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Bromeliad Society of Broward County

October 2005

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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
http://bsi.org

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

The Bromeliad Society of Broward County is a member of, and supports:
The Cryptanthus Society
http://www.iinet.net.au/~scrozier/Culture.html

Next Meeting: October 17th, 2005

Auction, Auction, Auction

Bromeliad Society of Broward County's Annual Bromeliad Auction. Preview plants at 7:00pm, Auction begins promptly at 7:30pm

Bill Frazel, auctioneer

We meet the third Monday of every month (except January) at 7:30 p.m. in the Broward Agricultural Extension Building 3245 College Avenue, Davie, Florida

Due to the Auction, the Member Sales Table and the plant raffle will not take place this month.

Calendar of Events for 2005

October 14th, 15th & 16th, 2005
Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society 2005 Standard BSI Show & Sale
Terry Park, 3410 Palm Beach Blvd., Ft. Myers, Fl
Friday, October 14, 2005 - Registration, Exhibit Entry & Standard BSI Judged Show
Saturday, October 15, 2005 - open to public 9:00am to 5:00pm
Sunday, October 16, 2005 - open to public 10:00am to 4:00pm
For further show and sale information please contact Diane Molnar at (239) 549-3404 or capebrom@aol.com and Brian Weber at (941) 355-2847 or brianweber16@aol.com respectively.

October 15, 2005
Botanical Fest and Plant Show at Florida Institute of Technology
150 W University Boulevard Melbourne, FL from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

October 17th, 2005 Bromeliad Society of Broward County
Annual Auction. Preview plants at 7:00pm, auction begins promptly at 7:30. Bill Frazel, auctioneer.

BROMELIAD EXTRAVAGANZA
Date: October 22, 2005 Bromeliad Extravaganza, Presented by Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies, hosted by Sarasota Bromeliad Society, To be held at the Sarasota Garden Club 1131 Blvd of the Arts ,Sarasota, FL
Free Admission Hours 9:00-4:00
Banquet and Rare plant auction (benefiting the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies). The Helmsley Sandcastle, 1540 Ben Franklin Dr. Lido Beach, Sarasota, FL. 941-388-2181

. 12 Florida Bromeliad Societies get together and have a huge plant sale, rare plant auction . For Further info contact Rob Branch 941-358-4953 or email ldolatow@tampabay.rr.com
For banquet info contact 941-962-7401

November 18th - 20th, 2005
Independent Plant Breeder's Conference
Organized by the Environmental Horticulture Department at the University of Florida (UF), Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS).
More information is available at http://conference.ifas.ufl.edu/

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June 6 - 11, 2006
Bromeliads on the Border
17th World Bromeliad Conference
Town and Country Resort & Convention Center
500 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, California 92108
http://www.towncountry.com More info. http://fcbs.org/

The BSBC has been invited to attend the November 1st, Master Gardner's meeting to hear a speaker from Gainesville talk about the weevil.
The meeting is from 7:00 to 9:00 (same place where BSBC meets) For more info contact Lindsey Koehler at 954-610-2295.

The Presidents Message

We were very sorry to miss our September meeting with the presentation by Nat DeLeon due to the menacing rains of Hurricane Katrina. Public offices like the Agricultural Extension Building were forced to close. We were wise to revive the summer meeting in August, otherwise we would have had two months with no fun.
From what information we were able to gather, none of our members had major losses although losing even a dozen plants in large collections is indeed significant or damages to shade houses or other arrangements is always to be regretted. The clean up and repotting started in August must continue thru today given the winds and rain of Rita and what is still with us at the beginning of October.
What is more important is to recognize the extraordinary sense of solidarity among the US bromeliad members towards the members of the bromeliad societies in Louisiana. Officials of the Florida Council and the BSI started a flurry of e-mail activity designed to locate Louisiana resident members and find the best ways to help them. As it developed when I was in Lima, Peru, the internet was a perfect mechanism to gather views and suggestions. For all of us in Florida, subject to weather events, it is comforting to see this happen.

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Book of the Month

Last June we started featuring our book of the month with the last of the "Bromeliads of the Atlantic Forest" trilogy on the "Nidularium complex" by Brazilian self-taught botanist E. Leme. That volume was devoted to the genus Nidularium. This month our feature book is the volume on Canistropsis, the second of his beautifully illustrated trilogy. These publications, the result of more than a decade of research, confer to this group of bromeliads the status of a separate genus. Before this, Canistropsis were considered either part of the genus Neoregelia or part of the genus Canistrum. Some of them like the C. Seidelii with its beautiful intense yellow inflorescence or the various C. Billbergioides are more familiar to us. Whatever your experience with Canistrums, the illustrations in this book will please the eye and stimulate your collecting appetite.

As usual, The Baensch book "Blooming Bromeliads", the one by Steens "Bromeliads for the Contemporary Garden" and the booklet "The Beginner's Guide to Successfully Growing Tillandsias" will be brought for consultation at the meeting.

Editors Disclaimer

Any spelling errors or wrong identifications will be corrected in the following Scurf !

