

# orlandiana

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

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## July 2020

**Next meeting: TBA** following covid 19 restrictions

**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](http://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

Happy July to all. Hard to believe we are in our 5th month of this terrible pandemic. I hope everyone is safe and healthy. Looks like we probably won't be having a July meeting as Leu Gardens is still closed and I expect it will remain closed for awhile with the way the numbers have been going. Will keep our fingers crossed for August. Some great pictures in this issue. Thanks to all of you that contributed. Simply beautiful. And thanks Marilyn for putting everything together. Thanks John V. for getting the issue completed.

Hope everyone considers Marilyn's request for photos for future issues of the *Orlandiana*. Even if you don't know the name, it's always nice to see some great broms.

I have actually been motivated to do some repotting of several of my bromeliads. My usual practice is to let them fend for themselves. It's interesting to look at the name tags, for those that still have them, and see that some of the names have just disappeared. I was able to use lemon juice on some of them to get rid of the gunk on them and find the names or at least got partial names that I researched on [bsi.org](http://bsi.org) or [fcb.org](http://fcb.org). Some still remain a mystery as the lemon juice wasn't any help.

I was able to add to my collection last month at the Seminole sale through their online auction and in person. Got three great ones from Eloise.

Have a great July and look forward to seeing everyone before too long. Stay cool with this hot weather.

Mike

## June Minutes

### Meeting Minutes – June, 2020 Bromeliad Society of Central Florida

The June 2020 meeting was cancelled due to covid 19 concerns

## Upcoming Events

None

## Vice Presidents Comments

Hi everyone,

Hope you're all well and dealing with the confinement caused by the virus.

Since there isn't much to report in the Orlandiana, and I do want us to keep in touch, I decided to talk about what the members of BSCF members are up to. So please send me a few pics and tell me what you're doing. Email to me in a separate email not as an attachment to this one. I will not pay any attention to emails sent back to this email, it will get way to confusing. Much easier to keep everyone separate. Thanks  
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Sure do miss all of you

Marilyn Howser 🍌



Craig Allen

Craig Allen grows beautiful bromeliads.



This was on FB and I know some of you aren't on FB so I just had to share it with you.



John Boardman is a member of the Bromeliad Society of Central FL. He and Pam Marion have spoken to our society a couple of times and were scheduled to speak again in March 2020 but were canceled due to the Covid Virus.

John Boardman started collecting bromeliads in 1990 after winning several bromeliads on a public television auction. He joined the Bromeliad Society of Central FL that same year and became active in showing bromeliads. At the 2002 World Bromeliad Conference in Saint Petersburg, he won Best Neoregelia with a mounted multiple of Neoregelia 'Ronald'. Years later he became an accredited Bromeliad Society International Master Judge. John's favorite genus is Neoregelia for the amazing colors and patterns on the foliage. He grows bromeliads in Saint Cloud FL under a 35' x 30' greenhouse, also growing many different genera, but his favorite is growing variegated Neoregelias.



John has registered 5 Neoregelias with the Bromeliad Society International -bsi.org - all taken from the same grex parented by: Seed plant Rainbow Carcharodon and Pollen plant Neoregelia Galaxy. Both parent plants pictured below.

**NEOREGELIA 'Galaxy'**

Thom, B. (Leaver, P.\*)

&lt;1994

Small intensely colored open rosette w/the characteristic patterning of the chlorosticta parent in violet to purple tones - Highly unique and recognizable once viewed.

Seed Parent: **'Marble Throat'**Pollen Parent: **'Takemura Princeps'**Pam Leaver  
1997**NEOREGELIA 'Rainbow Carcharodon'**

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Origin?. Appears to be a cv. of carcharodon . Exhibited by J. Boardman at Mother's Day 2002 BSCF Show Note 20 May 2010. Harry Luther writes that this plant seems to be the same as N. carcharodon var. atrovioleacea. Originally in Register as N. 'Rainbow' but name amended to differentiate from the other two 'Rainbow'. Carcharodon Group. Reg. Doc. 12/2002  
Country of origin: **Brazil**



Definitions were added to a few of John's broms names that may have been an inspiration while naming.

