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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

The Bromeliad Society of Broward County is a member of, and supports:
The Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies
http://fcbs.org

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The Cryptanthus Society
http://www.iinet.net.au/~scrozier/Culture.html

Next Meeting: September 19th, 2005

Speaker : Nat Deleon

" Everything you wanted to know about Bromeliads,

So Ask"

Tips along with a Question and Answer Session!!!

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

Plant sales will be Open
And, we will have our plant raffle

About our Guest Speaker

Nat DeLeon was the horticulturist in charge of the grounds at the former Parrot Jungle on Old Cutler Road in Miami for more than 35yrs. He became interested in bromeliads in 1956 and began hybridizing bromeliads in 1957 to the present. Co-founder and first president of the BSSF and also taught classes in bromeliad culture at Fairchild Tropical Gardens for 8yrs. He was a Director and also president for the BSI and elected *Life member* of the BSSF and BSBC. He also help start the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies.
Charter member of the Aroid and Heliconia Societies and the Palm Society.
Another great accomplishment is that he holds *five* bromeliad patents and has *three* more pending.
In January 1996, he was inducted into the Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association Foliage Hall of Fame.

Calendar of Events for 2005

August 20 & 21, 2005
Bromeliad Fantasy, with display and sale
9 AM - 4PM at Sanford Garden Club, 17-92 & Fairmont Drive, Sanford.

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 brianweber1b@aol.com respectively.

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

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
Special room rate of $79 - $99
. 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/

Above an Ae. Triangularis In bloom.

Right, one of our members has a new idea for an entry in the decorative container division in our next show.

The Presidents Message

First, our thanks to Ray Lemieux of Tropiflora for his very informative presentation on terrestrial bromeliads illustrated with his recent hybrids. We also admired his fearless approach to super-spiny Dyckias and Deuthero-cohnias.

We all wish your collection did not suffer much with Katrina's violent winds. Your Aechmeas must now be at their best blooming period showing their long stems crowned by all sorts of bright colored branches, sepals, berries and flowers. But the summer, as it slowly recedes, we'll leave you with some unwelcome tasks. One, is the healthy weeds growing on the ground or on your pots which call for hand work to pull them out. Better now to apply a thick layer of mulch to prevent further growth. And, in addition, to avoid soil compacting and improve drainage while keeping moisture in. The other is the unsightly as well as damaging algae growth settling particularly in Neoregelia cups. If washing is not enough you may have to use a non-copper algaecide.

Otherwise, enjoy your surviving broms at any stage, blooming or not, and prepare yourself for another active fall season.

Pepe

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 self-taught Brazilian botanist E. Leme. That volume was devoted to the genus Nidularium. This month is the turn of the volume on Canistropsis, the second one in the trilogy. This exceptional book covers a broad field of interests. From the beginner's who will marvel at the colorful illustrations, to that of the experts who will follow the taxonomic details used by Leme to describe 14 of these beautiful plants. While genus Canistropsis is the centerpiece of the book, two sub-genuses of Neoregelia are included with their distinctive characteristics. In all of them you will find some plants we are all rather familiar with.

As usual, we will also have the Baensch (Blooming Bromeliads) and Steens (Bromeliads for the Contemporary Garden) books for consultation at the meeting. Plus the booklet donated at our last meeting by Sydney Sotor "The Beginners Guide to Successfully Growing Tillandsias"

Editors Disclaimer

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

Members Gallery

Jose Donayre

This time the plants shown belong to two of our members. Anne Kauffman who joined our Society in 1980 and has served in many of our Boards, as well as in our Shows being a Judge herself.

In set above, Anne's Neo. 'Jungle Drums', blooming T. x Floridana On the right, her full size Vriesia Hieroglyphica

Below, Anne's Neo. 'Purple Rain'

Left, her Tillandsia trellis with Till. Ehlersiana, Till. Flabellata Till. Caput Medusa and Till. Edithae. A blooming Canistrum Billbergioides Pink is a plus.

Fred Senior has been an avid and persistent collector for over ten years with our society

Neo. 'Bongo

'Big Red'

A group of his Neoregelias protected from the morning sun show their bright colors: 'Sybil Jane', 'Alpha', 'Big Red', 'Grace', Maribel', 'Evan' and 'Charlotte' can be spotted.

