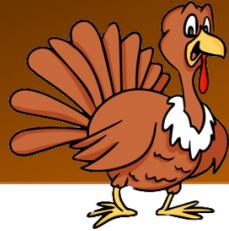


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**Newsletter of the
Bromeliad Society of Central Florida**
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Next meeting: November 18, 2020

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

Happy November and a Happy Thanksgiving to all. Hope everyone is healthy and safe.

We had a great sale this past weekend at the Mead Garden Growvember. Seven of our members sold bromeliads, and many of our members attended. The weather was great, a little windy, but no rain. There were a lot of customers and we had probably our best Mead Garden sale. And the best sale of the year. Okay, the only one of the year, but it was very successful and nice to be outside. Mead Garden said there were over 450 people on Friday and they counted over 1,800 on Saturday. Thanks to our members who sold and those that came out and supported our Society.

We do need to elect officers for 2021. If you are interested in holding an office, please email me at presbyter64@gmail.com. Leanne has advised that her increased job responsibilities will keep her busy next year and she won't be able to serve as Treasurer. Please think if you can give some time to help our Society.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our November meeting. Teresa will be giving a great presentation. Remember that we will have a members market. So if you have one or two or more broms that you would like to sell please bring them. Plan to be there by 6:30 pm. Just make sure the bromeliads are clean and pest free. Each sale goes entirely to the selling member.

Have a wonderful November and Thanksgiving.

Mike



Vice President's Message

Hi All

The next Bromeliad Society of Central FL is Nov. 18th.

We welcome all of the new members.

Please bring a brom for the door prize table, for the raffle table and if you have a special brom you would like to show off bring it for Show and Tell. Also please bring your favorite snack to share. If you're a new member and don't have a brom to bring that is just fine.

Teresa Eddy, "The Backyard Gardener" will be demonstrating how to create Christmas decorations using Bromeliads. Teresa is a very talented lady, a member of our bromeliad society who spoke at the 2019 Extravaganza put on by The Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies and the Bromeliad Society of Central Florida.



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Hope you can all make it. 🍌 Marilyn



September Minutes

Meeting Minutes - October 21, 2020 Bromeliad Society of Central Florida

John Boardman was the guest speaker with the exciting topic on, “Variations of Variegations.” His passion is variegated Neos. John brought exceptional display broms to show examples of margination, and striata and most of the broms available for sale were purchased. John’s tables displayed a fitting Halloween theme which accented the presentation. Pam Marion assisted John with showing the example broms throughout the audience.

John’s presentation was very informative and included additional topics of various fertilizers and when to fertilize, potting media, leaf indications of a brom with too wet of soil media, effects of temperature, humidity, light, virus, zap, and tissue culture.

The group celebrated its 48th birthday of the creation of the Bromeliad Society of Central Florida. Betsy McCrory hosted the birthday cake and a delicious pineapple punch consisting of pineapple juice, pineapple sherbet, and chunks of pineapple.

Mike McMahon presented Betsy McCrory with a special recognition award for her extraordinary near 48 years of service and as being an early member of the Bromeliad Society of Central Florida. Betsy served as President, Vice President and Treasurer for decades and represented the BSCF at the Florida Council meetings. Betsy is the one person who has spent more time serving the BSCF than any other member. Besty was presented with a beautiful bromeliad photo card personally made by our BSCF photographer, Cheryl Reynolds, a \$550 Darden gift card, and received a standing ovation from the attendees.

Vice President Marilyn Howser’s Report

- Teresa Eddy will be the speaker for the November 18, 2020, meeting. The topic will be, “Using Bromeliads to Decorate for Christmas.” Teresa will also be presenting a workshop on November 21, 2020, should persons like to attend.

- Marilyn encouraged the attendees to come out to visit at the Mead Botanical Garden GROWvember event whether you plan to sell, buy, or just visit. {Location: 1300 South Denning Drive, Winter Park, FL 32789.}
- New members and guests were introduced.
 - Mike Brooks, friend of Bob Smedley, native of Florida, (new member)
 - Althea Montgomery, found the club on Facebook, native of Florida, (new member)
 - Alan and Bonnie Friedrich, members of the Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society, moved to Florida from Ohio approximately four years ago, (new members)
 - Ray Hopkins, from the San Francisco Bay area, (guest)
 - Rosa, friend of Lisa Robinette, (guest)

Treasurer's Report:

Mike Saunders indicated that the BSCF is awaiting the financial figures and will provide the report at the November 18, 2020, meeting.

President Mike Saunder - Report

- September 2020 minutes were approved.
- Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies (FCBS.ORG) - Please feel free to submit to Carol Wolfe any newsletters, articles, or photos of interest.
- Thank you to John Boardman for the great presentation.
- Mead Botanical Garden GROWvember, a good old fashioned plant sale is Friday, November 6, 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Saturday, November 7, 2020, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please see Marilyn if you would like to sell plants at the event. (An email was sent earlier this month to the members which provided the details for selling at this event.) The organization paid for two spaces. The event this year is limited to plant vendors only. Everyone is welcome to come out and help even if not selling. This is a great opportunity to add to your collection. Phil and Maxine Wright will be selling *large* sized plants. *Feed the addiction!*

- The Leu Gardens plant sale will be on Saturday, March 13, and Sunday, March 14, 2021. Friday, March 12, 2021, is set up day. Mark your calendars for this event. There will be 60 to 70 participating vendors.
- There will be a members market at the next BSCF meeting on November 21, 2020. If you would like to sell plants, please clean them up to be in presentable sale condition, but the plants do not need to be in high show quality condition.

