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Bromeliad Society of Broward County

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Emundoa 'Alvim Seidel' - procerum form

Photo courtesy of Bruce Zaret

2012-2013 Officers, Directors and Chairpersons

BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF BROWARD COUNTY
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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 –

I'm so excited that we will be seeing each other again on Monday …….I hope your summer went well and that you are refreshed and ready to start the fall off with a bang.

We did the planting at Plantation Community Church on Sat. the 7th. It looks beautiful. I would like to thank Jim Kerns, Sandy Block, Tracy Moulton, Sue Mathers, Suzee Newman, Gayle Spinell-Gellers, Carol Mordas, Van Elliot and Jane Von Waldburg for coming out on a day that we thought was going to thunderstorm and plant beautiful bromeliads and spread mulch. The finger islands for the overflow parking looks great.

I would also like to thank Maureen Frazel, Jim Kerns and Karen Ryan for donating the bromeliads for this project. One last thank you to Tracy Moulton for going with me to Maureen's to dig and clean the broms for the planting.

Monday is an important meeting – we had our board meeting last week and we have a few announcements, so please make every effort to come.

The OCTOBER meeting will be held at Deicke so please put that on your calendars and lastly Garden Fest 2014 is March 22 & 23, 2014. Please mark your calendars.

See you Monday,

Colleen

Membership News

Denise Addision
Sandi Block-Brezner
Bill Frazel
Susan Gutman
Jeff Price
Jerry Ryan
Kenny Seesahai
Naomi Shirley

Membership News

Images from the Plantation Community Church Project, Sat. Sept. 7, 2013

The BSBC Crew: Vann Elliott, Jane Von Waldburg, Suzee Newman, Carol Mordas, Jim Kerns, Colleen Hendrix, Sandi Block-Brezner, Tracy Moulton, Gayle Spinell-Gellers

BSBC Meeting: Monday, September 16th @ 7:00 pm

Place: Plantation Community Church
6501 W. Broward Blvd.
Plantation, FL

Topic: Ignacio Moreno presenting "High Altitude Bromeliads"
or
Tracy Moulton presenting " A Stroll Through Selby Gardens"

Sales and Raffle tables will be open

In addition, as you will remember, we put our annual elections on hold due to the renovations at Deicke Auditorium and the need for a summer respite. To prepare for the future, Bruce Zaret will presenting the proposed plan for restructuring the BSBC which was drafted by the Board on Monday, September 9, 2013.

Harriet's Hoots

Are you ready? - - Are you ready? - - - Today is September 12th and we have 5 more days and it's SHOW TIME - - - So, dust off those bromeliads, clean them up, dress them up and make them sparkle for those of you who plan to bring some plants for the raffle table.

I'm excited, are you? It's been a wonderful summer, hope you all had a relaxing and fun time with whatever you did, but now we're back in the groove.

Since this is our welcome back meeting, and our Birthday List is kind of sparse, which will make our table kind of sparse; I would appreciate a helping hand and ask some of you for extra contributions so that we have a nice array of refreshments. All types of goodies will be appreciated, food-wise or dessert-wise.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our meeting. So, start the count down and before you know it, you'll be getting into your cars with your plants by your side and we'll meet again to discuss what we all have a fondness for - - - - BROMELIADS (HOORAY)

Hugs - - - - Harriet

I knew I was a gardener when …..

"I asked for river rock for Valentine's Day." Karen Ryan

"when I broke two vertebrae and the pain of not being able to work in my garden was worse than the pain in my back. " Patricia Sullivan

"when i noticed my garden was tidier than my home." from Gardening Basics - How to Start a Garden, Tips for Planning a New Garden by Marie Iannotti

From the Editor

Leave it to Harry Sperling to have some interesting information as a follow up to last month's comments about Spanish Moss. Here's what Harry had to add….

> Spanish moss "has been put to many uses in the past and I have it in many of my small trees, on the fence, etc. I was surprised to find that ,probably by selective breeding, there is a 'finer' variety that is thinner than the one most of us have taken from the 'wild'. It is also useful to 'shade' small plants from the sun and newly started plants before exposing them to full sunlight.
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> At one of our meetings we were told and shown that when used for stuffing pillows, mattresses, and such they were acid washed to remove the outer layer and beneath it is a fine black material resembling black hair. Take a piece and with your fingernails or knife, strip the light gray outer coating and you will see the black hair-like substance that is left."

This month's issue of Florida Gardener has an article by Monica Brandies entitled, " Flowers in the Shade." Happily there is a photo of a bromeliad and the comment that broms " add exotic flair" to a garden. :) Tom McCubbin and Georgia Tasker's book *Getting Started Garden Guide* features a bromeliad on the cover. This book covers 150 recommended ornamental and native plants and is noted as being region specific. Moving from traditional sources to high tech, in the July issue of SCURF we mentioned all the useful videos about bromeliads that could be found on You Tube. Well, another terrific place to score images and info is Pinterest. I am new to this online pinboard, but just 15 minutes of exploration yielded a wealth of material about our favorite plants not to mention just about any other area of gardening that might be of interest. Check out the vertical displays of bromeliads below.

From www.gardendrum.com

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http://theownerbuildernetwork.co/wp-content/blogs.dir/1/files/vertical-gardens/aaaaaaaa-2.jpg

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	Hawthorne Village Club House 9:30 am—noon
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

Sept. 21, 2013	**Bromeliad Extravaganza** Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society A one day event with Welcome Gathering on Friday night. Lectures are included in the banquet price. Let's support this great event. LETURE……SALES……..BANQUET AUCTION http://floridabromeliads.org		Holiday Inn Harborside 401 2nd St, Indian Rocks Beach Contact Judy Lund 727 439-7782
Sept. 27—29, 2013	**Sarasota Bromeliad Show & Sale** http://sarasotabromeliadsociety.org/pages/shows.php/#2013	Fri. & Sat 10 am—5 pm Sun. 10 am—4 pm	Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, 811 S. Palm Ave. Sarasota
Sept. 27—29, 2013	**Osceola County** **Master Gardener Fall Plant Sale**	9 am—2 pm	KVLS Building Osceola Heritage Park 1911 Kissimmee Valley Lane Kissimmee
Dec. 6th—8th	**Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society Show and Sale**	9 am—4 pm	Terry Park 3451 Marion Street Ft. Myers

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.