Members Gallery

by Jose Donayre

Charles Nicholls has been a plant collector for many years after he retired in Florida from a job in Washington. He has set his plants in an exuberant tropical environment where bromeliads have a star presence. His property is located in a cul de sac on the water adding to the open setting nature of his collection where sunny spots mingle with filtered light and deep shade

The entrance is flanked by groups of Neorogelias surrounded by other plants, Calladiums in particular. The front is framed on one side by a large group of Ae. Malva.
The whimsical decorative piece with the T. Fasciculata at left, or the placing of plants on the ground under the canopy, as in the case f the Edmundoa Lindenii, or on trees like the Ae. Correia-Araujoi perched on a palm tree, both below.

Nicholls at rest on his porch behind a group of blooming Guzmanias and a view of the water at the back of the Property. A profusion of plants surround the pool, but some bright bromeliads mark their presence.

Tillandsia krukoffiana

Variety piepenbringii

(Shown on the next page) by Bud Hendrix

This plant was obtained about nine years ago as a pup and with no idea what it would ultimately look like.

It turned out to be a large plant about five feet in diameter with leaves four inches wide, soft and grey in color. Through the years it was grown in mostly shade and proved to be an easy grower. Reproduction has been by means of " grass " which has been abundant and easy to start.

However, during this nine year period there has never been a bloom. The decision to " gas " the plant was made.

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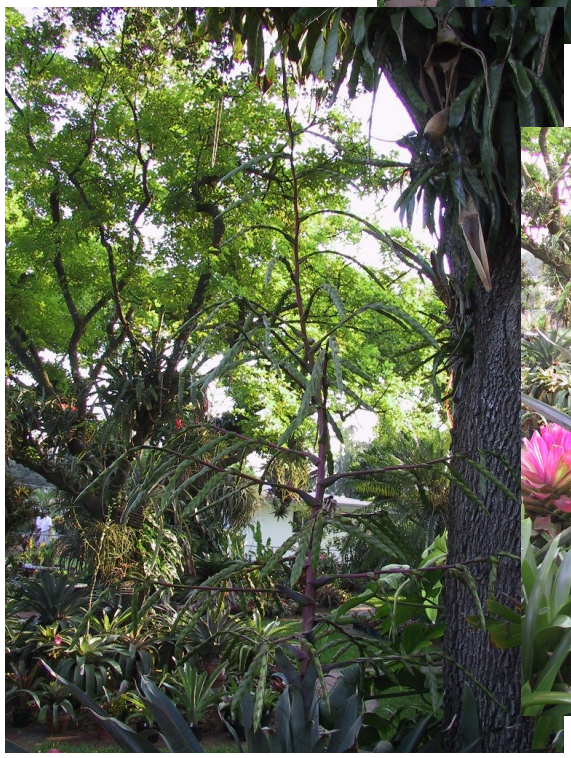
The process involves trickling acetylene gas through water and then pouring the water on the plant where some is retained in the leaf cups. About thirty days later the plant started coming into bloom. The inflorescence is spectacular in size and shape; six feet tall with 20" branches. It is basically the color of the plant with tiny purple flowers.

(This picture had to be taken in two parts due to the height of the plant)



Searle Brothers Nursery had their biannual sale this past weekend which the BSBC was invited to use this venue to promote Bromeliads and recruit new members, which was quite successful

The atmosphere was great, the Bromeliads were beautiful— What a fun way to spend a weekend!

Scurf Factoid.....

Historical Note

The production of our bulletin has been a labor of love throughout the years, to keep our members informed of activities and to spread the knowledge of the plants we most admire. During the early years, the Editor painstakingly typed the contents in stencils for the mimeograph machine and drawings were used to illustrate plants. Later, black and white pictures started to be sparingly used. Only in September 1974 color pictures appeared in what then was called "Commentary". These were Polaroid pictures glued to the pages of the bulletin. Can you imagine the effort to manually attach these pictures to each issue?

Now, we enjoy the printing of sharp color pictures of brilliantly blooming bromeliads not only on the cover of Scurf but in the inside pages. True, technology has evolved and made production simpler but we have to thank Tim and Colleen Hendrix and our webmaster Matt Hendrix for taking that technology and using it to support our hobby. We have come a long way, baby!

Reminder

Remember to bring at least 5 plants to donate to the auction. This auction brings in most of the revenue that supports our club. You will also receive $3.00 off your ticket for the holiday party at the Sea Watch Restaurant. So please be a Bromeliad society Supporter!

Reminders

October Birthdays bring goodies!

Happy Birthday to.....

Sara Donayre
Josefa Leon
David Tuttle
Steve Smith
Jack Meharian

Anyone we missed? Then Happy Birthday to you!

Announcements

Heads up for October's auction

And

Holiday Party Saturday, December 10th

Welcome All New Members & Guests

23 new members in the past month thanks to Searle Brothers Nursery for lending us the venue to promote our society.

A big Thank You goes to.....

JoAnn Heyer and all members of the auction committee and to all those that have been helping clean up our meeting room and bringing in the delicious deserts.

On the Cover.....

Neo. Pendula

Photographed by: Tim Hendrix

"Sunshine Ranches"
Bromelia, Exotic Plants

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PLANTATION, FL 33317
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Membership Application

(Renewals – Just correct the mailing label on the other side)

Name: _____

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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