Bromeliad Society of Broward County

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October 2017 Scurf

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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 BSI, Cryptanthus Society and FCBS (2017-2020)

The President's October Message

Hurricane IRMA certainly put a crimp in our September Board and General Meetings. I hope all of you survived with minimal damage. Mine was one large Michelia tree (55') and a Mayho (?) (told you I wasn't good with bromeliad or tree names). The Mayho 35' to `40' high. They had been part of my landscape for as many as 16 years – just like a member of my family. My bromeliads survived well – a little too much water for them, but otherwise survivors.

Missing our September meeting means OCTOBER THROUGH JANUARY 2018 ACTIVITIES WILL BE INCLUDED IN THIS EDITION OF THE SCURF!!!!!! Since we will not have another GENERAL meeting this year, I am asking each of you to participate either by signing up at our Auction or sending Richard Sedlak or Harriet Abo an e-mail for the information I am asking below.

BEGINNING WITH

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2017 – OUR ANNUAL FALL AUCTION…….MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

With our Master of Ceremonies Peter Kouchalokos - not only an opportunity to replace those damaged plants in your garden but add to your collection at bid prices. For those of you who have never been to our Auctions, they are evenings of bromeliad education and history, planting techniques and GREAT PRICES below market. Peter will answer your questions, too. Bring a friend. We will have finger food and refreshments.

Members – start preparing your 3 donated plants. This is the largest of our two Auctions each year. In addition to your plants, we will feature unusual and rare donated plants from our South Florida Bromeliad growers to add to your collection.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Hopefully by now you have received by e-mail a copy of our Annual Fall Auction card. We are asking you to forward it to your friends to notify them of the event and invite them to join us. Due to Irma, we were unable to pass them out as originally planned.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2017 & SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2017— FALL PLANT AFFAIR
(Set-up Friday, October 27th 2-5pm)

The Fall Plant Affair Sale sponsored by the Plantation Historical Society will be held at SEMINOLE PARK this year. Heritage Park has been closed indefinitely due to damage from Hurricane Irma. SEMINOLE PARK'S ADDRESS IS 6500 S. W. 16TH STREET, PLANTATION – less than a ½ mile from Heritage. Going west on Peters Road, turn left on South West 67th Terrace and proceed to Seminole Park. All those interested in selling, please contact me through e-mail, call at 954-791-8017. Set-up will be Friday from 2:00 -5:00 pm at SEMINOLE PARK. Sign-up sheet will be passed around at our Fall Auction. Root plants will be accepted at the plant sale but they must be cleaned, identified and price attached. If you don't have a seller number, see Susan Mather at our membership table. If you need help getting your plant ready for sale, i.e., identification or help with pricing; come by on Friday afternoon after 3:30 while we are setting up or early Saturday morning. The sale is from 9 to 5 on Saturday and 9 to 4 on Sunday. Great opportunity to earn some money and get rid of those excess pups you've been getting from all this rain.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2017 – FAIRCHILD GARDENS

Instead of our General Meeting, interested members will be taking a tram tour at Fairchild Tropical Gardens on 10901 Old Cutler Rd, Coral Gables, FL 33156. We will provide you with a map. Our tour begins at the entrance to Fairchild at 11:00 am that day. Lunch can be purchased at the Gardens Restaurant or you can bring your own. We must have 20 or more members to enjoy a reduced entrance fee of $18 (normally $25) for those folks who are not Fairchild members.

A sign-up page was passed around at our August meeting, but we are still short by eight attendees. Richard Sedlak is keeping the Attendee List. You can signup at our Auction. If you are not planning to attend, contact Richard by email at sedlak1@comcast.net or call him at 954-296-5633.

THERE WILL BE NO GENERAL MEETING AT DEICKE AUDITORIUM IN NOVEMBER.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2017— OUR HOLIDAY PARTY.

