# Bromeliad Society of Broward County
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# 2016 Officers, Directors, and Chairpersons

BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF BROWARD COUNTY
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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

Hope you have your calendar marked for our Fall Auction this Monday, October 17th. Preview starts at 6:00 pm; Auction at 6:30 pm at Deicke Auditorium at 5701 Cypress Road in Plantation. As a member, **if you don't have any plants to donate for the Auction, don't worry.** Thanks to our wholesale nurseries, locally and in Homestead, we will have plenty of plants to auction. If you can bring plants for the Auction, remember they must be clean (no scale) and potted. Come to the Auction to see plants you have not seen before. You can find a special one to add to your collection and you will appreciate those great prices. We will also feature unusual planters with some of the auctioned plants. Finger food and drinks will be available.

If you can't make it to our Fall Auction, **our members will be selling their plants at the Plantation Historical Society's Plant Affair at Heritage Park in Plantation at the corner of Peters Road and Fig Tree Lane on Saturday, October 22 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and Sunday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.** There will be other plant vendors with large varieties of plants including ornamental plants, butterfly plants, orchids and landscape plants for your gardens. Come by and visit us. We will have a large variety of root plants, too, at lower prices.

**HEADS UP:**

**At Our November 21st General Meeting,** our speaker will be Dr. Terrie Bert whose presentation will be "Surveying the Ultimate Wonders—the S through W Uncommon Bromeliad Genera." The Members' Sales Table will be closed but the Country Store and the Raffle Table will be open. At our November meeting, we will be resuming our **"Doctor is In"** segment. If you have a bromeliad problem you would like an answer to or a recommendation for, bring it to our General Meeting and we will have one of our member experts help you out. Remember to diaper your plant. If your plant is sickly, please cover it with a paper bag.

Our **Holiday Party will be December 12th**. The Board has budgeted funds for our free plant gifts. Members only will receive one of these plant gifts and you must be present to receive a plant. The Board will also provide the meat course and drinks for the event. Each member is asked to bring a covered dish. I will be passing around lists for your dish for appetizers, salads, sides and desserts at our November meeting.

**January is our membership renewal month - $25 single, $30 family at same address and $10 for students.** A free sheet of raffle tickets will be given to those members who renew in January. Those who renew after January will be charged an additional $5.00 late fee. Your membership fee provides our General Meetings space, free food, easy access with County Store items, reduced costs in purchasing plants, raffle tickets for beautiful plants, education about bromeliads, opportunities to sell members' plants, local plant sale events and holiday parties with free plant gifts.

**Thank you Judith Lacey and Susan Halliwell-Mather for volunteering for our Membership Committee.** They will be assuming the duties of our previous committee members Marsha David and Carol Mordas. Carol will be moving to the Villages in Ocala in January. Carol has also been shouldering the duties of Treasurer and her position needs to be filled by January. If you have some extra time to volunteer, the Bromeliad Society of Broward County needs you.

For those of you looking for Mosquito Bits, our Board Members recommend purchasing them through Amazon for approximately $15. If you do, remember to select Amazon Smile and enter the Bromeliad Society of Broward County. Amazon will then make a donation to our organization for your order.



See you at the Auction. *Becky*

# Harriet's Hoots

Greetings to All:

Well, we are certainly moving on to the holidays. Halloween is next (Boo), then Turkey Day (Yum-Yum) then Santa Claus is coming to town (Presents –Yay) and then it's time to shout "Happy New Year" Whew, I'm tired just thinking about all of this.

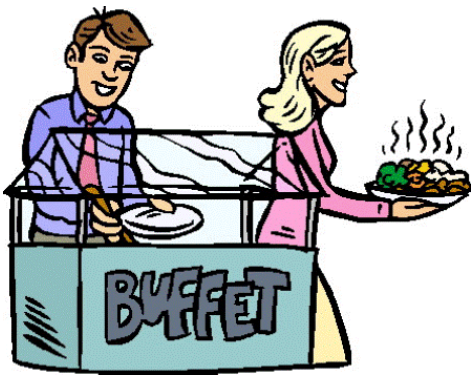
Ok, on to important matters……our meeting this month is going to be our famous and fabulous Auction. The meeting date will be Monday, October 17th. So, don't forget to bring in your plants and get ready for a fun night.

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, I still will have utensils on the table). Just trying to give you all an idea but you are all so good with your cooking skills that I'm sure you will come up with some wonderful food items and I do appreciate all your contributions.

Now I would like to thank the following members who brought refreshments and they are …….

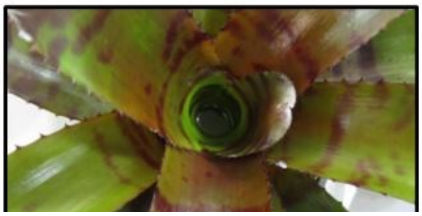
Shirley Konefal - - Chicken Wings (Yummy)
Harry Sperling - - Sour Cream Mango Coconut Cake (Wow –that was great)
Bill David - - Brownies (They are so good)
Oscar Correale - - Chocolate Organic Macaroons (Really terrific)
Vicki Janda - - - - Peccadillo with Rice (Great Idea)
Barbara & Robert Morman - - Spaghetti, Sauce & Bread (Fantastic)
Molly Lesnick-Butter Scotch w/cranberries Fruit Cocktail Cake (Wonderful)
Kathleen Mackey - - Yellow Cake (We love our sweets)
Susan Halliwell-Mather - - Pumpkin Cake (Getting ready for the holidays)
Emelda Nedd - - - Plate of Mixed Candy (That's always a treat)
Gayle Spinell-Gellers - - Stuffed Mushrooms (That was so wonderful)
Maurice Bruet - - - Fried Chicken and Macaroni Salad (So good and tasty)