What is an Extravaganza?

By Maureen Frazel

An annual event which is held in the fall and is attended by people who have a mutual interest and are of a fun loving nature. This weekend event referred to as an extravaganza features a one day sale on a Saturday. Some of these events also include features on the Friday night and an open house on the Sunday. On Saturday night a dinner followed by an auction of all plants is a highlight which benefits the Florida Council. The main benefactor is the irradiation of the weevil. The Florida Council maintains a treasury which can be tapped into when needed to ensure continuation of the work in progress by the University of Florida. The variables in the style of these events depends on the lost society. South Florida will host the event in 2006 and our society will host in the Fall of 2007. Many of these events also feature seminars and workshops. This year the extravaganza will be held in Sarasota which is an easy 2 1/2 hour drive. So if you are not able to spend the night a day trip is possible. The sale will be in the Garden center and dinner at a beach front hotel. This will be an informal lunch type event. I will maintain a list of people willing to drive and also those looking for a ride. I am suggesting that the passengers offer $ 10.00 per person to help with the gas expenses.

We live at a convenient place to car pool from and parking for overnighters. We are located 4 blocks south of 595 along Flamingo Rd. at 12500 Lake Rd (SW 12th ST) Davie, second house on the left off of Flamingo Rd. Our phone is 954-474-1349.

This will be a worthwhile and fun weekend which could also be profitable if you choose to sell. You will also meet many great Bromophiles. Details are located in the " Calendar of Events " in the Scurf. See you Oct 22nd. Get your dinner and hotel reservations in soon.

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Dinner reservations a $ 22.00
Make check payable to SBS and send check to:
Dorothy Berg
5146 Northridge Road # 107
Sarasota, Fl 34238
941-924-0060

Hotel reservation
The Helmsley Sandcastle
1540 Ben Franklin Dr
Lido Beach, Sarasota, Fl
941-388-2181

Deadline is October 8th

Bonus Plant Winner
Becky Blackwood
Hechtia macdougalii x Guatemalensis

Name Tag Winner
Joann Heyer
Neo. olens marie x Neo. cruenta

Our guest speaker Ray Lemieux

Scurf Factoid.....

Historical Note.

In the last few months we have been referring to the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies (FCBS) and to the annual Extravaganzas as the next one is taking place in Sarasota on October 22. What would be more appropriate then, to look back at the beginning of these two features of the bromeliad world in Florida.

On June 26, 1977 a meeting took place at the home of Carol Johnson in Longwood, FL to discuss the organization of a group representing all bromeliad societies in the state. Carol, one of the outstanding Floridians involved in bromeliads, was at the time President of the Society of Central Florida and the owner of the famed "Pineapple Place" sadly gone since 2000. The participants agreed to an organizational meeting in Miami which launched the FCBS in August. The objectives of the Council were to promote better communication and co-operation through state shows, state and foreign field trips, speakers exchange and a newsletter.

To mark the birth of the Council, the decision was taken in December that year to stage the first Annual State Bromeliad Show (as it was called initially), in May 1978. Nat De Leon was named Show Chairman. It took place with great success at the Fairchild Gardens, hosted by the B. Society of South Florida. Best of Show was a large specimen of a blooming Ae. Zebrina entered by Harvey Bullis. Of the BSBC participants, President Frank Maitland got an award for his Neo. Fireball basket, Maureen Frazel for her artistic arrangement and Bernice Cornfield for a clump of Cryptanthus Billbergioides. The latter is of great merit because that was the first time Bernice had ever entered a plant in a show. Her candid comments printed in the Commentary will be worth reading for beginners. It will be reprinted in the Scurf before our next Show to encourage more of our members to enter.

Nowadays, Extravaganzas are very elaborate events with seminars and lectures, massive commercial and member sales, a large group of rare plants to be auctioned and a banquet but do not include full BSI shows.

Reminders

September Birthdays bring goodies!

Happy Birthday to.....

Bill Frazel	Joan Graff
Anna Rousse	Fred Senior
Naomi Shirley	Maria Ramos

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

A big Thank You goes to.....

To all those that have been helping clean up our meeting room and bringing in the delicious deserts

On the Cover.....

Who Can Name that "Dyckia"

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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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