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**Newsletter of the
Bromeliad Society of Central Florida**
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April 2021

Next meeting: April 21, 2021

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



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.bromeliadorslando.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

An awesome April to everyone. We have a great program this month by John Boardman and Pam Marion, "The Natives are Coming", on Florida Native Bromeliads. If you have any native bromeliads bring them to the meeting for "show & tell". As well as any of your favorites or unusual broms for "show & tell".

We had a great sale at Leu Gardens. Thanks Marilyn for the beautiful memories you sent out with all the great pictures. Thanks to the nine of our Society members that sold bromeliads: Marilyn, Joyce, Lisa, Eloise & Jim, Evan, John, Marty, Phil and Mike Mc. We sold 1,285 bromeliads. A fantastic amount. And a big thanks to Marilyn who sorted and counted all 1,285 tags and tabulated the sales of each seller. Was a really wonderful weekend.

Now on to our next big event. Our annual (except last year) Mother's Day Show and Sale. This is the Society's 46th time of hosting this event. We will be at the Fashion Square mall on Friday, May 7, Saturday, May 8 and Mother's Day Sunday, May 9. Set up will be Thursday evening, May 6 starting at 7 p.m.

All members can sell plants at our sale. The only requirement to sell is that you have to place at least 5 entries in the judged show (the other part of our annual Mother's Day Show and Sale). If you are interested in selling you must register with our plant sales chair, Georgia Orser at georgiaorser@gmail.com by May 1, 2021.

The judged show is open to all, with a limit of 25 judged entries per exhibitor. Marilyn has already sent out the Show Schedule which has all of the show rules. Those rules are set on pages 2, 3 and 4. Please review them. Bring any questions to the April meeting and we will try to answer them all.

If you have never won a blue ribbon at a Standard BSI Show you can enter your plants in the Novice Division. Or you can enter your bromeliads in the regular show Divisions I-IV, and be eligible for Major Awards. There are also two other Divisions listed on page 7 for Artistic Expression and Cut Inflorescence, which are not part of the Novice Division.

Review the regular show Divisions I-IV on pages 5 and 6 for the various types of entries. Pages 9 and 10 show what the judges will be looking for while scoring each individual entry. It will give you an idea of what to look for when you are deciding which bromeliads you would like to enter in the competition.

I know it looks confusing, but just look for bromeliads that you think are beautiful and you would like to exhibit. It is like the Super Bowl of "show and tell". 😊

And the Seminole Society's plant sale is this weekend, April 17 and 18. Check out the details at <https://www.sanfordgardenclub.com/sbtps>

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the April meeting.

Mike

April Minutes

Meeting Minutes – March, 2021 Bromeliad Society of Central Florida



The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Mike. Vice President Marilyn introduced the guest speaker, Tom Wolfe, President of the Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay. Tom's program was titled "Aechmeas, Where The Growing Is Easy!" The program was very interesting and we learned new ideas for growing Aechmeas in our gardens.

After a short break, the meeting was called back to order by President Mike. He asked if there were any amendments to the February minutes. No changes or objections and they are approved. Thanks to Tom Wolfe for tonight's presentation and bringing plants to sell. Thanks to his wife, Carol. Welcome members and guests. Thank you to all who brought plants for the raffle and door prize tables and to those who brought food.

Reports:

- VP Marilyn spoke about next month's program on Florida Native Bromeliads, titled "The Natives Are Coming" by John Boardman & Pam Marion. John asked members to bring in any native bromeliads from their collection for show and tell.
- Thank you to Pam and Kathryn who will alternate taking the monthly meeting minutes.
- Welcome new members, Barbara and Phil Styne, returning member, Thai Nguyen, and long time member Steven Wagner-Young along with Gerald Young-Wagner.
- The financial report was given and submitted for audit.
- The Leu Garden Sale was a huge success this year thanks to our 8 sellers. Thank you to Evan for use of his truck and thank you to everyone who helped at the Leu Garden Sale.
- Please pay your 2021 dues if you have not.

-Our next sale will be our Mother's Day Show and Sale. Members are encouraged to enter plants in the show and to sell plants. See Marilyn for the show schedule. Set up at the Mall will be on Thursday evening, May 6, after 7:00 pm.

Show and sale will be Friday, May 7 thru Sunday, May 9 during Mall hours.

-The World Bromeliad Conference in Sarasota is postponed until June 2022.

-Seminole Garden Tour on Sunday, March 21 at 1:00 pm.

Our website: bromeliadorslando.com



Old Business: None

New Business: Members can donate to sponsor awards for the Mothers Day Show. Any amount donated is tax deductible.
See Pam.

Announcements:

Pres. Mike said he received an email from clubs in the Clermont and Mt.Dora area asking for speakers on Bromeliads.
If interested see Mike.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, April 21.

Show and tell plants were presented.

Thank you to Joyce Gibault who brought in Neoregelia 'Heat Wave' with an albino pup. There was some discussion about the pup. Thank you to John Boardman for bringing in different Aechmea species.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Marion



Upcoming Events

Annual Spring Plant Sale

Free

Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society

Apr 17 at 9 AM EDT – Apr 18 at 4 PM EDT

Place: Garden Club of Sanford, 200 Fairmont Dr.,
Sanford, FL 32773



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

May 7th to 9th, 2021

11 AM to 7 PM, Friday and Saturday

12 PM 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 2022

The **World Bromeliad Conference** was rescheduled from 2021 to **June 7-11, 2022**. The host hotel will be the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Sarasota. If you are unable to attend, your registration will be refunded following our conference refund policy. Up to the year the conference is to be held you can get a 100% refund, once the year of the conference begins you get a 50% refund, and within 30 days of the conference there is no refund. Since the date of the conference was moved by one year, you can get a 100% refund until **December 31, 2021**.