**Definition of Illume: make lighter or brighter, to provide, cover, or fill with light.**

Stevie Nicks was an inspiration for naming this plant: One of my favorite songs on the record is called Illume. I wrote it about what happened on 9-11. ~Stevie Nicks,

**NEOREGELIA 'Illume'**

**Boardman J**

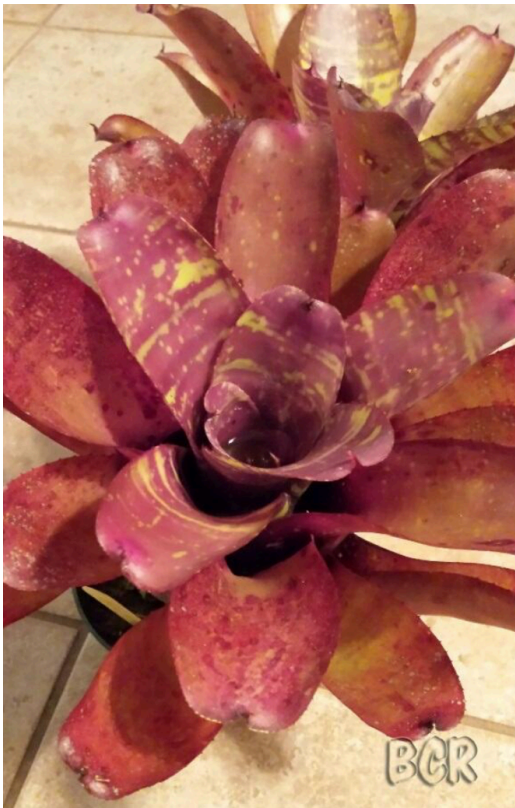
**2007**

Mature rosette to 26cms. diameter. Leaf width 5 cms. Broad, bronzed brick red or tan foliage with some broken yellowish green cross-banding and speckling on inner leaves. Reg. Doc. 4/2015.

Country of origin: **Florida U.S.A.**

Seed Parent: **Rainbow Carcharodon**

Pollen Parent: **Galaxy**





**Definition of foo fighter: any of various unidentified flying objects, as reported by Allied pilots during World War II.**

Foo Fighters are one of John's favorite bands.

**NEOREGELIA 'Foo Fighter'**

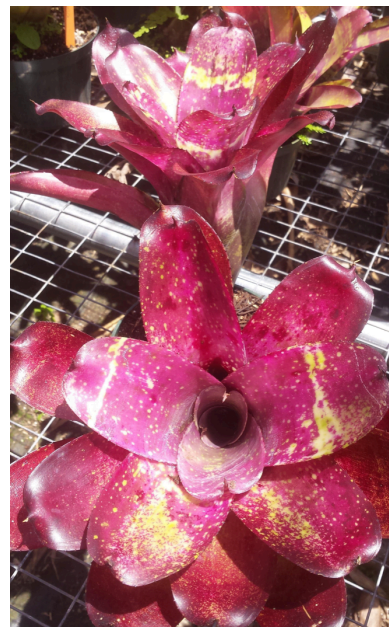
**Boardman J**

**2007**

Mature open rosette to 27cm. diameter. In strong light, broad (7cm. wide) fuchsia pink leaves on new growth with some cream / green spots and patches. Outer foliage portions mature to brick red. Reg. Doc. 4/2017. Country of origin: **Florida USA**

Seed Parent: **Rainbow Carcharodon**

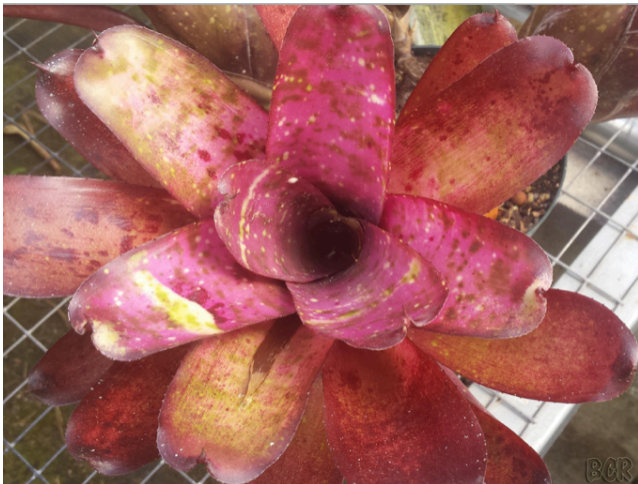
Pollen Parent: **Galaxy**



**Definition of Polaris: the brightest star in the constellation****NEOREGELIA 'Polaris'****Boardman J****2007**

Mature rosette to 35cm. diameter. In strong light, broad (4cm. wide) bronzed green leaves overlaid with russett red outer leaves, mid-pink new growth speckled cream plus darker red, punctated cross-banding. Reg. Doc. 4/2017.