Members bring a covered dish, the Board will provide the meat and refreshments. CHINESE AUCTION GIFTS CAN BE POTTED AND CLEAN BROMELIADS, GARDENING BOOKS OR TOOLS, PLANT RELATED GIFTS, GIFT CARDS OR GARDENING RELATED GIFTS. These must be covered or wrapped so they cannot be seen. Gift plants will be given to our members who are present. Members will be asked to bring a covered dish for one of the following: appetizers, salads, side dishes and desserts. Volunteer lists will be passed out at our October Auction for you to sign up or send Harriet Abo an e-mail at lovedisney20022002@yahoo.com or call her at 954-268-3471 after November 1.

THIS IS OUR ONLY MEETING IN DECEMBER

2018

Due to Federal Holidays in January and February and City of Plantation scheduled activities, our General Meetings are changed to:

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2018 — 2018 Membership Renewal Month

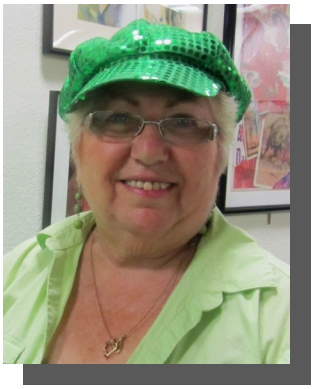
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2018 — Election of Officers

VISIT OUR WEBSITE bromeliadsocietybc.com **to find the SCURF and more information about our Society or see our FACEBOOK page.** We are encouraging members to submit videos of their gardens for others to visit online. If you would like your garden videotaped, please contact me and we will arrange to have your garden videotaped and downloaded on our Society's website. Contact me at cblackwood@bellsouth.net or call me at 954-791-8017. Leave a message if I'm not in.

New members will receive a copy of our Membership Directory through their e-mail address. Also, a copy of our BROM 101 booklet will be available for new members at the Membership Desk during our General Meetings.

See you at the Auction, *Becky*

Harriet's Hoots



Hello to all: As you know we did not have a meeting in September due to Irma - - what a storm - - what a hurricane - - maybe Irma was mad because she wasn't invited to our meetings. Seriously, I do hope that all of our members came through this horrible storm without too much damage. I'm sure that losing power was not pleasant and I hope that it wasn't too long until you got it back.

Ok, now on to more pleasant matters - - we are having a meeting on Monday, October 16th and of course it is our famous and fabulous Auction. So get ready for a fun evening and don't forget to bring your plants.

I want to hear all about it as Larry Davis and I will not be attending. Not that we don't love all of you and the club (LOL) but we will be on vacation that week. We are going to Tennessee and we will be in Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg. We are taking a road trip which is always fun, fun, fun.

In my absence, Susan Mather has been kind enough to take over the refreshment table. She took care of this once before and she did a wonderful job and I want to thank her for her help.

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, there will still be utensils on the table)

So, hope everyone has a great time at the Auction. I know that we will have a great time in Tennessee.

See you all when we get back - - and don't forget to Bid – Bid – Bid

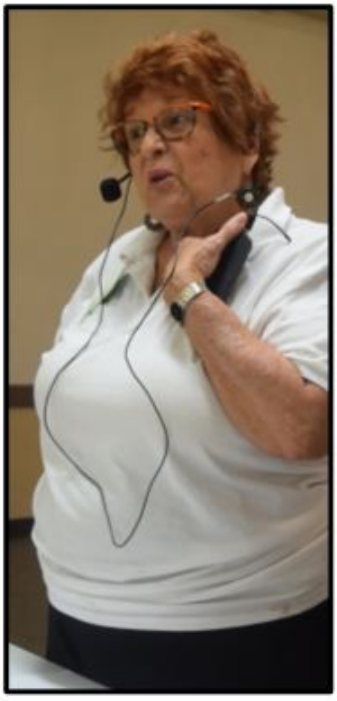
As always - - - Hugs,
Harriet

Membership News

Sept & Oct

Denise Addison
Larry Davis
Bill David
Jose Donyare
Bill Frazel
Sue Gutman
Valeria Ingold
Molly Lesnick
Shirley Konefal
Susan Mather
John Medieros
Emelda Pecou
Mariana Yi

Images from the August 2017 Meeting



welcome

New member: Sabel Fernandez of Pembroke Pines

October Auction

Pick up your bidding pallet at the check-in desk. Revitalize your collection!

