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Next meeting: Wednesday, March 20, 2019

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

6:30 –7:00 is pre-meeting time for purchasing plants from the Member Market.

Meeting officially begins at 7:00 pm

Member Market in March!

Please also 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 our new Bromeliad Society of Central Florida Website! www.bromeliadorslando.com

You will find an activities page that lists our speakers for upcoming meetings – including a link to 2019 Extravaganza information, 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 link for Extravaganza information can also be accessed directly at **www.BromeliadX.com**

2019 Bromeliad Extravaganza in Orlando Be sure to put September 20–22, 2019 on your calendar for the Bromeliad Extravaganza. Hotel rooms may be reserved now for only \$85. plus tax per night.

For more information just go to **www.BromeliadX.com**. We recommend that you book rooms now.

The President's Message

Happy Spring to everyone. When I was composing this month's message I double checked to see when the first day of spring was, whether it was the 20th or 21st. Google informed me that "spring equinox 2019 in northern hemisphere will be at 5:58 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20". I never realized that spring arriving could be pinpointed to a specific time. So spring will arrive as you are on the way or preparing to come to our March meeting. Hope you can make our first spring meeting and hear Bob's talk on mounting and elevating bromeliads. I am looking forward to it.

Well our first sale of the year is over and it was a great success. Haven't heard the final numbers from Betsy, but we started out with tables full of bromeliads and sold a lot of them. Thanks to our sellers: Evan, Eloise & Jim, Marty, Phil & Maxine, Marilyn, Lisa, Mike Mc, and Greg S and for helping out with our many customers and to Betsy for helping with register. And an extra thanks for Evan providing the McCrory's Sunny Hill truck to transport everyone's plants and equipment to Leu Gardens and back. We had fantastic weather and there were a lot of plants to buy from vendors throughout Leu Gardens. I know I fed my addiction several times over the two days.

Next up is our Mother's Day sale at Fashion Square. Remember any member can sell. We will also have a judged show, so start thinking about cleaning up and bringing in those beautiful bromeliads you have in your collection.

We will also be talking about the Extravaganza and getting volunteers to work on different aspects of the event. It's only 6 months away.

mike



The weather at the Leu Gardens sale was proof that Spring has sprung!

2019 Society Dues are now due! If you became a BSCF member before July 1, 2018, it is time to renew your membership by paying dues for 2019. Please fill out the attached form and bring to the March meeting with your dues, or mail it our P. O. Box listed on the membership form. We ask that everyone fill out the 2019 Membership form so we can update our records. Anyone joining after July 1, 2018 will not pay dues until January 2020.

This month's speaker is Bob Smedley.

Bob will be speaking on Mounting Alternatives for Bromeliads.

Bob is a native of Orlando. He first was introduced to bromeliads in 1974 by his mentor, Bill Frase. Mr. Frase always welcomed a tour of his garden. It was like a small Cypress Gardens and obviously a work of love. The garden and greenhouse tour would end with a collection of plants to take home.

Bob is a landscape bromeliad grower. At a BSCF several years ago, Tom Wolf gave a presentation on mounting bromeliads. Using old tree stumps was a great way to change elevations in the garden display. The tree stumps quickly rotted motivating a search to maintain the elevation variety with more permanent options.

Bob's presentation will demonstrate mounting options that can add dimension to your bromeliad landscape journey.



A bromeliad in glass!

This flaming sword lampshade that depicts a stylized bromeliad is currently part of an exhibit at the Morse Museum of American Art in Winter Park, Florida. If you've never been to the Morse Museum consider a visit, it is a real treat! Katherine Vaccaro spotted this lampshade on a visit earlier this year and made a note to pass the info along – thanks Katherine!

You'll find this lamp in *Lamps and Lighting—Tiffany and His Contemporaries*, one of many fascinating current exhibitions at Morse.

www.morsemuseum.org

Note: through the end of April 2019, admission is free from 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM on Fridays!



"Flaming Sword," portable lamp, circa 1906–11; leaded glass and bronze; Duffner & Kimberly Co., New York City.

Some photos from the March Leu Gardens Sale!



Loading and unloading Evan's truck for the 2019 Leu Garden's Plant Sale. Beautiful weather made packing folding chairs and tables a bit more enjoyable . . . and everyone got to carry a lot of plants!



The 2019 sale was a busy as always! Plenty of customers to purchase beautiful bromeliads.



Monthly Meeting Minutes

Bromeliad Society of Central Florida — February 20, 2019

The February meeting featured speaker Jay Thurrott who gave a presentation about BSI World Conferences, focusing on the 2018 World Conference that was held in San Diego, CA. The next BSI World conference is in 2020 in Sarasota Florida and it will celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Bromeliad Society International.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Mike Saunders.

