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Bromeliad Society of Broward County

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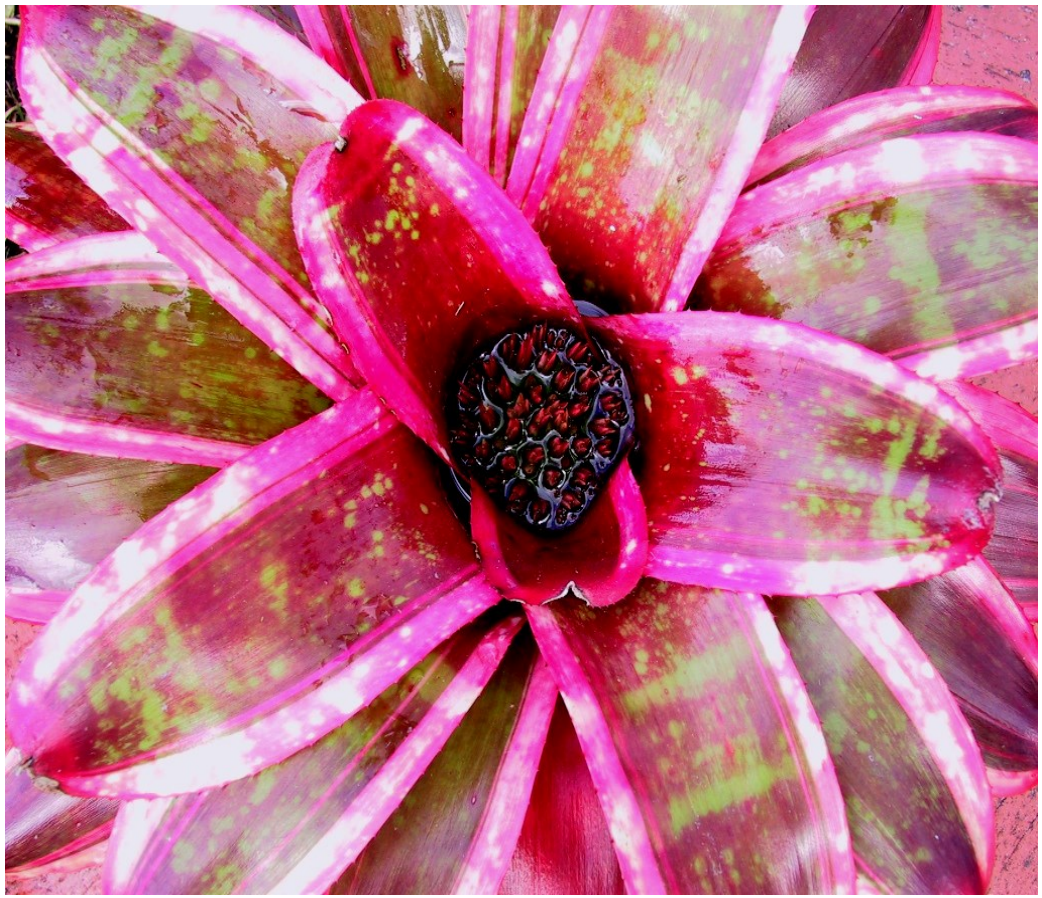

Special Edition Scurf

You will see that we have wrapped the outside cover of the Scurf on the 2007 Extravaganza Program. We are so pleased how the Ex 2007 program turned out and we wanted each of you to have one. Please don't forget to bring it with you to the Extravaganza.
The amount of people that will be attending is getting larger and larger; we have guests coming from as far away as Hawaii, California, South America..... This is going to be quite an event!
All of the efforts that have been performed by the Show Chair and the Committees are really paying off. Thank you everyone!!!!!

Next Meeting September 17th, 2007

Guest Speaker : Dr. Theresa Bert

Topic: "Bromeliad Evolution: From Tepuis and Highlands to Lowlands, Seashores, Mountains, and Deserts"

In this presentation, I talk about the development of bromeliad genera from the earliest bromeliads to now and about their spread throughout Western Hemisphere warm regions and adaptation to different climates. To tell this story, I use bromeliad shape and form (morphology), genetics, distribution, and ecology and Western Hemisphere climatic and geographic history.
To learn more about Dr. Bert, please refer to the EX 2007 program.