Country of origin: **Florida USA**

**Seed Parent: Rainbow Carcharodon****Pollen Parent: Galaxy**

**NEOREGELIA 'Lost Galaxy'****Boardman, John****2007**

Mature, open compact rosette to 26 cm diameter. Relatively broad leaves, width 6cm. each. In strong light, random lime green patches and garnet red / cerise pink leaves spotted white and speckled lime green. Reg. Doc. 4/2019

Country of origin: **Florida USA**

**Seed Parent: Galaxy****Pollen Parent: Rainbow Carcharodon**

**Defination of Meterorid: a small body moving in the solar system that would become a meteor if it entered the earth's atmosphere.**

**NEOREGELIA 'Meteoroid'**

**Boardman, John**

**2007**

Mature, open rosette to 50cm. diameter. In strong light, arching, broad, glossy, maroon leaves with some green / pink / dark purple spots and mottling. The central cup turns rosy pink at blooming. Reg. Doc. 6/2020.

Country of origin: **Florida USA**

Seed Parent: **Rainbow Carcharodon**

Pollen Parent: **Galaxy**



Steve Beaudoin and Marilyn Howser went to John's one day and had a wonderful time playing in John's Greenhouse.



Steve and John



Steve and Marilyn

Steve has a FB page called, "Exotic Bromeliads" where he posts lots of the bromeliads he grows. Here are a few of them.



Neo 'Mango Tango'



Neophytum 'Fire Cracker'



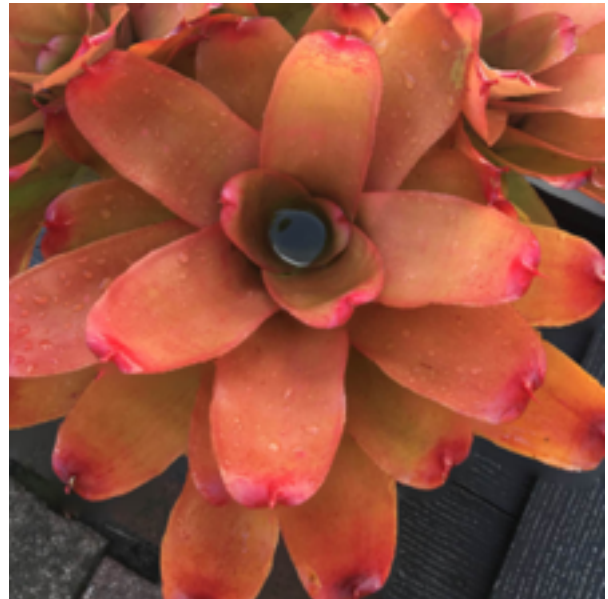
**Neo 'Chocolate Bar'**



**Neo 'Kahala Dawn'**

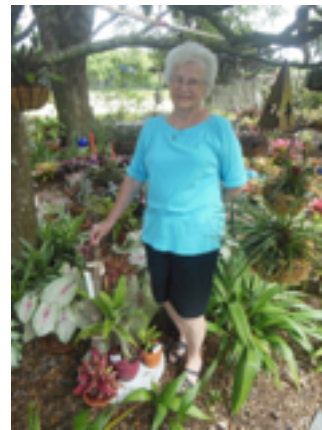


**Neo 'Gigas'**



**Neo 'Mandarin'**

Marilyn was gifted a few tree roots and Cypress knees.



Steve came to inspect the job and took a nice *Aechmea chantinii* 'Black' home.



Steven Wagner-Young set all of the roots and Cypress roots for Marilyn. When he finished he and DJ went to work on the neighbor's yard.



Steven is taking online classes at Purdue Global. I'm working on a Bachelor of Health Science in Nutrition, which I think will enhance my Associate Degree in Culinary Arts from Johnson and Wales University.



