Bromeliad Society of Broward County

September 2018 Scurf

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One of the many lovely Tillandsias in Harry Sperling's Hollywood garden

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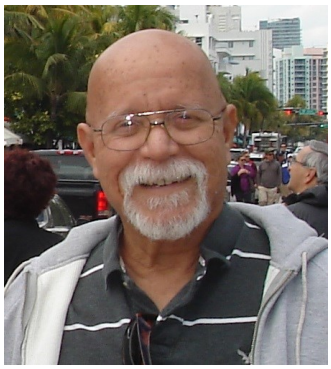
Our meetings generally offer a speaker on timely and noteworthy topics, member plant sales, a plant raffle, special holiday plant auctions, diagnosis of disease and pest problems, and a Country Store with selected bromeliad and gardening supplies.

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 September Message

Yeah….yeah…it is the east coast's least favorite time of year. The time when wonderful tropical trade winds blow and then turn into vicious monsters!

Well, let's not think about that. But if it does happen, what would you do with your collection? Well, with Bromeliads, that is basically easy. As we all know, our favorite plant can be almost indestructible and although try as it might, a hurricane is no match for them. Of course, it would be foolish to think they would not maintain some damage, but overall….generally speaking, with low profile of the bigger landscape Bromeliads you should come out fine. The only problem I encountered was large plants in a tall pot. I had some Aechmeas in my front yard that ended up being rather shredded, but Bromeliads being Bromeliads it did not take long for new leaves to make their appearance. Now as for your potted specimens you should use your discretion. I always take my collection and bunch them together under protected areas und a bush or hedge. Of course any valuable plants you would most certainly want to bring in-doors. There is no rocket science attached to all this and it boils down to how much you value your plants.

Membership News

Next Meeting: Monday, Sept. 17, 2018 at 6:30 pm at Deicke Auditorium

Guest Speaker: Roxie Pelliccia from the Wonder Gardens
Topic: Unusual and Exotic Plants

"I've always had a passion for plants, so gardening was my hobby.

As my four children got older, I wanted to learn more about growing plants so I got a job at a large wholesale nursery. I learned so much there about growing and selling plants. I decided to open a retail garden shop of my own. I found a vacant garden shop at Sears in the Broward Mall and named it Wonder Gardens.

Over my 29 years there, I met with many wonderful people and was very happy. Even though my store has closed as of July 25th, I will continue to be a part of plant world."

Roxie will be bringing plants for sale and our own Member SalesTable will be open as well.

Also, if you have a plant that is under the weather, Roxie might just be the gal to help you bring it back to health. Bring in a photo of the problem or the plant itself in a plastic bag and let's see if we can solve the problem.

Yes, there is the raffle, the Country Store, our Silent Auction and delicious refreshments. All good !

Want to learn even more about bromeliads? Become a BSI judge. Classes are in Florida. If you would like to take this next step, see Becky Blackwood at the meeting or give her a call at 754-281-9766.

Vriesea Sidewinder
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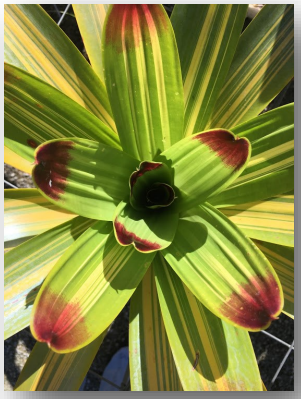
Mystery Bromeliad of the Month

Be the first to identify the mystery plant to the right. If you can identify it, you will win a raffle sheet with 20 tickets.
Email: yroftiger @aol.com



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FROM THE AUGUST MEETING

Everbody LOVES adding new plants to their collection!

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Denise Addison
Bill Frazel
Susan Gutman
Emelda Pecou

Harriet's Hoots

Greetings to All - --

Well, the months are just flying by. September is almost half over, but not until Larry and I take a mini vacation. We will be going to Mount Dora in about a week from now and joining us will be two of our very good friends. They have never been there so we will show them the sights. If any of you have not been to Mount Dora, it is great. There are antique shops to wander around and the town of Mount Dora is such fun. There are plenty of shops and restaurants to explore. I need to look up the events that Mount Dora has that weekend. The last time Larry and I visited, there was a great restaurant and when you walked in, you were told that you had to take a hat and put it on for the whole evening. Now guess who loved that idea (Hat Guy, of course). The only drawback was that you had to put it back when you left (guess who did not like that idea -hahaha). Anyway, we will see what they have in store this time.