That's all for now - - see you at our Auction and remember to Bid, Bid, Bid.
Hugs - - - -

Harriet

# Images from the September Meeting



# Membership News

**OCT**

**Larry Davis**
**Bill David**
**Jose Donayre**
**Susan Halliwell Mather**
**Shirley Konefal**
**Molly Lesnick**
**Valeria Paz**

# From the Editor

Some months back the Ft. Lauderdale Historical Society asked us to help them identify the bromeliads in the gardens surrounding the New River Inn Museum. I visited with Patricia Zeiler, Executive Director, took a mountain of photos and ultimately sent them on to our own Shirley Grills-Konefal. Leave it to Shirley— she identified over 30 different plants, some right down to their parentage. The Historical Society was really happy and now is embarking on a plan to place signage appropriately. Down the road, the BSBC may be able to collaborate with the society on workshops featuring bromeliads. A win-win for all. Thanks for your help, Shirley.

**Garden on!**

**Gayle**

I have no major trips on the horizon but my bromeliad loving friends—- Jane and Jane do. Jane C. left Tuesday for her mission to the little library on the Amazon in Peru. Last year I shared the images she took of broms high up in the trees just beginning to bloom. As we said goodbye for now, I reminded her to BOLO for broms and take pictures again this time while still keeping an eye out for fer de lance. She is one garden loving gutsy woman. Jane V. is off to Amsterdam and Barcelona. It isn't tulip season now but Amsterdam is pretty lush so who knows what she will find. The only broms I saw in 2013 in Spain were in arrangements in stalls on Las Ramblas but Jane is hitting other places and she always has a camera or phone in hand. We will see what my emissaries bring back. You never know. Enjoy the beginning of the cooler weather.

# Calendar of Local Plant & Nature Society Meetings

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| 1st Tuesday | Plantation Orchid Society | Deicke Auditorium |
| 2nd Monday | BSBC Board Meeting | Deicke Auditorium |
| **2nd Tuesday** | **Butterfly Club** | **UF Extension , College Avenue , Davie** |
| 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. |

# SCURF Feature

**Congratulations to Harry Sperling who correctly identified the September mystery**

Cryptanthus Black Magic

**Win a raffle sheet with 20 tickets—**

Be the first to email yroftiger@aol.com with the correct name of this brom on the right.

# October Meeting

**Monday, October 17, 2016**

**6:00 pm**

**Deicke Auditorium, 5701 Cypress Road, Plantation**

## Fall Auction

Always a fun event! Join us as renown auctioneer **Peter Kouchalakos** handles the sale with info and insight, with quips and comments. The auction is a chance to expand your own collection with special plants and to learn more about specific broms. No two auctions are alike. Deicke is definitely where you will want to be on 10/17.

The Country Store will be closed during this event.

**Special Requests… !**

If you have extra **plastic bags** from a grocery, we can use them for taking home plants and for the local food bank.

**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](smile.amazon.com). Funds go the organization directly.

# Places to Go, Things to See

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| Oct. 18, 2016 | Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden<br>Annual Auction of Rare Plants, 7 pm | 10901 Old Cutler Road Coral Gables, FL 33156 |
| Oct. 22 & 23, 2016 | Heritage Park<br>Broward County Plant Affair | 1100 S. Fig Tree Lane<br>Plantation, FL 33317 |
| Oct. 22 & 23, 2016 | Gainesville Fall Plant Sale with Orchid Show<br>9 am—5 pm | Kanapaka Botanical Garden<br>4700 S.W. 58th Drive<br>Gainesville, FL 32608 |
| Oct. 22, 2016 | 3rd Annual Munn Park Garden Extravaganza<br>8 am—4 pm | 201 Main St.<br>Lakeland, FL |
| Nov. 5, 2016 | Growvember Mead Botanical Garden Fall Plant Sale; 8 am—4 pm | 1500 S. Denning Drive<br>Winter Park, FL 32789 |
| Nov. 19 & 20, 2016 | Key West Garden Club Sale, 10 am—3 pm | West Martello Tower by Higgs Beach |
| Dec. 16 & 17, 2016 | Tropiflora Winter Sale, 8 am—5 pm | 3530 Tallevast Rd.<br>Sarasota, FL |
| May 29—June 3, 2018 | World Bromeliad Conference | San Diego, CA |

# Businesses

# The 18th Annual Fall Plant Extravaganza

**Don't miss this exciting and unique PLANT SALE, only offered twice a year to the public!**

**FEATURING:**

Over 500 species of **Rare & Exotic Palms**, Crotons, Cycads, Cordylines, Bromeliads, Aroids, Heliconias, Gingers, Orchids, Flowering Trees & Shrubs, Tropical Fruit Trees, Unusual Specimens and a diverse selection of Ornamental Landscape Plants! Knowledgeable Staff and a Crew of Volunteers on hand to assist with plants, questions and design ideas.

*Arrive **early** for the best selection, as certain plants have limited quantities. Bring your wagons and carts!*

**Location:**

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**FREE BBQ LUNCH!**
**FIRST WEEKEND, SAT. AND SUN. FROM 11:00AM - 2:00PM OR UNTIL SUPPLIES LAST.**

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**NO SALES PRIOR TO Friday, October 7th**
**WE ACCEPT ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS**

**Fall 2016 Schedule:**
**October 7th, 8th**, 8:00AM - 5:00PM
**October 9th**, 9:00AM - 4:00PM
**Following Weekend:**
**October 14th, 15th**, 8:00AM - 5:00PM
**October 16th**, 9:00AM - 4:00PM

**NO PETS PLEASE**

## FINAL REMINDER....

## MONDAY NIGHT, OCT. 17TH!
## BSBC AUCTION @ DEICKE
## 6:00 PM