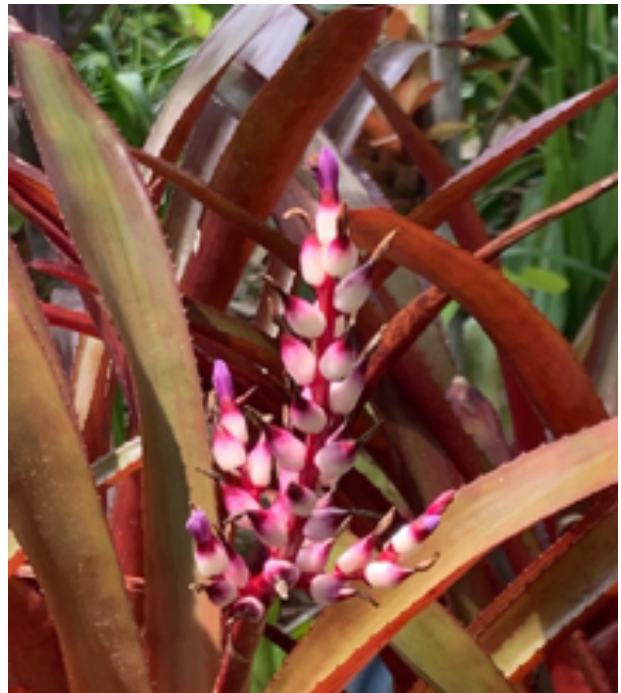


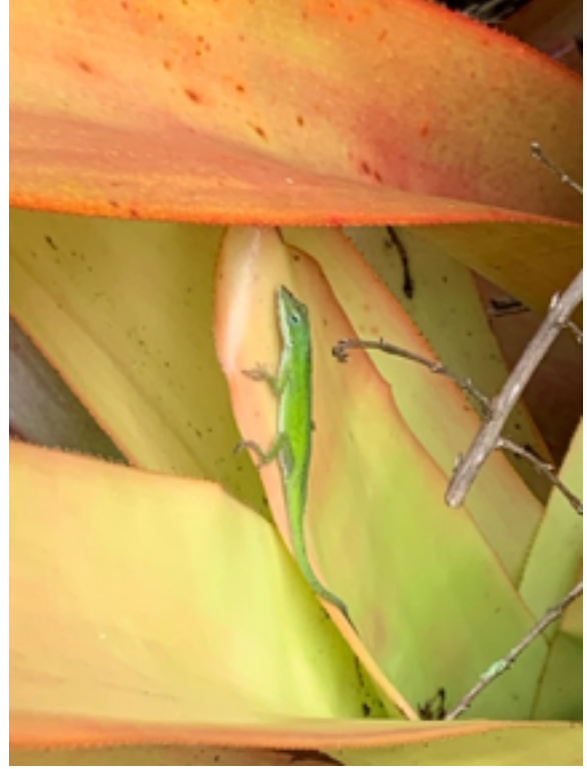
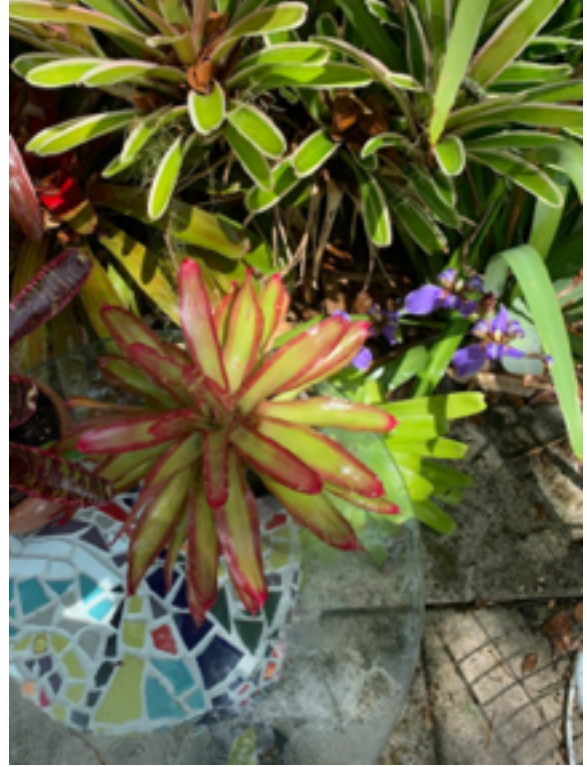
Bob Smedley is an extremely artistic member of the BSCF. Bob has spoken to our group in the past and hopefully will again.



This looks like a wonderful place to sip Iced Tea on a hot afternoon.

**A few of Bob's broms:**





**Bob.SmedleyArtworks**

Some of my artwork is on Facebook wall, Bob Smedley

My studio is at Faith Arts Village of Orlando, FAVO, [faithartsvillage.com](http://faithartsvillage.com)

I'm a resident artist in studio 143. Visits available by appointment with social distancing guidelines. Shipping available as well.

Vriesea



A work in progress



## 2020 Bromeliad Society of Central Florida MEMBERSHIP FORM

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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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