Vice President's Report:

- The March meeting will be Bob Smedly speaking on Mounting Alternatives for Bromeliads.
- In April John Boardman and Pam Flesher will be showing us how to get ready for our 2019 Mother's Day Show which is coming up this May.
- In May we have our Mother's Day Show and Sale so our meeting will be a "Crash Party" with pizza as our meeting falls days after the event. Think about participating in the Show and Sale!

Secretaries Report: Guests: Noreen Stone and Theresa Eddy

Treasurer's Report: Betsy gave the financial report for January 2019 and it will be filed for audit. Mike Saunders mentioned the Audit Committee which will review the 2018 P&L: Sudi Hipsley and Katherine Vaccaro. We need a third person for the committee, if interested please let Mike know.

- During the report Maxine Wright suggested that we all need a copy of the 2018 P&L, copies were available last month and one can be sent to her. She requested that members be more involved and that we should all better understand the financial aspects of the Society.

President's Report:

- Thanks to Jay Thurrott!
- The January 2019 meeting minutes were approved.
- If you want to participate in the May Mother's Day Sale and Show let Mike know.
- Leu Gardens sale – If you want to participate let Mike know. It is our 3rd year in the same location.
 - Evan has again graciously volunteered his truck to transport everyone's plants to Leu Gardens. We will meet at 10:00 AM Friday March 8th at Fashion Square Mall to load the truck and then meet at Leu Gardens to unload and set up. Bring tables; Lisa and Evan are bringing tents.
 - Mike explained the plant tag system – please email an officer if you have questions.
 - Saturday am is usually the busiest and remember . . . Sunday is the switch to daylight savings time so set your clocks Saturday evening.
- The 2019 Bromeliad Extravaganza:
 - Karen Steinberg did a postcard for us to use at events and to send to the FCBS members.
 - The FCBS meeting is Saturday the 23rd, we'll give them the postcards and anything else we have ready.
 - Mike explained the adjoining hotels and the BromeliadX website link.
 - The BSI will have a board meeting at the hotel the Friday of the Extravaganza.
- Judges School will happen the 1st or 2nd week of April, it will be \$25. per school session. There are 6 "schools", each are 8 hours in length. Each school is at a different location in Florida. The first two will be in Fort Myers, FL. Email Jay Thurrott and he'll get your information to the School Chair. Try It!
- Send Carole Wolfe articles and photos for the FCBS newsletter.
- Our next monthly meeting is Wednesday, March 20th.

Old or Unfinished Business:

- Orlandiana Newsletter Editor needed – if interested please let one of the officers know.

New Business: None

Announcements:

- John Boardman wanted to know if the FCBS newsletter could be sent out to the members; Karen Steinberg to send it out tomorrow.

Show & Tell: Thanks to Pat Fusco for bringing her 2 good looking hanging Tillandsia mounts! John Boardman brought in 2 native plants: a Guzmania monostachia and a Tillandsia – one of the needleleaf types. He also brought in a Neoregelia cross that he had made: a clump of Neo. 'Polaris' and explained why he had named it after the star! Mike Saunders brought in a lovely dark Aechmea orlandiana 'Charcoal'.

Auction: Leanne Burton brought in a large Dyckia specimen for auction and Pat Fusco won the great plant for \$20. Super deal!

Door Prizes and Raffle tickets were drawn.

The meeting concluded at 9:00 pm. Minutes respectfully submitted by Karen Steinberg



Orthophytum 'Starlight' has a cast of thousands now waiting in the wings. Check your plants for happy surprises this Spring!



Upcoming Events

April 13–14, 2019

Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society Annual Spring Plant Sale
200 Fairmont Drive, Sanford, FL 32773
Saturday and Sunday, 9am – 4 pm both days



May 10–12, 2019

Bromeliad Society of Central Florida Annual Mother's Day Show and Sale
Fashion Square Mall, 3201 E. Colonial Drive, Orlando, FL 32803
Friday and Saturday: 10 am – 9 pm
Sunday: 11 am– 6 pm

June 2019 Date and Location yet to be announced

Central Florida Orchid Society Show and Sale

September 20–22, 2019

2019 Bromeliad Extravaganza
SpringHill Suites by Marriott and TownePlace Suites by Marriott
8040 Palm Parkway, Orlando, FL 32836
Times to be announced

Our Meeting Next Month: April 17th, 2019

The Bromeliad Society of Central Florida meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 7–9 PM at Leu Gardens, 1920 N. Forest Avenue, Orlando, FL 32803. Guest speaker plants are for sale before the meeting from 6:30–7:00. You'll enjoy informative programs, Show & Tell, plant sales, refreshments & door prizes. Members also receive a monthly newsletter—all for an annual membership fee of \$15 per member, plus \$5 per additional family member (no charge for full-time students). Visitors are always welcome.

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Donations to this society are tax deductible in accordance with IRS regulations.

BSCF is an affiliate of the Bromeliad Society International, Inc., and a member of the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies, Inc. and the Cryptanthus Society.

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