Events will include tours of two of the world's leading Bromeliad nurseries ([Michael's Bromeliads](#) and [Tropiflora](#)), a visit to the



renowned [Marie Selby Botanical Gardens](#) (with free admission for conference registrants), a number of notable speakers, an opening conference reception and welcome address, a banquet with a rare plant sale and auction, a plant sale with numerous sellers, a fantastic judged plant show, and more.

Vice Presidents Comments

Hi everyone

A couple of weeks ago I sent the Mother's Day Show and Sale Schedule out to everyone. I was remembering how confusing the whole thing was to me when I was a new member. So now I want to explain it to you so please stick with me.

The top of page 1 under Schedule of Events tells what is going, the day and time. This year the times have changed due to the new hours at Fashion Square Mall.

Pages 2,3 &4 are about the **Show Rules**. Starting with rule no. 13 - 23 are all about what is expected of the members entering bromeliads in the show. Rules 1 - 12 are also very important so please read them.

Then let's skip down to page 16 & 17 for **Plant Sale Rules**. Very important but easy to understand.

Please notice there are **Show Rules** and **Plant Sale Rules**.

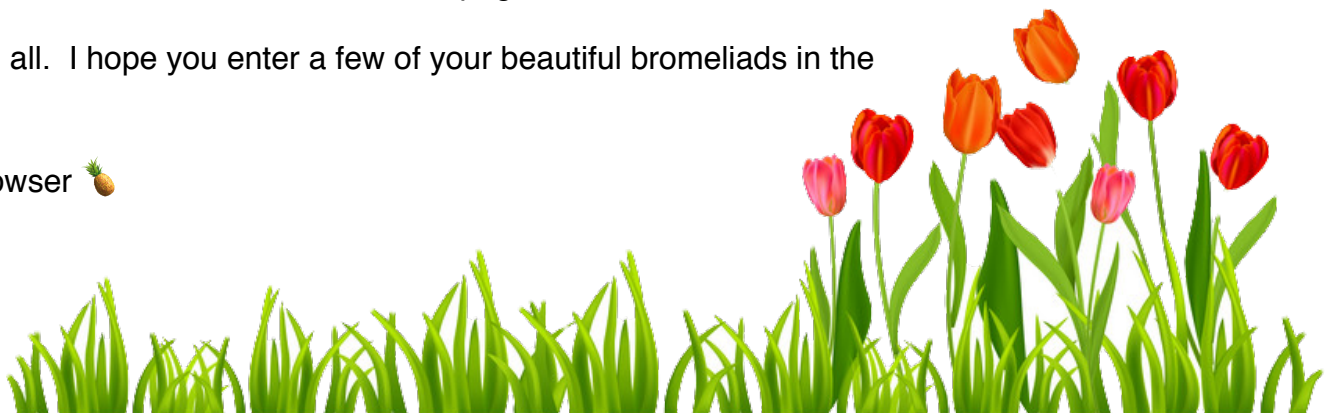
Pages 5 - 8 Schedule of Classes explains the different categories bromeliads can be entered into. I read them and then decide what bromeliads I have that will fit into which categories. One thing is you must have owned and grown the bromeliad for at least 6 months prior to the show - meaning you can't call Tropiflora a few days before the show and order a wammy brom to enter into the show 😊

Pages 9 - 15 has to do with Scoring and Scales of points and Awards. All of these pages are very interesting but get familiar with the other pages first.

Please read these pages and after reading them if you have any questions I will try to help you. Please also send all emails to me separate from this email. It gets way too confusing to keep track of and answer several emails on the same page.

Thank you all. I hope you enter a few of your beautiful bromeliads in the show.

Marilyn Howser 🍍



March Pictures



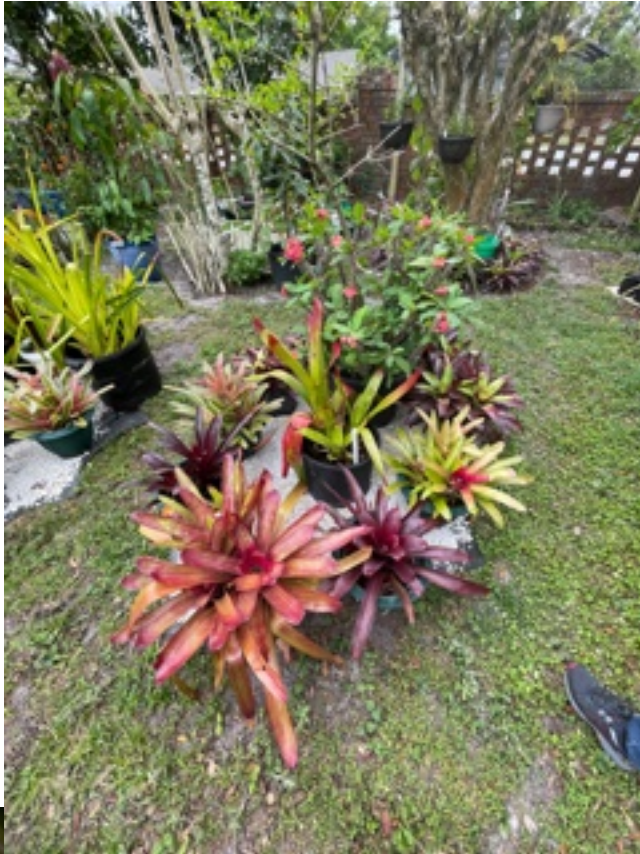
March meeting, house tours and Leu Gardens...











There were 9 sellers at the sale. I'm so sorry I didn't get pics of everyone. It was just too crazy!

Evan McCrory



Mike McMahon



John Boardman



Marty Folk



Jim Pearce



Eloise Beach



2021 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 \$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!

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