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**Newsletter of the  
Bromeliad Society of Central Florida**

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## January 2018

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, January 17, 2018

**Where:** Leu Gardens, 1920 N. Forest Avenue, Orlando, FL 32803

**6:30 –7:00** is pre-meeting time for purchasing plants from our guest speaker

**Meeting officially begins at 7:00 pm**

### No Member Market in January

**Please bring a snack, raffle/door prize plants, and show and tell plants to the meeting.**

Please try to label your raffle and door prize plants, even if you can only write something such as “unknown Neo hybrid”, every little bit helps the members who are trying to learn about different types of bromeliads! Plants should be clean and insect free.

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## The President's Message

Happy January and 2018 to everyone,

Hope everyone has survived our latest cold snap. I had to get the propane heaters going this time. Looks like everything has survived. We will see as the week progresses. If this keeps up, I am going to have to think about moving south for the winter.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our January meeting. Marilyn is working hard to get some interesting speakers and planning events that will help everyone expand their bromeliad world this year. At our January meeting we will be electing officers to serve our Society for 2018. The proposed slate will have Marilyn, Karen, Betsy and myself being nominated to serve a second term. The floor will be open for anyone else to be nominated and run for any of the four offices.

Looking forward to our Leu Gardens bromeliad sale Sat and Sun, March 10 & 11, 9 am–5 pm during the annual plant sale at the Gardens. If you have never been to the Leu Gardens sale, please mark it on your calendar. It's a great show and all kinds of plants to increase your home gardens. I know I always spend too much.

Wishing everyone a fantastic 2018. See you at our meetings.  
mike

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## This month's speaker is Greg Spak!

The bromeliad bug bit me after attending my first Bromeliad Society meeting in 2003. I have tried, succeeded, and failed on many bromeliad specimens thru the years leaving me with a practical approach to this hobby. 'The bromeliads that survive our Central Florida conditions are the best ones to grow'. Fortunately for us there are many.

I have been a not so active member of the SBTPS, BSCF, BSI, and FCBS, but seem to continue to learning about this fascinating family of plants.

Greg will be speaking about Dyckia so bring your gloves!



*Dyckia 'Cherry Coke'*



**If anyone is running a bit late on their BSCF member dues...they are due now!**

Please fill out the form below and include when mailing your dues or bring to the meeting.

**Dues can be paid at the meeting or mailed to:**

BSCF, PO Box 536961, Orlando, FL 32853-6961.

## 2018 Bromeliad Society of Central Florida Membership Form

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

\_\_\_\_ NEW MEMBER \_\_\_\_ RENEWAL

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State Zip +4 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Email \_\_\_\_\_

**\$15 for first member, plus \$5 per each additional family member at the same address  
Name Badges \$6 ea member, if desired. Please check \_\_\_\_ if you would like a name  
badge ordered for you.**

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_ Make checks payable to BSCF

**MAIL TO: Bromeliad Society of Central Florida PO Box 536961 Orlando, FL 32853-6961  
or bring to the next meeting**

Meetings are held the 3th Wednesday of every month, from 7-9 pm (social/plant sales between 6:30-7pm) at **Harry P Leu Gardens, 1920 N. Forest Ave., Orlando, FL 32803, Rose Room.** You'll enjoy informative programs, Show & Tell, plant sales, refreshments, and door prizes. Members also receive a monthly newsletter. Please come join us!

Treasurer: Date \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_



## 2017 Holiday Party

On December 20<sup>th</sup> we had our BSCF Holiday Party at Leu Garadens. There was quite the spread of goodies, a wonderful plant exchange, and great holiday plant gifts. Our holiday gift plants were purchased from McCrory's Suny Hill Nursery – kudos to our member Georgia for growing and supplying such beautiful Neoregelias! Good job on the inventive gift wrapping everyone!

Best of all was getting to know everyone a bit better; having time to mingle and chat. Hope that everyone had a good time, here are some fun pics!





















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## Monthly Meeting Minutes

### Bromeliad Society of Central Florida — 20 December, 2017 • Holiday Party!

#### The meeting was called to order at 7:50 pm by President Mike Saunders

- Mike explained how the Holiday plant gift exchange was going to work!
- A big thank you went out to Marilyn for planning the party and doing such a wonderful job pulling everything together.
- There will be officer elections at the January meeting.
- Send articles and photos to Carole Wolfe for the FCBC newsletter if you can!
- Don't forget about Judges School – starting up soon!

September and November 2017 meeting minutes were approved.

#### Welcome!

Steven Wagner and Jerry Williams brought David, he's the latest addition to their family!

#### Treasurer's Report:

Betsy gave the Treasurer's Report and will file the report for audit.

#### Vice President's Report:

Marilyn gave us the run down of the upcoming events:

- Greg Spak will be the speaker for January. He will be doing a presentation on Dyckia.
- Teresa Cooper will be the speaker for February, we will also have a field trip to the Enchanted Forest on February 24<sup>th</sup> with Teresa giving us a tour, showing all of the work that is happening.
- The Leu Gardens plant sale is coming up in March!

#### Old or Unfinished Business

- Webmaster! Would somebody like to take care of a BSCF website? We are still in need of a volunteer!
- Newsletter Editor needed – if interested please let one of the officers know!
- BSI World Conference in San Diego coming up this May!

#### New Business

None

#### Lovely gift plants were given to all!

Beautiful Neoregelia 'Victoria Red' should brighten everyone's home this holiday! The gift plants were purchased from McCrory's Sunny Hill Nursery, a special thanks to Georgia for growing such great Neoregelias!

The meeting/party concluded at 9:00 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Karen Steinberg.

