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**Newsletter of the
Bromeliad Society of Central Florida**
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Next meeting: January 20, 2021

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

6:30 –7:00 is pre-meeting time for a Member Market

Meeting officially begins at 7:00 pm



Please bring a snack, raffle/door prize plants, and show & 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 Aechmea 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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Visit the Bromeliad Society of Central Florida Website at:
www.bromeliadsorlando.com

You will find an activities page that lists our speakers for upcoming meetings, downloadable copies of newsletters, plant photos, a map to Leu Gardens, and more! This is a great place for the public to find out about our Society or send us a message. Check it out!

The President's Message

Happy 2021 and January to all. Looks like this new year is continuing the craziness of 2020. Hopefully with the vaccine being available we might see some movement towards normalcy. One such step is our participation in the annual Leu Gardens plant sale set for Saturday, March 13 and Sunday, March 14. Set up will be on Friday the 13th, not a great sign. 🤔 The registration fee has been paid. We will keep our fingers crossed. More information will be discussed at our January meeting and sent out later in the month.

So if you have broms that you would like to clean up and sell, please start working on them now. And pest free please. All members are allowed to sell bromeliads at the plant sale.

I hope everyone is healthy and safe. Our next meeting is Wednesday, January 20. And hopefully that is a peaceful day for America. Take care and remember to mask up. We will have 20 face shields available for sale. Let Marilyn know if you want to purchase one at \$1.50 (if you haven't already).

Again, we desperately need a secretary and treasurer. Please set up and help out our Society. Email me at presbyter64@gmail.com if you are willing to serve. Thanks. See you on the 20th.

Mike



December Minutes

Meeting Minutes – December, 2020 Bromeliad Society of Central Florida

The December 2020 meeting was cancelled due to covid 19 concerns

Upcoming Events

Leu Gardens Annual Plant Sale

Saturday, March 13, 2021

9 AM to 5 PM and

Sunday, March 14, 2021

9 AM to 5 PM

[Leu Gardens Plant Sale](#)

1920 N. Forest Ave.

Orlando, FL 32803

The **Bromeliad Society of Central Florida** will have a booth with a large selection of great Bromeliads.

Bromeliad Society of Central Florida Annual Mother's Day Show and Sale

May 7th to 9th, 2021

10 AM to 9 PM, Friday and Saturday

11 AM to 6 PM, Sunday

[Fashion Square Mall](#)

3201 E. Colonial Dr.

Orlando, FL 32803

The **Bromeliad Society of Central Florida** has had a plant show and sale for many years on Mother's Day weekend.

World Bromeliad Conference 2021

June 9–12, 2021 - Sarasota, Florida

For more information check here:

<https://www.bsi.org/new/world-bromeliad-conference-registration/>



**Signup for BSI
Membership
& Register for
WBC 2021**

Vice Presidents Comments

Hi all

After great consideration we (Mike and I) have decided to have the Jan.20th meeting. We are asking how many members would be interested in purchasing a face shield to wear over your mask. The cost would be whatever we pay for them between \$1.50 & \$2.00 a piece. Since the covid virus can enter through your eyes it is a good idea to protect them along with your nose and mouth.

Several months ago I asked who would like to receive Newsletters from other Bromeliad Societies. A few people responded. If you are one that did not respond and would like to receive them please get back to me. Thank you

At the Jan. 20th meeting there will be a Member Market. Please bring a brom or 2 for the door prize table and for the raffle table. Bring your favorite snack to share. If you have a special brom you would like to share for show and tell please bring it.

The speaker for Jan. will be Steve Byram from Tampa. The title of his talk is "Bromeliads 101".

I hope you all had a really nice Holiday

Marilyn Howser 🍍

Almost forgot - Dues are do. Membership forms will be available at the meeting. AND we don't have a secretary or a treasurer so someone will have to step up and help out. Your pay will be the same as Mike and I get and the same as Greg K. and John V.get \$000.00!



Our Speaker

Steve Byram is a retired physical education teacher who is a Pasco County Master Gardener. He has been a member of the Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay for 14 years and has served as secretary, president, and is currently vice president. Steve has given talks in Hillsborough, Pasco, and Miami-Dade Counties to garden clubs, nurseries, public libraries, and OLLI Life-Long Learning at the University of South Florida.

“Bromeliads 101” is an introduction for those who are new to the world of bromeliads. Steve gives an overview of bromeliad history, classifications, uses in the garden, growing tips, and where to purchase them. Much of this presentation is based on experiences in his own garden.



LOGOs

There are several logos in the Bromeliad Society of Central FL's newsletter called Orlandiana.

Where did the name "Orlandiana" come from?

Herein is a brief explanation for each logo.



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The Logo used for the Bromeliad Society of Central Florida

Thank you John Vecchitto for doing such a great job as the BSCF Orlandiana Newsletter Editor.

Aechmea orlandiana is species in the genus *Aechmea* endemic to Brazil. The plant was originally collected by the family of Mulford B. Foster in 1939 in Espírito Santo, Brazil, and described by L. B. Smith in 1941. He named it for the city of Orlando, Florida, based upon it being the Foster's adopted home town, and the orange bracts and white flowers also being the city colors of Orlando.

The logo is on the green shirts that members who are selling broms wear to plant sales.



The logo is on the BSCF's name tags. The name tags took on a different look when the provider was changed



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Greg Kolojeski is the webmaster. Thank you Greg for doing such a great job.



BROMELIAD SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL

Purposes of the BSI

The purposes of this society are to promote and maintain public and scientific interest in the research, development, preservation, and distribution of bromeliads, both natural and hybrid, throughout the world.

bsi.org/search . Each title has a subtitle with a load of information.

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I (Marilyn) was looking up Orthophytum blaze and this came up. You might find it fun to read also <https://fcbs.org/newsletters/BSCF/062004.pdf>



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The Cryptanthus Society promotes educational and scientific interest in bromeliads as well as serves Cryptanthus enthusiasts throughout the world. Membership in The Cryptanthus Society unites bromeliad growers with an interest in Cryptanthus through a quarterly journal as well as at World Conference and Cryptanthus Society events

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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 \$7 per 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 January meeting.**

Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of every month, from 6:30-9:00 pm (buy plants from the speaker between 6:30-7pm) at Leu Gardens, 1920 N Forest Ave, Orlando, FL 32803. You'll enjoy informative programs, Show & Tell, plant sales, refreshments, and door prizes. Members also receive a newsletter. Please come join us!

Treasurer: Date _____ Check # _____ Cash _____

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