Raffle table will be open
Members plant sales will be closed
(Terrie will be bringing her plants to sell)

On the Cover

Neoregelia "milagro"
This is another Chester Skotak hybrid.
There is a fantastic article in the February 2007 edition of the Orlandiana titled " Costa-Rican Shangri-La. However, this article first appeared in the May 2000 issue of "The Bromeliad Advisory" You can pull this up on the internet.

See you at the meeting, Colleen

Calendar of Events 2007

August 18-19 - Sanford Garden Club

Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society and the Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society Judged Plant Show A standard judged plant show to include bromeliads and other tropical plants. Sanford Garden Club Building, 200 Fairmont Drive, Sanford, FL 9 AM - 4 PM both days. There will be plant sales and plant displays. Admission is free, and is open to the general public. If you have questions, please call 321 -363-7351.

August 31-September 2 - Cryptanthus Show 10th International Cryptanthus Show Beaumont, Texas
Contact: Steve Hoppin at Steveandlarry@comcast.net or 239-997-2237

September 21-23 - 14th Australian Bromeliad Conference

14th Australian Bromeliad Conference. Rydges Resort Hotel, Port Macquarie. Enquiries to 47 Boden Street, Edge Hill QLD 4870 or linnie@ledanet.com.au

September 29 - Broward County Bromeliad Extravaganza

The Bromeliad Society of Broward County invites you to the 2007 Bromeliad Extravaganza on September 29, 2007 at the Hilton Ft. Lauderdale Airport Hotel, Dania Beach FL. Special hotel rates for show guests. Plant sales, lectures, raffle, banquet and rare plant auction. Info (954) 925-5112.

November 30-December 2 - Caloosahatchee Show/Sale Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society Sale and Show
In conjunction with the 10th International Cryptanthus Show
Terry Park, 3410 Palm Beach Blvd (SR80) Fort Myers, FL
Judged Shows - Friday, November 30th with sales
Saturday and Sunday, December 1- 2
Contact: Steve Hoppin at Steveandlarry@comcast.net or 239-997-2237

2007 BROMELIAD EXTRAVAGANZA

HOST: Bromeliad Society of Broward County
DATE: September 28 – 29, 2007
WHERE: Hilton Ft. Lauderdale Airport Hotel
1870 Griffin Rd.
Dania Beach, FL 33004

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, September 28th

Hotel Check-in
Lobby Display set-up
1:00 pm on: Vendor Set – up
Raffle Set – up
Rare Plant delivery
6:30 – 8:00 pm: Pool side Cash bar. Cocktail.

SATURDAY, September 29th

8:00 am: Registration / Information
9:00 am – 4:00 pm: Vendor Sales
Raffle Sales
Plant Holding area open
Plant Clinic.

10:00 am – 12:00 pm: Seminar Series A
1:30 pm – 3:30 pm: Seminar Series B
4:00 pm: Breakout vendor and exhibit areas.
Raffle Results through out the day.

5:30 pm: Pre – Banquet Cash Bar
6:30 pm: Banquet Room opens: Reservations required in advance.
Rare Plant viewing.
7:00 pm: Banquet served: Reservations required in advance.
8:30 pm: Main presentation by Chester Skotak.
9:30 pm: Rare Plant Auction

SUNDAY, September 30th

Tour program. Nurseries and private collections
12:00 m: Check-out

2007 Bromeliad Extravaganza
September 29, 2007
An August Update

The 2007 Bromeliad Extravaganza being hosted by the Bromeliad Society of Broward County (BSBC) on behalf of the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies (FCBS) is now in the final stages of preparation. The well planned advertising program is rendering good results as exemplified by the number of hotel and banquet reservations being made. Our mailing of notices and updates has resulted in more people becoming familiar with the event and details. Our ads placed in the BSI Journal, the Tropical Garden (the magazine of the Fairchild Tropical Botanical Gardens and others have been seen by many interested people who have contacted us for more information. In the weeks ahead we are planning other forms of dissemination to spread information on the Extravaganza activities.

At the FCBS meeting on July 14th in Gainesville, the reps of all eleven societies attending were briefed on the advances made in the preparation of the event. They received an advance pre-print sample of the program which is being put together. Work on the booklet continues and we expect to be able to distribute the final version to all societies by mid-August. Several ads, including those of some societies have made the publication economically feasible.