Old business: None

New business:

- Mike introduced a motion for the BSCF to participate in the Leu Gardens March 2021 plant sale event. Motion made by Bob Smedley, and seconded by Lisa Robinette. Motion voted upon and accepted unanimously by the members.
- BSCF elections will be held for all positions for next year - President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. If interested in serving in one of these positions, there is a form to complete and submit to the Nominating Committee for consideration. The position of Librarian is not an elected position but is vacant. If any member is interested in holding this position, please see Mike Saunders or Marilyn Howser.

Announcements:

- Members, please be sure that you are receiving the BSCF newsletter. If not, please see Marilyn.
- The World Bromeliad Conference (WBC) scheduled for June 9 to 12, 2021, in Sarasota, Florida, may possibly be delayed until 2022. Greg Kolojeski, Vice President of the Bromeliad Society International (BSI), intends that this matter should be resolved in the next month or two.
- It was noted that the FCBS normally holds its Bromeliad Extravaganzas in odd years, and the BSI normally holds its conferences in even years. The facility would not be available for the Bromeliad Extravaganza, and the BSCF would not support having the Bromeliad Extravaganza in the same year as the WBC. There has not been any discussion due to the current COVID-19 situation.

Show and Tell

Mike McMahan shared two stunning bromeliads with the group - a Vriesea 'John Hirota' by Shiigi which debuted in the early to mid-1990s and a Vriesea 'Waikiki Sunset,' a David Phillip hybrid.

Phil Wright showed a cute green orthophytum; orthophytums have a unique growth shape compared to most other bromeliad species.

Mike Saunders presented two bromeliads each with a striking and brilliant red quality - a Neoregelia (Grant)'Serendipity' and a Neoregelia 'Blood Plum' with a very extraordinary all-red pup.

John Boardman discussed with the group that when a plant has a breeder's name that the name has previously been used for another plant. John discussed that persons are encouraged to name new plants. Anyone can register a plant and name it with the Bromeliad Society International, and this is a very simple process and does not cost anything. Just check to be sure that the name has not already been used before naming the plant.

Door Prizes and Raffle Tickets were drawn. The tables were full of interesting and unique plants some of which were in bloom, a nice ceramic vase, blank name labels for plants, a bouquet of sunflowers, and John Boardman's bromeliads in Halloween Jack-o-lantern containers. *Thank you to all of the attendees who supported the raffle!*

The meeting concluded at approximately 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Cathy Schubert



The paragraph below is what John shared with me after the meeting.

I fertilize from March to October.. You have to be careful when fertilizing Bromeliads some solid color neoregelias and Billbergias turn green from over fertilizing. When I do a foliarÂ feed I mix up 1/4 teaspoon of fert and 1/4 teaspoon of super thrive to a gallon.. then spray on leaves. . probably best to fertilize Neoregelias once a month.other bromeliads such as guzmania. Vriesea .Cryptanthus and tillandsias can be feed more often. with nutricote I use 1/2 teaspoon for 4 and 5 inches pots. And a teaspoon for 6 to 8 inch pots.. I buy all these products on eBay. Cathy



Betsy McCrory

Mike McMahon presented a thank you gift to Betsy and these are the words he said to her.

Tonight we celebrate the 48th anniversary of our Society. Over all those years, it takes a lot of people doing a lot of work to keep an organization running. But, there is one person who has done more to keep us going than anyone. We still have members who were among the founders of the Society, and even they have not done so much of the work required for us to be here after 48 years, strong as ever. That one person who has done so much is Betsy McCrory.

It was about one year ago that Betsy informed us that she would not serve another term as treasurer, after having served so many decades in that and other roles, we understood but wished it was otherwise. Her service goes back 40 or more years. I recall having a board meeting at my home in the late '70s or early '80s that Betsy attended with her parents. For years, she was the one who dealt with the sales and auctions of plants brought to our meetings, and the plant sale events in which we participated. When nobody else was willing

to drive from one end of the state to the other to attend Florida Council meetings, Betsy did it so our Society kept fully involved. And, over the years, when there were personal conflicts or circumstances that could have derailed the Society, Betsy saw us through. She was always there to see that the next meeting was held, tasks done, everything kept on track. There has been so much she has done over the past 40 years, nobody can even begin to list everything. We just always knew Betsy could be counted on to handle whatever there was.



In recognition of her unique and extraordinary service, the Society voted to present Betsy with a special gift. To keep it secret, we voted at a meeting early in the year when she was not present. We had a committee that looked for a proper gift and after much inquiry decided that what Betsy would enjoy most was a gift certificate for dining out. Then, Covid-19 shut down our meetings. This is the first opportunity for us to present Betsy with her special recognition for so many years of extraordinary service. Betsy, tonight we present you with certificates for \$550.00 good at all Darden restaurants. On behalf of the Society, thank you for everything.

Upcoming Events



Sorry BromHeads,
I got nothin'.

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!

Treasurer: Date _____ Check # _____ Cash _____

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