. 7, 2013	**Tillandsia Displaying Workshop $20**	10 am	USF Botanical Gardens 4202 E. Fowler Avenue NES107, Tampa, FL
Dec. 7-8, 2013	**Bonnet House 7th Annual Orchid & Exotic Plant Sale**	9 am—4 pm	Bonnet House Museum & Garden, 900 N. Birch Rd., Ft. Lauderdale
Mar. 15-16, 2014	**A Tropical Plant Fair**	8 am—4:30 pm 10:30—3:30	Pride Center 2040 North Dixie Hwy Wilton Manors
Mar. 22- 23, 2014	**Garden Fest !!!**	9 am—5 pm 9 am—4 pm	Volunteer Park 12050 W. Sunrise Blvd. Plantation
Sept. 8—13, 2014	**Bromeliads in Paradise 21st World Bromeliad Conference** **See the last page of this issue for a flyer on the exciting travel option available for this event!**		Ala Moana Hotel Honolulu, HI

Business

ADVERTISE HERE……..

$10.00 PER MONTH

BSBC Country Store

The Country Store has the following items for sale at great prices!

6 in" pots_____5 pots for $ 1.00
Plant Sticks___50 sticks for $1.00

Contact Bill David
@ 954-321-9229

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"DIAPER YOUR PLANTS"

Please "diaper you plants that you bring in by using a paper sleeve or a plastic bag to cover the bottom of the plant.

We want to make a good impression and keep our new meeting place as clean as when we got there.

Thank you!!

Got a bromeliad question? Send an email to yroftiger@aol.com and we'll post the question in SCURF.

Fly With BSI Members & Friends . .

BSI has secured a group rate and reserved space on Hawaiian Airlines for those attending WBC 2014.

Hawaiian Air

Mon. Sept. 8, 2014 Flight #9 Departs LAX 4:55 pm - Arrives Honolulu 8:30 pm
Mon. Sept. 15, 2014 Flight #10 Departs Honolulu 8:10 am – Arrives LAX 3:20 pm
Total Fare (inclusive of taxes) **$577.00** round trip per person

What You Need To Do. . . .
Send Your Space Reservation Request by April 1, 2014 to:
Raleigh Ferdun – WBC Treasurer
3558 B Woodlawn Drive
Honolulu HI 96822 **e-mail: rferdun@yahoo.com**

Send Your Payment in Full ($577.00) per person by CHECK to Raleigh (payable to WBC 2014) by June 1, 2014.

BSI must have 30 reservations to take advantage of this offer. However, we may secure additional seats as needed.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW !!!

Airport Transportation will be offered at a later date – additional charge.