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Bromeliad Society of Broward County

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courtesy of Bruce Zaret

2012-2013 Officers, Directors and Chairpersons

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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

Hi Bromeliad Lovers –
Welcome home to Diecke – if you haven't already visited, you will be pleasantly surprised. They did a beautiful job with the renovation (so we need to keep our plants CLEAN, no spilling dirt, drinks, food)…….and what about this break in the weather?! Sure makes it a lot more doable to work in the garden.

I'd like to thank Tracy Moulton for stepping in and doing the very informative program on Maria Selby Gardens. It was great not to mention beautiful pictures, too!

So moving forward, we are in fall our speaker for this month will be fantastic and different. For those of you that need to mount your bromeliads or any other plant that does well on driftwood ….YOU NEED TO BE THERE…..DON'T MISS THIS MEETING.

Also, your board has been working hard on streamlining a few things in the by-laws which we feel are good revisions to keep the club running smoothly and efficiently while generating great programs in a beautiful venue. A copy of the proposed revision to our existing by-laws starts on Page 12 of this issue of the SCURF. Bruce Zaret will be presenting at the meeting. Discussion and vote on the changes will be held at the November meeting. (You must be a current member to vote.) If anyone has any questions on the by-laws, you can email timbo-169@comcast.net or call my cell.

Speaking of November – we will have our annual auction November 18th. Please tell your friends and family as we have gotten donations from Tropiflora, Michael Kiehl, Flamingo Blue Designs …….and more. I am so excited about these fantastic donations!

Oh, one more thing, I would like to thank Plantation Community Church for letting us use their facility while Deicke was under renovation, they were very generous to us….so **thank you!**

See you Monday,
Colleen

Membership News

OCTOBER

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

Welcome new member Mike Harris from Cooper City

Membership News

From our Sept. 16th meeting…..

Many thanks to Tracy Moulton for her really interesting presentation on the Marie Selby Gardens in Sarasota. There is nothing quite like having a garden to yourself before the masses arrive. No question the images in Tracy's slide show just whet a gardener's appetite for a visit to the garden. Thanks for sharing, Tracy!

Our next meeting: Monday, October 21, 2013 @ 6:30 pm

Back at: Deicke Auditorium
5701 Cypress Road
Plantation, FL 33317

Jesse and Dee Vance
from NATURE'S RELICS
will speak on:
Old Growth Cypress Wood

Member Sales Table will be closed.
Raffle table will be open.

Wood will be available for purchase.

Four years ago we discovered one of Florida's great natural treasures… a rare commodity that few know very much about-----and that is "Old Growth Cypress Wood."

What was once a virgin cypress stand, now provides a prime area for reclaiming this centuries old wood. The wood is cleaned, prepared, and made user friendly for mounting plants, landscaping, and for interior/exterior decorating. This beautiful wood is presented at orchid and botanical garden shows, along with being displayed at restaurants, furniture stores, and is used extensively by many interior and floral designers.

It is our great pleasure to have the opportunity to share swamp adventures, the history behind old growth cypress, and the numerous benefits and uses of America's own exotic wood!

We have a great opportunity to have hybridizer, **David Shagii** from Hawaii as our March 2014 speaker. The fee for this presentation is $750 and requires approval of the BSBC membership. The presentation would be free for our members, but $10 for non-members to help defray the costs. Yea? or Nay?

Harriet's Hoots

Welcome Back, Welcome Back……

It was great to see everyone once again. Thank goodness we still had the Church to have our meeting at. I do believe that our October meeting will be held at Diecke (I'm sure they missed us) . Oh and in advance - - - HAPPY HALLOWEEN EVERYONE !

We had a good amount of members show up for this past meeting, a full raffle table and a nice assortment of refreshments. Tracy Moulton gave a great talk and presented an interesting slide show.

Just a quick note to say that Larry and I will not be at the October meeting as we are going on vacation (Hooray – Yippee) can you tell that I'm excited ?

We are going on a cruise to Key West and Mexico. We will sail the ocean blue, have a great time just relaxing, seeing the sights and ,of course, eating (LOL). Maybe I can get some recipes to try out for our next meeting. Carol Mordas has agreed to take over the refreshment table for that meeting and Suzie Newman will be handling the raffle table for Larry. We would like to thank both Carol and Suzie in advance for pitching in and I know they'll do a great job.