Chester Skotak and his wife Lorena will be poolside on the 28th for the welcome reception. He will address the banquet on Saturday with a presentation he has titled *"Chester on Chester"*. The title itself will surely put banquet guests in a state of expectation.

As is customary in all Extravaganzas, there will be a special display with bromeliads at the hotel entrance. Patricia Bullis has enthusiastically accepted Bullis Bromeliads to be the designer of the display. Those who have been amazed at the display Bullis Bromeliads assembled at the last Bromeliad Society of South Florida Show in April will be equally impressed by what will await them in September. The entrance to the hotel is a magnificent showcase for this special display. We are all extremely thankful to Patricia for this contribution.

Finally, De Roose Plants ,Inc., famous for its spectacular bromeliads is donating 150 of its mini *Guzmanias* to adorn the banquet tables. Every guest will be able to take home a plant as a memento of the Extravaganza.

We are now one month *and a* half away from the event. It is time to make effective your intention to make your early reservations at the Fort Lauderdale Airport Hotel(954-920-3300) for the banquet and a room.

Pepe Donayre
Show Chairman

Next Meeting: August 20th, 2007

2Nd Annual Pot-Luck Social

Last year was so much fun and well accepted that we decided the month of August would be a time for all of us to just kick back and get reacquainted. We will be having a Chinese auction of some of the fantastic books donated by Virginia Loerke. The money collected will be used for the 2007 Extravaganza.

The Member Sales Table will be Closed
We will have our Raffle Table

Please take note of our NEW MEETING LOCATION

We meet the third Monday of every month (except January) at 7:30 p.m. in the Jim Ward Community Center located at
301 NW 46th Ave, Plantation Fl 33317
46th Ave is the same as Park East Drive

A Very Special Thank you

To Manny and Lisa Synalovski of Cubellis SGR for their generous cash donation toward the 2007 Extravaganza. Lisa and her father Dan became members this past year after catching the bromeliad bug. I wish them luck on their adventures of collecting that perfect bromeliad. So once again, on behalf of the Bromeliad Society of Broward County, I would like to extend our thanks and gratitude for your donation.

The Presidents Message

"2007 Extravaganza"

September 29th, 2007

One and a half months to go.....have you made your banquet and hotel reservations yet??? They are going fast...There are people coming from all over, Hawaii, California, Texas, Bahamas, Virgin Islands just to name a few. Having said that, we need you to please save the date and volunteer some of your time to help. Whether you just joined the society or not and feel we may not need you... WE DO!!!!! Please get with me or Pepe and let us know how many hours you can give us. We are expecting at least 500 people to walk thru those doors ready to buy plants, raffle tickets, listen to some fantastic speakers, not to mention, mingling with Chester Skotak.

Your Show Chairman and committees have been working very hard to put together the best Extravaganza that people will be talking about for a long time. As you know, it takes a lot of man hours to coordinate such an event and I would like to thank all of you who have put in your time and energy in advance for such great efforts.

POTLUCK SOCIAL

Ya wanna have some fun??? Come to the 2nd Annual Pot-luck Social. JoAnn Heyer once again has done a great job of coordinating this event that everyone had so much fun at last year. REMINDER- bring some cash, we are going to have some great things to raffle off—one of a kind items that you won't be able to get again.

See you Monday!!!

Colleen

Ken Marks setting up for his program. Great program Ken, everyone loved the pictures!

Bonus Plant Winner, below
Jack Mackey
Tillandsia flexuoso

Name Tag Winner, above
Larry Searle
Neo Patricia
(Patricia Bullis's, purple rain)

What Next?

Just when we thought we knew all the answers in dealing with the dreaded weevil, lo and behold, a new dilemma. We thought having to wear protective gear to keep our arms from looking like a road map while caring for our bromeliads was a lot of trouble, we encounter something new. After finding our latest residents this weekend, it looks as though we will now need full-fledged beekeeper suits to tend to our beloved plants.

A family of honey bees has made its home in my potted Neoregelia and doesn't like the idea of my coming near it. The honey bee is a garden friend, but I want to wander in my garden without being stung! Therein lies the dilemma. Anyone have a great idea on how to relocate these honeys??

