



January 2006

**CALOOSAHATCHEE
BROMELIAD
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MERISTEM**

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There are several positions where previous Chairs are listed. There will be clarification of these appointments in the next Newsletter. Second name after Chairperson's name is Co-Chairperson.

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THE CALOOSAHATCHEE BROMELIAD SOCIETY

MEETING TIME AND PLACE:

January Meeting: SUNDAY January 15th, 2006

ST. JOHN the APOSTLE CHURCH 3049 MCGREGOR Ave. FORT MYERS.
DOORS WILL BE OPEN AT 12:30 FOR SETUP. Please bring RAFFLE
plants to share with our members.

Membership Sales are encouraged at this meeting, so bring lots!!

January Program

“The 2005 CBS Show and Sale in Review”

Dr. Larry Giroux will continue the tradition of Ann Collings and his own presentations these past years, by reviewing our 2005 Show and Sale. If you weren't there, you will get to see all the highlights. If you were there, you will get an opportunity to enjoy the experience all over again and maybe catch a glimpse of what you missed.

January Workshop

“Natural and Man-made Bi-generics”

Brian Weber, a very active member of our Society and Chief-grower at Tropiflora, will bring in both natural hybrids and man-made hybrids for exhibition and discussion. These bi-generic hybrids offer us a whole new group of interesting and different plants for inclusion in our collections. Members are encouraged to bring in their own special bi-generics to share and discuss with the audience.

(Starts at 1:15 PM.)

The Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society is an active Affililate of:



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Bromeliad Society
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SOCIETY NOTES

Welcome new members

Terri and Jeff Lazar

Rae Ann Wessel

The 2006 Roster

Each year we provide to the membership a special gift of a photo directory and CBS Society information booklet.

Larry Giroux your Editor, has attempted to collect color photographs of members as they join, in order to keep the directory current. Please review your 2005 Roster and check for errors in your information. If you are not listed yet or do not have a photo, please contact Larry at the next meeting. The January and February meetings are the last chances to correct or add to this year's publication. And of course, if you hate your photo, catch Larry at the meetings to have it redone.

2006 Dues

If you think it is a hassle to remember to pay your membership dues by the January meeting, think of the efforts and frustration of your Treasurer and Editor to try to keep the membership information and financial records current for over 150 members.

Please, Please give or send your dues and up-to-date membership information to Betty Ann Prevatt and make life a lot easier for us
VOLUTEERS!

Your President and Your Society needs your help.

It is that time of year again when the President is trying to put together the various committees necessary to keep the CBS running. A Chairperson and possibly a Co-Chair is needed for each of these critical positions.

Granted some of these jobs will require time and committment. In the past we have had a small group of devoted members willing to take on these responsibilities, but for a variety of reasons this number has declined. It is not fair to expect the remaining few to provide for the much larger numbers of members.

Please help out your Society. Your involvement will reap its rewards in many ways. If you have limitations due to seasonal or family committments we will work around them. We DO appreciate your support other than your dues. Please contact Dianne Molnar with an offer of help.

The CBS 2006 Show and Sale

It is always very hard to thank all those involved with an event such as our Show. To start with no names are going to be mentioned here, but rather contributions. Most of the names associated with these have already been mentioned at the November meeting or in previous publications such as the Newsletter and the Show Schedule.

Praise must be given to the Show and Sale's Chairs and Co-Chairs, the Chairs and Co-Chairs of all the committees, those who donated money and prizes for awards, which were dutifully won with exceptional plants. Special thanks to the exhibitors who took the time and effort to prepare plants so we could have a Show. Kudos to the sellers who provided thousands of desirable plants and items to tempt the public into buying and becoming interested in bromeliads. Thanks to those who kept us fed with a vast selection of foods and beverages in our time of need. Gratitude to all the workers who from Thursday night until Sunday night made this special event happen. CBS saves its final appreciation for the members and non-members who purchased all the fabulous plants and items. You made this again a financial success. CBS hopes you enjoy your bromeliads, which you bought and those of you who are members are encouraged to persuade your friends and neighbors who purchased plants to attend our meetings and become involved with the CBS.