Well, now that I said we had a nice assortment of refreshments, I would like to thank the following members for contributing. They are (DRUM ROLL, PLEASE) :

Jane Von Waldburg - - Platter of Chicken Salad (delish)
Martha Gregory - Spaghetti Bake (Very good, as always)
Shirley Konefal - -- Garlic Shrimp (My favorite – Yummy)
Tracy Moulton - Guacamole & Chips & Pumpkin Bread (these were great)
Gayle Spinell-Gellers - Cinnamon Spice Cake (I love cinnamon)
Colleen Hendrix - - Lemon Cake (Another hit – I love lemon)
Maureen Frazel - - Blueberry, Nectarine & Banana Squares (WOW)
Susan Mather - - - Wasabi Peas (Spicy, but good)
Patty Zicarelli - Stuffed Grape Leaves with Olives (Super Good)
Denise Addison - - - Nice bowl of Popcorn (just like the movies – great)

Well, that wraps up another meeting and another article. So, everyone have a great October meeting and we'll both see you in November.

Bon Voyage and Hugs - - -
Harriet

Reminders !

Remember when……..

Our meeting on **November 18th** at Deicke is the AUCTION ! Now is the time to start reviewing what plants you are going to bring in. We hope each member will bring in two plants, labeled and ready to go. Be sure to invite your family and friends to this terrific event. There are going to be some truly special plants available and you won't want to miss out!

The **December 16th** meeting is our annual Holiday Party !

From the Editor

No, the picture to the right was not taken in Hawaii. Members of the BSBC promised if I gave pineapples a chance, yes they would grow here. Yes, they would even be edible. No one was more surprised than me, however, when Friday's tour of my bromeliad garden yielded one very ripe pineapple. Friends and family were visiting, so we conducted a taste comparison study of a locally purchased pineapple and the small, but mighty, homegrown one. The homegrown pineapple won out! We saved the top of the pineapple and are going to try to replicate this historic horticultural moment. Move over, Dole !

The August 2013 issue of *Prevention* magazine has an article entitled, "Barefoot Benefits." Dr. Stephen Sinatra, earthing researcher and cardiologist, reports that walking around barefoot in direct contact with the ground (sand or earth) for 20 minutes will ease inflammation and 40 minutes may help to reduce blood viscosity which may lead to heart attacks and strokes. By walking barefoot, a person begins to absorb the earth's negatively charged electrons and balances out free radicals linked to inflammation. So, kick off those shoes and walk among the posies.

Happy Trails,
Gayle

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

Oct. 26-27, 2013	**Broward County Plant Affair**	9 am - 4 pm	Heritage Park 1100 S. Fig Tree Lane Plantation
	South West Florida Yard & Garden Show	9 am - 4 pm 10 am - 3 pm	Collier Co. Univ. Ext. 14700 Immokalee Rd. Naples
Nov. 2-3, 2013	**Mounts Botanical Garden Fall Plant Sale**	9 am - 5 pm 9 am - 4 pm	Mounts 559 W. Military Trail West Palm Beach
Nov. 8-10, 2013	**Fairchild 73rd Ramble Garden Festival**	9 am - 4:30 pm	Fairchild Gardens 10901 Old Cutler Rd Coral Gables, FL
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. 7-8, 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** **(see attached flyer)**	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**		Ala Moana Hotel Honolulu, HI

EQUALITY PARK GARDEN CLUB AT THE PRIDE CENTER
PRESENTS:

A Tropical Plant Fair

Saturday, March 15th, 2014
8 AM – 4:30 PM
Sunday, March 16th, 2014
10:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Tropicals * Orchids * Bromeliads* Palms * Aeroids* Heliconias * Cycads * Exotics and many other plants will be available for sale. Experts will be there to answer your horticultural and landscape questions.

FREE ADMISSION

The Pride Center

2040 North Dixie Highway
(6 blocks South of Five Points)
Wilton Manors, Fl.

Contact Richard for further information including space available for vendors:
plantfair2014@aol.com or 954 257 2317
http://www.facebook.com/ATropicalPlantFair

Thoughtful Contribution From a Friend…..

AND THEN IT IS WINTER

You know. . . time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years. It seems just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my mate. Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams.

But, here it is… the "back nine" of my life and it catches me by surprise… How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go? I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that "I was only on the first hole" and the "back nine" was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like.

But, here it is…my friends are retired and getting grey…they move slower and I see an older person now. Some are in better and some worse shape than me…but, I see the great change… Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant…but, like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd become. Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore… it's mandatory! Cause if I don't on my own free will… I just fall asleep where I sit!