Joann Heyer

Are You Seeing Double?

While strolling thru my brother-in-law's garden, Lonnie Carson of Alva, Fl., Tim and I came upon this Billbergia Kyoto. We took a second look and.....

Yes, we got a double bloom!

It freaked.....no one really knows why, it possibly could have gotten too much fertilizer in the cup. At any rate, he will keep this plant separated from the others and see if the next generation does the same thing.

Colleen

On the Cover

Neo. Norman Bates one of the many hybrids of Chester Skotak using Neo "Hannibal Lector" x Neo carcharodon"Tiger". Tiger was put in circulation by Chester (refer to the article in the last Scurf, published In the Nov-Dec 2002 BSI Journal).

2007 Extravaganza -Seminar Highlights

We have invited some of the top speakers in the country. The seminars will begin at 10:00 am with *Harry Luther*, the Director of the Identification Center at Selby Gardens in Sarasota, Florida. Next at 11:00 am will be *Dr. Terrie Bert* from Bradenton, Florida. She always gives a lively, fast moving program. Then at 1:30 pm will be *Dr. Larry Giroux* from North Ft. Myers, who will give a presentation featuring Jim Irwins hybrid Cryptanthus.
Last, but not least, *Michael Young* from Louisiana, a world renowned artistic designer using bromeliads will dazzle us will his designs also showing a sample of his prize winning quilts.

The 2007 Extravaganza and BSSF, our Sister Society

Even before the 2006 Extravaganza the Bromeliad Society of South Florida started its collaboration with us for the 2007 Extravanza. The generosity of the late Ed Prince has been justly acknowledged many times. That collaboration continues. We have been able to address their monthly meetings bringing to the members news about the progress being made. The response has been very positive. Peter Kouchalakos has given us valuable advice on many issues. Robert Meyer has noted our event in their "*Bromeli Advisory*". In the August issue, he has included a full column under the title "MEMORIES STRIDING FARTHER. This Society Must Mark Its Calendars for September 29, 2007". In it he underlines the efforts of Ed and Moyna Prince in organizing last year's very successful event and calls for members to participate and help us in any way possible. Many members have expressed their readiness to be part of the effort, serve as volunteers, provide plants for the auction, raffle items, etc.
As you can see, Robert's well chosen words, for which we are more than grateful, had an immediate effect.
So, we know that on Sunday October 1st, we will be repeating Ed's words last year: "We could not have done it without you"

Volunteer to Drive your SUV, Mini Van or Motor Home

As you know, the Extravaganza is Saturday, September 29th, however, it doesn't just end there. We want to set up a local garden tour to approximately 3 gardens on Sunday, September 30th. Since renting a bus means we would have to have a minimum number of riders, we thought that having a few SUV's, Mini Van's or a Motor Home available to the group, would give us more flexibility.
If we figure 5 passengers per vehicle - we would need approximately 6 vehicles <u>on hand and available</u> to go on the tour.
The vehicles would be at the hotel ready to leave by 8:30am so that we could be at the first garden by 9:00am. The tour at each garden would last approximately 1 hour finishing up by 1:00pm and then back to the hotel for lunch.
Plans are subject to change - More details to follow.....
Please see Tim Hendrix at the meeting or e-mail him at timbo-169@comcast.net if you would be willing to volunteer your time driving your vehicle for this very fun garden tour.

Remember, Our Address has changed

Our new PO Box is.....

P.O. Box 17272

Plantation, FL 33318

Reminders

August Birthdays please bring goodies!

Happy Birthday to.....

Colleen Hendrix, Steve Kalogerakis, Kevin Gale, Norman Grover, Michael Lipman, Harry Sperling

Anyone I missed or if it's the wrong month , than Happy Birthday to you and please correct me!!!!

Welcome All New Members

Glad you're on Board!!!

A very Big thank you goes to...

The volunteers donating their time for the 2007 Extravaganza

Sandi Jones
Tom Wells

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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_____

Would you be willing to work on a committee or other capacity? Yes_____ No_____

Permanent Name Tag? Yes_____ No____ Paid____

Membership Dues are:

$15 per year for individuals

$20 per year for more than one member at the same address

Please make check payable to Bromeliad Society of Broward County and mail this page to:

Larry Searle, Treasurer
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