Winners of the 2006 CBS Bromeliad Show - October 14th 2005

- M.B.Foster Best of Show, Horticulture - Terrie Bert - *Alcantarea braziliiana* (FC)
M.H.Hobbs Best of Show, Artistic - Larry Giroux - "Birds, Butterflies & Bromeliads" (FC)
Sweepstakes - Larry Giroux - Represented by *Neoregelia* 'Clarise' (1)
Division I - Larry Giroux - *Bromelia humilis* (2)
Division I Section A - David Prall - *Tillandsia marnier-lapostollei* (3)
Division I Section B - Larry Giroux - *Neoregelia* 'Morona' X *eutheropetala* (4)
Division II - Larry Giroux - *Pitcairnia* 'Beaujolois' (5)
Division II Section A - Magali Grant - *Billbergia stenopetala* (6)
Division II Section B - Stephen Hoppin - *Pitcairnia smithiorum* (7)
Division III - Eloise Beach - *Tillandsia funckiana* (8)
Division III Section A - Dianne Molnar - *Tillandsia flexuosa* 'Grande' (9)
Division III Section B - Terrie Bert - *Tillandsia rhodocephala* (10)
Division IV - Stephen Hoppin - *Neoregelia wilsoniana* in a shell (11)
Division IV Section A - No winner
Division IV Section B - Larry Giroux - *Cryptanthus* 'Key Lime Pie' (12)
Division VI - Best of Judges - Maureen Frazel - *Cryptanthus* 'Black Mystic' (13)
Division VI - Best of Novice - Barbara Johnson - *Billbergia* 'Delicioso' (14)
Division VI - Best Cut Inflorescence - Betty Ann Prevatt - *Portea alatisepala* (15)
Division VI - Best Unnamed Bromeliad - Lyle Bowen (16)
Division VI - Best Artistic Expression - No winner
Bob Whitman Best Cryptanthus Species - Brian Weber - *Cryptanthus ubairensis* (17)
Warren Loose Best Cryptanthus Hybrid - Jim Irvin - *Cryptanthus* 'Absolute Zero' (18)
Best Multiple Cryptanthus - Eloise Beach - *Cryptanthus bivittatus* 'Ruby' (19)
The Cryptanthus Sweepstakes Award - Larry Giroux - *Cryptanthus* 'Dr. Larry' (20)
Best Blooming Tillandsia - Dianne Molnar - *Tillandsia streptophylla* X *brachycaulos* (21)
Best Non-blooming Tillandsia - Terrie Bert - *Tillandsia grandis* (22)
Best Aechmea - Larry Giroux - *Aechmea orlandiana* 'Snowflake' X 'Rainbow' (23)
Best Neoregelia - Magali Grant - *Neoregelia* 'Voodoo Doll' (24)
Best Dyckia - Terrie Bert - *Dyckia* 'Brittle Star' (25)
Best Overall Species - Magali Grant - *Billbergia stenopetala* (6)
Members Choice Award (Tie) - Dale Kammerlohr - *Ananas cosmosus* 'Jet Stream' (26)
Members Choice Award (Tie) - Stephen Hoppin - *Vriesea corcovadensis* (27)
Members Choice (3rd Place) - Magali Groves - *Neo*. 'Painted Desert' X 'Hannibal Lector' (28)
Best Mini-Neoregelia - Stephen Hoppin - *Neoregelia* 'Mo' Pepper Please' (29)







The Other Bromeliad Societies

In the last several years, bromeliad Societies throughout the World have made themselves known on the internet. With the ease and low cost of Website construction, even the smallest society can have a website. And with so many more people of all ages becoming familiar with computers and having access to the internet, anyone can have privy to these sites.

I have been fortunate, that as Editor I have received many of the newsletters of the other Societies in exchange. When possible I try to reprint relevant interesting articles from other Newsletters. Now these society publications are available to the general public on certain websites without having to subscribe. In this issue I would like to point out one of these sites of interest. As space is available in future newsletters I will highlight others.



The Bromeliad Society of San Francisco has a website at <http://www.sfbromeliad.org>. You might recall they hosted the 2000 WBC in conjunction with the BSI.

Besides links to newspaper articles and society news, they have started a scrapbook of bromeliad pictures. However, the most valuable asset for nonmembers is the posting of the last 2 years of "The Newsletter". The latest issue, December 2005, has some great color pictures and a column on "Tips". For an enjoyable evening, log in to this site and browse past newsletter issues.

November Program

The day prior to the Sunday presentation, Dr. Green of the BSSF developed a medical problem and was unable to return to Fort Myers for his program. Although he offered to loan his slides to us, given the time restraint, this did not happen.

Dr. Larry Giroux, on short notice, prepared a slide presentation of some of the neoregelia crosses grown by Sharon Petersen. You might recall that Sharon was recognized as one of three outstanding hybridizers of 2004 by Derek Butcher. Every two years Derek has been designated by the BSI to select a hybridizer who has created and registered different and unusual cultivars. In the first year of the award, three individuals were selected.

The nearly 80 pictures of cultivars, the majority representing original cultivars by Sharon, which Dr. Giroux's presentation, attest to Ms. Petersen's worthiness for this award.

November Workshop

Just like we need to have a common language in order to communicate with each other, we need a universal nomenclature when discussing bromeliads.

It is not always simple to remember how to label a plant, but with consistent use it becomes familiar.

Dr. Larry Giroux, with corresponding slides guided us through the proper way to label a plant. He clarified, the correct way to indicate what plants are *forms*, *varieties* and *cultivars*. Handouts allowed the audience to continue the learning experience with their own plants.

Whether you are buying a bromeliad, labeling one in your collection or simply talking about one with another hobbyist, the use of this universal plant language will make understanding bromeliads a lot easier. An besides, we all seem a lot smarter when we use the correct nomenclature.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

is due by

JANUARY

EVENTS CALENDER

June 6th - 11th, 2006

Bromeliads on the Border, 17th World Bromeliad Conference.
Town and Country Resort & Convention Center 500
Hotel Circle North, San Diego, California 92108, <http://www.towncountry.com>. You can register on the website
www.BSI.org

April 22-23, 2006

Bromeliad Society of South Florida Annual Show and Sale
Fairchild Gardens, Miami

September 30, 2006

Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies' Bromeliad
Extravaganza
Presented by the Bromeliad Society of South Florida
Miccosukee Resort and Convention Center, Miami

Got something of interest?

If any of you have special events other members
would be interested in, please submit them to your
editor. Please provide by the 1st of the month,
prior to publication.

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Captions for these and
all the winning plants
are on page 5.