And so…now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did!! But, at least I know, that though I'm on the "back nine", and I'm not sure how long it will last…this I know, that when it's over on this earth…it's over. A new adventure will begin!

Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done…things I should have done, but indeed, there are many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime.

So, if you're not on the "back nine" yet…let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life please do it quickly! Don't put things off too long!! Life goes by quickly. So, do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether you're on the "back nine" or not! You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life…so, live for today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember…and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past!!

"Life" is a gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after. Make it a fantastic one.

LIVE IT WELL! ENJOY TODAY! DO SOMETHING FUN! BE HAPPY !

Remember "It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver.

HAVE A GREAT DAY

Thoughtful Contributions From a Friend…..

LASTLY, CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

~Your kids are becoming you……but your grandchildren are perfect!

~Going out is good.. Coming home is better!

~You forget names…. But it's OK because other people forgot they even knew you!!!

~You realize you're never going to be really good at anything…. especially golf.

~The things you used to care to do, you no longer care to do, but you really do care that you don't care to do them anymore.

~You sleep better on a lounge chair with the TV blaring than in bed. It's called "pre-sleep".

~You miss the days when everything worked with just an "ON" and "OFF" switch..

~You tend to use more 4 letter words … "what?"..."when?"..." ???

~Now that you can afford expensive jewelry, it's not safe to wear it anywhere.

~You notice everything they sell in stores is "sleeveless"?!!!

~What used to be freckles are now liver spots.

~Everybody whispers.