Peter Kouchalakos reprises his role as auctioneer

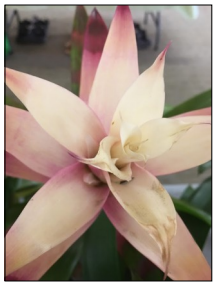
The place to be on Monday, Oct. 16, 2017 is

Deicke auditorium

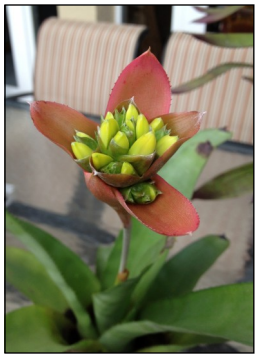
Preview of plants is at 6:00 pm, Bidding begins at 6:30 pm

Credit cards, cash or checks will be accepted

Great bromeliads, delicious munchies, fun with kindred folks



For Sale: The BSBC LCD projector: Viewsonic PDJ 5111 with 2500 ansi lumens. $100. Machine specs are here.



Aechmea mertensii

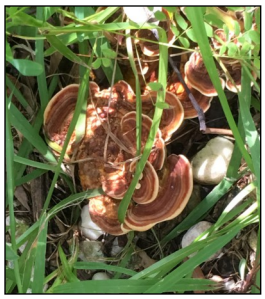
Mystery Bromeliad of the Month

John Medieros sent in the photo to the right. Be the first to identify this mystery plant and win a raffle sheet with 20 tickets. Email: yroftiger @aol.com with your guess.

From the Editor

First and foremost, we all hope you and yours are on the road to recovery in the post-Irma world.

As I look out on the landscape of my own home and see a different scene, I am wistful for what was lost and grateful for what remains. The Crescent Garden jammed packed with broms of all sorts all acquired from our club and our generous members and the Robellini palms made it thru OK initially but now, with the reduced canopy, plants are getting scorched. The weeping hibiscus with double red blossoms which had tilted after Wilma is even lower to the ground and has to be taken down as the tap root is split. It was home to forty bromeliads and hanging orchids as well as a staghorn which we got as a baby from the Ft. Lauderdale Garden Club sale years ago. Not sure where that plant can go now. The Blue Tangos at the base of the tree will have to be moved. I hope to salvage a few before they too are too bruised to recover. They are among my favorite broms ever. The Perez I got at one of our silent auctions is in perfect shape and may needed to be separated. Shirley? Help!!! The Powder Puff tree is gone and assorted shrubs are also gone. There doesn't seem to be a logic to the damage at our house. My fledgling butterfly garden which actually seemed to be working in attracting butterflies, is back to square two. It is really apparent that less butterflies are coming by. Paul and I had been very excited to see what was beginning to happen before the storm. That component of the garden alone will require careful thought. Tillandsias came thru very well (Miss Ann said they were hardy fellas), neos less so.



Jonathan of Bartlett Trees came out to evaluate our overall situation. Of critical concern was the treasured mango tree with its phenomenal every other year crop of mangoes. It had been home to broms in baskets and orchids. Despite the loss of a huge branch, the tree is good and will do well after strategic trimming. Yay! Definitely worth consulting a pro. Jonathan then pointed out the beautiful Chinese Fan Palm I love which the birds planted for me in the wrong place could be moved if the weird mushroom at the base is determined not to be the kind that destroys the plant. I sent a photo of it off to UF and am awaiting word. Any guesses?

