



DECEMBER 16, 2019

# Bromeliad Society of Central Florida

## President's Message

### Happy Holidays to all!

Hard to believe that 2019 is almost behind us. I am very thankful for everyone's participation in our Society and our events. It has been a great year. I also want to thank my fellow officers, Marilyn, Karen and Betsy for all of their tremendous contributions this year to our successes. A great team.

I am sorry I missed Growvember, but Leanne and I were at the Bromeliad Judges school in Ft. Myers. I heard our sale was a great success. Thanks to all who sold and helped out. No more plant sales until next year. Leu Gardens will be March 14 and 15. So we have a breather until then.

I was down in Ft. Myers this weekend helping judge the Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society's Show. Since I have completed the first two sessions of judges school, I am eligible to participate in judging bromeliad shows as a student judge. It was a great experience. And yes, I did get to feed my addiction and add to my collection at their bromeliad plant show. Just a

reminder that we host our own judged bromeliad show at our Mother's Day Show and Sale. So start looking at your favorites that you would like to enter in the show to be judged. We will be talking about the show and getting plants ready for it in the upcoming months.

Wishing everyone a fantastic 2020 and look forward to working with you on our upcoming sales and show.

See you at the meeting,

Mike



Bok Towers, courtesy: Marilyn Howser

## October minutes

### BSCF Monthly Meeting Minutes October 16, 2019

We celebrated our 47<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a Society as is traditionally done in October each year. The officers brought food for the buffet table and members were encouraged to bring specimens of *Aechmea orlandiana* to share. We also had a member market.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by



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President Mike Saunders.

**Secretaries Report:** Welcome guests Nihal Hafez, Ahmed Hart, and Steve Beudoin!

#### **Vice Presidents Report:**

- Thanked Mike Saunders for the nice President's message in the Orlandiana newsletter.
- Explained how to do the plant tags for the Mead Gardens sale and showed an assortment of tag styles.
- Marty Baxley is going to be the November speaker. He is speaking about his trip to Peru. Marty is a member of the Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay and his company name is Jungle Gems.
- We are members of the BSI and the Cryptanthus Society, Marilyn showed the journals that both organizations produce. We are also members of the FCBS, Marilyn showed everyone the yearly roster that the FCBS produces and sends out to all members. Mike Saunders further explained how the different societies work and the benefits of belonging to them.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Betsy gave the financial report for September and it was filed for audit. She gave us a rundown on the Extravaganza financials; the growers have been sent their checks. She will have more particulars next month.

#### **Presidents Report:**

- The August monthly meeting minutes were approved.
- Mike talked about GROWvember – check with Marilyn for more info. Anyone can sell! Marilyn explained the 80/20 profit split and gave the hours for the event. GROWvember is Friday and Saturday. We will have Extravaganza bags for sale for \$3.00 each.
- Mike thanked everyone again for the Extravaganza; he mentioned that there have been great comments about the wonderful venue and great experiences that were had.
- BSCF Officer elections are coming up! If you are interested in being an officer, or if you would like to be on the nominating committee, please see Mike Saunders.



**Announcements:**

Greg Kolojeski gave an announcement about the 2020 BSI World Conference. He mentioned that the BSI had lowered their membership rate, both for new members and members that don't want a printed journal. The hotel is \$149.00. The event is going to be June 9–13, 2020 in Sarasota, FL. Please check it out on the BSI website, the prices will go up after the end of the year. There will be a judged show, plant sales, behind the scenes Selby Gardens tours, 8 speakers, and oh, so much more!!

[www.bsi.org](http://www.bsi.org)

Greg K. also announced about the Florals Fantastica fundraiser that the Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society was going to be this Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. Admission is \$5.00 and there will be 8 elaborate displays: Bromeliads, Towers of Caladiums, a "World of Variagation", and a Bud Martin Hortus Exotica display. There will be about 300 \$20.00 plants for sale, really nice specimens. There is a plant raffle included in the admission price.

Lisa Robinette announced that Wes Schilling has passed away. Wes was an excellent grower and hybridizer in California and will be greatly missed. Many of us have seen his EZ Mount Plant Hangers – one can really take advantage of vertical space using this spiral hanger/pole system. Lisa is selling the spiral plant holders: \$35.00 for 7 plant holders.

**Show and Tell:**

Mike McMahon shared an unnamed Grant Groves Vriesea hybrid with beautiful purple coloring.

Paul Morris brought in *Aechmea pectinata* with great color.

Pat Fusco brought in a *Billbergia Stenapetala*, spectacular and care-free!!

Mike Saunders shared *Aechmea orlandiana* 'White Knight' x 'Pickaninny', a Michael Kiehl clone with really good tones.

Lisa Robinette brought in a *Nidularium incentii* and a *Nidularium Bahia* variegated, beautiful.

Thanks to everyone for bringing in wonderful plants to share!

Door Prizes and Raffle Tickets were drawn.

The meeting concluded at 9:00 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by  
Karen Steinberg



Selby Gardens, courtesy: Marilyn Howser

## Vice Presidents Comments

Hi all



Oh my gosh it's December already

The bad news is dues are due for all but the few that have joined since July 2019. A membership form is attached for those that won't be at the Dec. meeting.

The good news is it's party time. It's the member's turn to do the food table. Mike asked for mostly appetizers and desserts. Let's start eating at 7:00 so if you can get to Leu about 6:45 that would be great.

Of course we need gifts, so clean up one of your beautiful broms. They shouldn't have any water in them and they shouldn't be dirty. If you choose a bare root plant and the roots are in some dirt just wrap the root area in a plastic bag or plastic wrap. Please insert the plant's name tag. Then wrap it up all pretty.

**There will be no door prize or raffle plants.**

Matt Bagley owner of Bonita Bromeliads is the speaker for Jan. 15, 20

See you all Dec. 18th  
Marilyn



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## 2020 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.**

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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\_\_\_\_\_

## CHOOSING THE RIGHT BROMELIAD FOR YOUR SITUATION

Just like choosing a plant based on whether it will be placed in full sun, partial sun or shade, you may want to consider the 'cold hardiness' of your Bromeliad selections. With all the information available on the internet in this day and age, there is now substantial information on individual plant cold tolerance. You can also inquire about this information from your supplier if they specialize in Bromeliads. Large "box stores" are generally not a good place for these type of specifics. Below is a generalization of some of the more common genera:

[Aechmeas](#): Most individuals in this group are generally considered hardy to 32 degrees

[Billbergias](#): With some exceptions this group is hardy down to the low 30's.

[Cryptanthus](#): Known as "Earth Stars" it is better to provide for min. temps. Above 45 degrees.

[Guzmanias](#): This group generally are considered more tropical and do not like temps. below 45 degrees.

[Neoregelias](#): Another hardy group with most member able to withstand lows to 32 degrees.



Selby Gardens, courtesy: Marilyn Howser



## Upcoming Events

**June 9–14, 2020** World Bromeliad Conference 2020 Celebrating the 70th Anniversary of the Bromeliad Society International!

Hyatt Regency, 1000 Boulevard of the Arts, Sarasota, FL 34236

[www.bsi.org/new/conference-corner/](http://www.bsi.org/new/conference-corner/)

## Our Meeting Next Month: January 15th, 2020

The Bromeliad Society of Central Florida meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

BSCF is a nonprofit Florida corporation recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) organization.

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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