It's time to thank our members who contributed refreshments at our last meeting. So, thank you, thank you and thank you. They are as follows:

Harry Sperling -- - Chocolate Strawberry Pecan Cake
(Just wonderful)
Susan Mather - - - Bowl of Watermelon (Sweet and Delicious)
Shirley Konefal - - Cheese Plater (Nice and Healthy)
Gloria Chernoff - - Chocolate Chip Cookies (Just Great)
Gina Havens - - - - Chips and Guacamole (My Favorite)
Gayle Spinell-Gellers - - Duke's Hummus (Nice Change)
Diane Leiner - - - Platter of Pretzels (Great to Munch On)
Elsa Snavely - - - Plate of Mangos (Good Choice)
Robert & Barbara Moorman - - Chili and Rice (Wonderful)
Brigitte Sheeks - - Platter of Cheese, Crackers & Grapes
(My favorite)
Lena Levine - - - - Plate of Cookies and Bottle of Soda
(Hit the Spot)

Well, Gang, it's time to wrap up so I will see you all at the next meeting.

Hugs - - Harriet

FROM THE EDITOR

Somebody asked me a while back why after all this time I keep going to gardening meetings. The answer is simply that every single time I walk away with new insight, new information, new solutions or fall in love with some new brom or butterfly plant that I have to find a home for. Gardening may not be in her DNA but it sure is in mine. Peace and satisfaction come from working in the dirt and seeing things grow.

In 1977 a native Floridian named Virgil said these very words to me, “Mark my words, Gayle, it is all going to come down to water. You will see.” Up there in years, Virgil had been a farmer’s son and had lived his whole life in the town just north of us. Didn’t have much in the way of formal education but he knew the land, the climate then, what worked and what problems would be on the horizon. Virgil was his own Farmer’s Almanac. The stories he told about his life……

All that brings me to wanting to thank Dr. Moore, our speaker last month. Some of what she said was common sense like putting plants with like water needs together. Duh! Such a simple concept but boy, am I off target with that one. Our garden decisions were driven by wanting color movement and variety in texture, not water needs. We had been watering as per the city’s restrictions too, but Dollar Weeds were threatening to devour the yard, encroaching on all my broms. Since Dollar Weeds are aquatic, we were literally feeding the very villian we wanted to eliminate. Decreasing the watering time per section based on the PSI of the sprinkler system and lowering the arc of the spray are simple changes to make which should cut back on water usage. Our established bushes don’t need to be watered at all. New plants need hand watering until established. Knew that from when we planted the mahogany tree to replace the ailing Royal Poinciana in the middle of the southern bromeliad garden. Speaking of which, though gone for a year, the Royal Poinciana is still sending up new baby trees. If you want one, let me know. We have to remove all that appear.

And speaking of appearances, the garden on the north end of the house ringed in bromeliads is doing nicely. The surprise of the week was the agave which is the focal point of that garden and which measured about 24” in diameter when bought, is now 6’ all around and sending up its third flower. It was supposed to die 13 years ago after sending up its first bloom. It sent out pups as predicted but kept growing nonetheless. We removed all the offshoots so we know this is the original plant. The shoot seems to grow every day.

Other happy news is that the purple and green coleus planted near the broms of the same color have taken a liking to the spot and are doing well. Cuttings are in the works to expand that and baby coleus seeds are just sprouting. Hoping that a wide variety of coleus develop so they can be placed near the bright red Neos in the Crescent Garden. Should look good. Now if the right tillandsia can just be found for the piece of wood Paul brought home.

The gardening adventure continues!
Gayle

P.S. From Alaska to Brooklyn, Guzmanias grace the hotel lobby!

Places to Go, Things to See

Oct. 6, 2018 8 am—1 pm	Manatee County Master Gardener's Annual Plant Fair	
Sat., Oct. 27.2018—9 am—5pm & Sun., Oct. 28, 2018 9 am—4 pm	Plantation Plant Affair	Plantation Heritage Park
Sat., Nov. 9, 2018... 9:30 am - 4:30 pm; Sun., Nov. 11, 2018 9:30 am—4:30 pm	Fall Garden Festival, featuring the 77th Annual Ramble	Fairchild Gardens, Coral Gables
Sat., April 13, 2019 9:30 am to Sun., April 14, 2019 4:30 pm	Spring Garden Festival and 39th Annual Spring Plant Sale	Fairchild Gardens, Coral Gables
Oct. 17-20, 2019	Golden Broms	Queensland, Australia !!!!
2021	Australasian Bromeliad Conference	New Zealand !!!!!!

Businesses

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Ads in the SCURF are $50 for 6 months, $100 for 12 months.
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September MEETING

Monday, Sept. 17
6:30 PM

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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