Like many of us, there were huge piles outside for pickup. This has all given me pause and a chance to reevaluate how to go forward. I had too many plants in plastic pots which dried out, cracked and became razor sharp. I had let too many broms pup in pots, get too crowded and then couldn't work well with them. How much of a garden can I realistically handle? Many decisions to be made and the auction could not come at a better time. Gardening with broms is in my soul and my house looked so much prettier with them in the front yard that motivation to rebuild is returning. Cooler weather will help. Even my neighbors have commented on the garden. Apparently, it brings their spirits up as they jog by or walk their dogs. Some folks have even gone home with a brom or two.

During tough times, gardening and reading have been stress relievers. Looking for the latter, lo and behold there is a whole series of fiction books that revolve around a gardener in Great Britain. Check out the series by Marty Wingate….. Book One is The Garden Plot. Also from the web, some fresh ideas for plant display.as you see on the left from https://www.pinterest.com/source/media-cache-ak0.pinimg.com/

Gardening rules!

Gayle

Places to Go, Things to See

Oct. 28 & 29, 2017	**Plantation Fall Plant Affair**	**Seminole Park 6500 S. W. 16TH St Plantation, FL**
Nov. 3 & 4, 2017	**Mead Gardens GROWvember Fall Plant Sale**	**Mead Botanical Gardens 1500 S. Denning Dr. Winter Park, FL 32789**
Nov. 4, 2017, 10 –2	**Quiet Waters Park Native Plant Sales**	**401 S. Powerline Rd, Deerfield Bch**
Nov. 4 & 5, 2017	**Plant-A-Palooza Fall Plant Sale**	**Mounts Botanical West Palm Beach**
Nov. 10-11, 2017	**Fall Garden Festival**	**Fairchild Tropical Botanical Garden Coral Gables**
Nov. 13, 2017	**9th Annual Bromeliad Auction**	**Indian River Bromeliad Society** Garden Club of Indian River County, 2526 17th Ave. , Vero Beach
May 29—June 3, 2018	**World Bromeliad Conference**	**San Diego, CA**

Businesses

Next Meeting is Our Auction:
Monday, October 16 , 2017

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Title	Author	Copyright
Blooming Bromeliads	Ulrich Baensch	1998
Brazil Orchid of the Tropics	Mulford & Racine Foster	1945
Bromeliaceae Andreanae	Edouard Francois Andre	1983
Bromeliaceae Ole Proceedings of the 1982 World Bromeliad Conf	Corpus Christi Bromeliad	1982
Bromeliaceaes of Venezuela	Francisco Oliva-Esteva	1987
Bromeliaceas en Flor (In Spanish)	Ulrich Baensch	1996
Bromeliads	Francisco Oliva-Esteva	1996
Bromeliads - Genera, Species, Hybrids	Louis Dutrie	none
Bromeliads Copy #1	Victoria Padilla	1973
Bromeliads Copy #2	Victoria Padilla	1973
Bromeliads for Contemporary Gardens	Andrew Steens	
Bromeliads for Home Garden & Greenhouse	Werner Rauh	1973
Bromeliads Horticulturalist Guide	Jack Kramer	1981
Bromeliads in Cultivation	Robert Gardner Wilson	1964
Bromeliads in the Brazilian Wilderness	Elton M.C. Leme	1993
Bromeliads in the Atlantic Forest	Elton M.C. Leme	1997
Bromeliads, Houseplants of Today & Tomorrow	Walter Richter	none
Bromelien (German)	Werner Rauh	1973
Canistropsis - Bromeliads of the Atlantic Forest	Elton M.C. Leme	1998
Jewel of the Tropics - The Bromeliads	Lyman B. Smith	1969
Nidularium - Bromeliads of the Atlantic Forest	Elton M.C. Leme	2000
Searching for Miss Fortuna - The Hunt for a Bromeliad	Chester Skotak	2007
Taking Bromeliads		
The Colorful Bromeliads - Their Infinite Variety Copy #1	Victoria Padilla	1981
The Colorful Bromeliads - Their Infinite Variety Copy #2	Victoria Padilla	1981
Tillandsia II	Paul T. Isley III	2009
University Press of Florida		2011