Bromeliad Society of Broward County

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Wittrockia superba

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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 President's Message

If you were unable to make our September meeting, our program began with a memorial to Sara Donayre from our members Ann Schandelmeyer and Maureen Frazel. Three members from the South Florida Bromeliad Society joined us. Mike Michalski , one of our recent presenters and a dear friend of Sara's, brought a new bromeliad specially named "Bilbergia Sara Donayre." It was a wonderful tribute to our special member.

We also began a new series of programs by our own knowledgeable members on the different types of bromeliads. Speakers covered many of the well known varieties as well as introduced our meeting attendees to plants not normally seen in our everyday gardens. We began this educational series with our program BROMS 101 several months ago.

In our **September meeting**, member Lee Magnuson began with a slide presentation on **Neoregelias**. Lee brought in approximately 50 different varieties of Neoregelias for our attendees to see firsthand. Shirley Konefal, another of our knowledgeable members, showed a slide presentation on Achmeas. It was difficult to believe there actually were so many varieties. In fact, Shirley was unable to show her complete presentation! She will continue the remainder of her presentation at our October general meeting. Shirley purchases the Silent Auction plants on behalf of our Society. She also sells her plants on e-Bay.

Our **LAST PLANT SALE OF THE YEAR** at **HERITAGE PARK** in **PLANTATION** at Fig Tree Lane and Peters Road will be held this Saturday, **October 17th** and Sunday, **October 18th.** If you would like to sell some of your plants, come by our booth Friday afternoon or early Saturday morning to drop off your plants . Our members receive 80% of their sales price. Sellers are expected to drop off and pick up their plants and sign up for a total of 4 hours to sell during the two days. Our Country Store items will be available at the Plant Sale.

Country Store – Gauntlet gloves. 6", 7" and 8"pots. ProMix bromeliad soil. Osmocote fertilizer. Tweezers. Tag labels. Pens. Bromeliad reference books, "*Bromeliads for Home and Garden"* by Jack Kramer for $18. and *"Air Plants, The Curious World of Tillandsias" by* Zenaida Sengo for $23. Angel and Frog Wind Chimes, each for $20. Broward County Bromeliad Society Polo Shirts in small and extra large sizes, only for $11.95 Our coupon books are NOW FREE. Pick up one for the remaining months of 2015.

My cousin and I attended the South Florida Bromeliad Society's EXTRAVAGANZA in Miami SEPTEMBER 26, 2015. Unusual plants and growers were from all over the state of Florida. I bought several as did other of our members who attended.

Next month, November, **Pam Kiodi**, from California, will be our speaker. She will also be speaking for the South Florida Bromeliad Society the following Tuesday. Pam was one of the exceptional speakers at the International Bromeliad Society show in Orlando.

President's Message cont'd

NOTE DATE CHANGES DUE TO UPCOMING HOLIDAYS IN DECEMBER, JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2016

DECEMBER 14, 2015 – HOLIDAY PARTY. Chinese Auction, Free Plants to our members and GREATTTTT FOOOD from our talented member cooks.

JANUARY 21, 2016 – THURSDAY – LANKESTER GARDENS with Gayle Spinell-Gellers **AND HOLENBERGIAS, UNUSUAL AND ODD BROMELIADS.**

FEBRUARY 22, 2016 – MONDAY – FIFTH WEEK – TILLANDSIAS with Bill David and Ann Schandelmeyer. Election slate presented.

MARCH 21, 2016 – SPRING AUCTION.

Lastly, I know many of you enjoy our Society but YOUR help is needed. We have vacancies in our Board – Recording Secretary and a Director. Elections are coming up in February and I will be unable, as per our By-Laws, to continue as President. I will continue to serve on the Board as Past President. Our Board members are committed to one another to make OUR SOCIETY THE BEST.

Our Board has made major efforts to simplify each Board member's responsibility. We have a Speaker's Bureau List, an Inventory List of all the Society's property, Job Descriptions, documentation on Board Agendas and General Meeting Notes to follow, updated By-Laws and Standing Rules. A central storage unit houses all of our property except for the slide projector. There are now procedures for our plant sales, auctions, holiday and pot luck dinners. Our Board meetings lasts approximately 1.5 hours once a month.
OUR BROMELIAD SOCIETY NEEDS YOU!

See you this Monday, October 19, 2015. Becky

October Meeting

Next Meeting: Monday, Oct. 19, 2015

6:30 pm
Deicke Auditorium
5701 Cypress Road, Plantation, FL 33317

Our own Shirley Konefal presenting on Aechmeas, Part II with some beautiful slides of this genera.