~You have 3 sizes of clothes in your closet…. 2 of which you will never wear.

~~~But Old is good in some things: Old Songs, Old movies, and best of all, OLD FRIENDS!!

Stay well, "OLD FRIEND!" Send this on to other "Old Friends!" and let them laugh in AGREMENT!

It's Not What You Gather, But What You Scatter That Tells What Kind Of Life You Have Lived.

Today is the oldest you've ever been

Yet the youngest……you'll ever be,

So enjoy this day while it lasts.
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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.

FINAL D R A F T of October, 2013
BY-LAWS OF THE BROMELIAD SOCIETY
OF BROWARD COUNTY

ARTICLE I
NAME

The name of this society shall be "BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF BROWARD COUNTY, INC." This shall be a non-profit organization incorporated under Florida law.

ARTICLE II
OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this Society shall be two-fold:

1. To serve the mutual interests of its members by consistent endeavor to increase their knowledge concerning all aspects of Bromeliad botany.

2. To promote wider public appreciation and knowledge of Bromeliads by participating from time to time in public displays or other means of educational endeavors.

ARTICLE III
MEMBERSHIP

The membership of this Society shall be open to the public and consists of three kinds: Active, Honorary and Student.

1. **Active** members of the Society shall be persons whose interest in bromeliads is such that they are willing to support the society by their attendance and participation in its activities. They are privileged to vote and hold office, and to receive publications of the Society.

2. **Honorary** membership may be conferred on any person for outstanding interest or achievement in connection with Bromeliads. Any active member may submit the names of such persons in writing to the Executive Board for approval. The Board must then present the name to the Society at a regular meeting to be approved by a two-thirds majority of members present. Honorary members shall be exempt from payment of dues, and may not vote or hold office. However, upon payment of dues, an Honorary member may convert to an Active member status with its full privileges of membership.

3. **Student** members shall be a person who is a duly enrolled, full-time student who wishes to obtain more knowledge of Bromeliads. He or she must be willing to participate in the Society's meetings and activities of the Society.

The Board may revoke membership for inappropriate conduct,. Such conduct would include, but not limited to objectionable language and disruptive behavior.

ARTICLE IV
EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The Executive Board of Directors will consist of five elected individuals who must have Active membership status in the Society. The Board will be elected by the general Active membership by majority vote of the present members at the noticed election meeting. The duration of the term of office of these Directors will stagger in order to promote Board function. One Director will be elected to serve a term of three years, two Directors will be elected to serve a term of two years, and two directors will be elected to serve a term of one year. For the first year of this transition all 5 Directors will be elected with their terms stipulated.

2 The Executive Board shall act on all matters of general policy. These Directors may also serve as chairman of standing committees or perform other services. All Board of Director actions require a majority vote of a quorum of the Directors present in person or by telephonic/electronic medium at a duly noticed meeting.

3. A quorum of the Executive Board, shall be empowered to fill all vacancies on the Board by a majority vote. These appointees shall serve until the next regular yearly election.

4. The Board will delegate its secretarial and financial functions amongst the Board's members, or where appropriate, to a duly designated Executive Director who is not a Board member. At its discretion, the Board may designate one of its members as President to facilitate Board functions and Executive Director oversight. The Board President has no exclusive inherent powers distinguishable from the other Board Members, and can be replaced at any time by another board member, or the presidency position left vacant, at the discretion of a majority of a quorum of the Board members.

5. The Board, at its discretion, may establish standing committees to promote the functions of the Society. These may include the spheres of Program Development, Publicity, Membership, Editor of the Scurf, Historian/Librarian, Special Events, Refreshments, Show, Education and any other deemed necessary by the Board. The committees will report to the Executive Director or to the Board directly as the Board deems appropriate.

6. Exclusive of Executive Director benefits, The Board shall be empowered to authorize individual monthly expenditures of not more than $500.00. Any line item over this amount must be authorized by a vote of the general membership.

7. Exclusive of direct Executive Director benefits, The Board and its Executive Director designee shall establish a single $100.00 monthly contingency stipend for ongoing society operations.

8. Any director may be removed from office at any time by a vote of the majority of the active members at a duly noticed meeting where a quorum is present. Failure to attend at least 50 percent of the board meetings shall constitute grounds for dismissal. Other grounds for dismissal are to be determined on a case by case basis by the active members as long as such grounds do not violate statutory bias provisions

ARTICLE V
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

1. The Board at its discretion may appoint an Executive Director who may or may not be an Active member of the Society. Such appointment must be approved by the general membership within 60 days. The Executive Director is not a voting member of the Board of Directors. ALL actions of the Executive Director are subject to approval by the Board.

2. The Executive Director position may be compensated as defined by the Board of Directors. Salary arrangement and structure will be published to the members.

3. The Executive Director may be terminated without cause at any time without notice at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

4. The Executive Director may be charged with any Society duty including supervision of record keeping and preparation of financial reports as mandated by Florida statutes.

ARTICLE VI
DUES

1. The fiscal year of the Society shall begin on January 1st and end on December 31st. Dues are due and payable on January 1st. Any member whose dues are delinquent for 60 days shall be dropped from membership, following notification by the Society.

2. Honorary Members are not subject to dues unless they desire to have Active member status and have the privilege to vote; in such a case the individual must pay regular dues.

3. The annual dues shall be established by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VII
MEETINGS

1. The Regular meeting of the society shall be held monthly on a day, date and time agreed upon by a majority vote of a quorum of the active membership at a regular or duly noticed special meeting.

2. Regular meetings of the Society may be temporarily advanced or postponed by vote of the society at previous meetings or by vote of the Executive Board in an emergency. In such cases, members shall be notified of the change as soon as possible.

3. Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the Executive Board or by a vote of the Society at a regular meeting. At least three days' notice must be given.

4. Fifteen members plus three Executive Board members shall constitute a quorum for Regular or Special meetings.

ARTICLE VIII
NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS

1. A Nominating Committee which shall consist of three members of the Society who are not on the Board of Directors, shall be named by the Board of Directors. This committee shall be selected at the January Board of Directors meeting and the Nominating Committee's report will be published in writing and/or verbally at the March general members meeting.

2. At the March general members meeting, the Chair of the Nominating Committee will propose a slate of Directors for vacant positions. The Chair of the Nominating Committee will also call for nominations from the floor. If there are no additional floor nominations, a call for acceptance of the slate will be made to be followed by a seconding motion to approve. If additional nominations are made and seconded, then those names will be included in the general vote. A quorum of the general active membership present will vote on the Director nomination(s) at this March meeting. When more than a single Director position is available, the election will be decided based upon those individuals who receive the highest total number of votes for those available positions. The membership will be able to cast an individual vote for each of the available positions.

3. The terms of new Directors shall begin immediately after election at the March general membership meeting.

ARTICLE IX
AMENDMENTS

1. Amendments to the By-Laws may be voted on at any Regular meeting providing notice of such amendments has been given at the previous regular meeting. A two-thirds vote of all members present shall be required to amend or add to the By-Laws.

ARTICLE X

1. At the discretion of the Board, decisions by the Board can be solicited electronically if necessary between Board meetings. .

ARTICLE XI
PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORIZATION

1. *Robert's Rules of Order Revised* shall govern the affairs of the Society in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-Laws and Standing Rules.