The Country Store will be open as will the sales table and there will be special plants for our Silent Auction!

Images from the September meeting

Harriet's Hoots

Happy October To All…….Since I talked about the holidays coming up in my last article I won't bother to go through them again, although if I say so myself, Thanksgiving is my favorite, with Halloween coming in second. What's your favorite one??????

Larry and I had fun time this past weekend. We are members of the Florida Lighthouse Association. They have their meetings roughly 3 times a year and we visit different lighthouses and usually climb them. The meeting this time was in Key West. Actually it started out in Marathon where we took a boat to see the lighthouses that were in the water, which meant we could not climb them. The first day we took a boat ride to visit Sombrero Key Lighthouse and the second day we took a boat ride and visited the lighthouse called American Shoals. That was a fun boat ride. We had a group of great people and Larry (crazy hat guy) entertained everyone with his dancing and guess what, the captain let me drive the boat. All went well and we were all safe (lol). Our last stop on Sunday was actually in Key West. Larry took the boat to the Dry Tortugas to see the lighthouse and the fort. He did get to climb that lighthouse, which he always wanted to do. I opted for walking around Key West until the boat returned. Last thing we did was get in the car, turn our GPS on and head on home. Happy, but exhausted. Well, that was our fun weekend.

Ok, now back to thanking our members who contributed to last month's table and they are……

Maurice Bruet - - Chocolate & Vanilla Sheet Cake (very good)
Shirley Konefal - -Garlic Shrimp Pasta (delicious)
Harry Sperling - - Lemon Mango Cake (wonderful as always)
Bill David - - Macadamia Nut Cookies (wow – they were good)
Susan Mather -- - Kettle Corn Popcorn (loved it)
Errol Simmons - - Roasted Chicken Wings (what a treat)
Brigette Sheeks - - - Guacamole with Crackers (I love guacamole)
Molly Lesnick - - Plater of Cantaloupe pieces (very refreshing)
Eddie Yi - - - Guacamole w/crackers (perfect – again I love guacamole)

Ok, that's it for now gang - - see you Monday night at the meeting.
Hugs,
Harriet

Membership News

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Bill David
Larry Davis
Jose Donayre
Susan Halliwell-Mather
Shirley Konefal
Molly Lesnick
John Medeiros
Valeria Paz
John Wrench

SCURF Feature

September Mystery Plant Identified

Neoregelia grigas

Win a raffle sheet with 20 tickets—-Be the first to email yroftiger@aol.com with the correct name of this brom

From the Editor

Happy is the brom grower who finds unexpected treasures in their trees and gardens. We have lived in the same house for 22 years but only recently have tillandsias miraculously appeared from out of nowhere. A wide variety of them, too. They are on the palms in the Crescent Garden and in the very tilted hibiscus tree to the North. I have done nothing to deserve this bounty but Yahoo! Not complaining. Methinks the word is out about this type of brom, generally. Marina Tendler of www.varitta.com was selling tillandsias as mounted on crystal glass rods at Bromeliads in the Magic City. Pretty cool and sculptural.

Then, on a stroll thru Festival Flea Market, a new horticultural vendor was taking stock. Ryan at SR Orchids was happily sorting small tillandsias amidst orchids and clever displays of assorted air plants. We got to talking, shopping and oohing and ahhing over things. Kindred spirits both. Ryan is new to the area.

Update from Project Puya…. Five plants still live. One of them is easily 8 inches high, three are about 4 inches high. These four are being grown inside on a western windowsill in individual zip lock bags to create a mini green houses. Same dirt. Why one plant is way ahead of the others is a mystery. The remaining plant being grown with a southern exposure is struggling at about two inches. It is tempting to take one of the 4 inch plants out of the zip to see how it does just under regular conditions. Is that taking too much of a risk?

Garden on!

Gayle

Calendar of Local Plant Society Meetings

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

Oct. 17-18, 2015 9-5, 9-4	Broward County Plant Affair	Plantation Heritage Park 1100 S. Fig Tree Lane, Plantation
Nov. 7-8, 2015 9-5, 9-3	Mounts Botanical Fall Plant Sale	559 W. Military Trail West Palm Beach
Dec. 5-6, 2015 9-4	Bonnet House 9th Annual Orchid, Garden & Food Festival	900 N. Birch Road Ft. Lauderdale
June 13-19, 2016	BSI World Bromeliad Conference	Westin Galleria Hotel Houston, Texas

Businesses