



February 2007

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Aechmea nidularioides

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Front cover: Picture of *Aechmea nidularioides* was taken by Larry Giroux of the plant blooming this month in the Giroux/Hoppin collection.



THE CALOOSAHATCHEE BROMELIAD SOCIETY

MEETING TIME AND PLACE:

February Meeting: SUNDAY February 18th, 2007

ST. JOHN the APOSTLE CHURCH 3049 McGREGOR Ave. FT. MYERS.
DOORS WILL BE OPEN AT 12:30 FOR SETUP.

MEMBERSHIP SALES ARE ENCOURAGED
AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING.

(If you would like to sell plants at the meetings, please confirm the rules with Betty Ann Prevatt. This is a great way of getting rid of your excess and picking up new plants.)

*Friendship Plants, Raffle Plants and Extra Door Prizes
are always welcome and appreciated.*

February Program

(Starting following the refreshment break)

“The Continuing Evil Weevil Saga.””

By Dr. Howard Frank (See his resume in this issue)

At this opportune time, Dr. Frank returns to the CBS to review and update us on the project to eradicate the “Evil Weevil” (*Metamasius callizona*). For the last 17 years he has been working at the University of Florida, financed in part by the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies, to find a biological control of this pest, which has now been identified as far north as Orange County. Come to the February meeting and find out what your bromeliad collection could be facing and how you can help.

February Workshop

(Starting at 1:15PM)

“From Seed to Shining Sea (‘Pacifica’)”

By Betty Ann Prevatt and Eleanor Kinzie

Several months ago when discussing and demonstrating starting bromeliads from seeds, Brian Weber gave a number of seedlings of *Aechmea bracteata* var. *pacifica* to the membership. Our Feb. workshop will focus on the progress of these and other plants our members have started from seed. We are requesting anyone who took the seedlings to bring them back to this workshop. We will Ohh and Ahh! at their progress and dish out praise and if necessary helpful hints to help your “garden” grow. If you have other seedlings coming along we will also be interested in seeing them.

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President's Message

By Steve Hoppin

Although a full agenda was necessary for the first meeting of the year, we managed to blend both Society business and pleasant highlights from the past year. I appreciated your patience as I attempted to address issues, conduct / lead this well attended meeting in an orderly manner and also, wrap it up on time.

Fortunately for all of us, most routine CBS business for the year has been tended to and we should look forward to shorter meetings for the remainder of the year. Ah, yes, I just heard your sigh of relief!

Although the remainder of the general meetings for the year may be shorter, the person leading the meeting faces the same challenge with each gathering - acquiring your attention and obtaining order and silence as quickly as possible. From now on I ask each of you to help me by automatically reacting to the flashing of the room lights by simply quieting the room and taking your seats. My voice will appreciate this, as well as your ears and the wear and tear of the gavel (grin). I will thank you now, in advance for your help in getting each meeting back to order quickly and orderly.

To all the people at the January meeting that brought in friendship, sales, show and tell and raffle plants, you need to know you really out did yourselves. Your generosity was very much appreciated as was evident by so many smiling faces. What a huge impact this had on our members and guests, especially, our several new members in attendance.

The "Bromeliad Events of 2006", an entertaining and cosmic program given by Larry Giroux, certainly made some of us take a quick second look, wince or laugh out loud. What a great way to start the New Year. This was followed up by one of the largest and fastest executed CBS raffles I've encountered.

I hope to see you all at our next meeting February 18th, as CBS continues to provide educational and entertaining Workshops, Programs, Show and Tells and of course the great food. As always, I encourage everyone to participate in any or all club activities and to give back when you can. Helping, sharing and giving are all very kind acts worthy of you all. Just look at our January meeting, note how much that little extra effort paid off and the un-measurable rewards derived there from!

Wishing you best in the hobby,

Steve Hoppin, CBS President

P.S. Please Go Paperless!

Please correct the e-mail address of Brandon Reich and Carlos Alvarez. Their e-mail is SOBEGURU@aol.com

SOCIETY NOTES

Final Chance to be included in the 2007 "CBS Family Album"

Please pay up your membership dues either by mail prior to or in person at the February meeting to Betty Ann Prevatt. (New members who joined in November or December of 2006 are good until 2008)

The next meeting is the cut-off for inclusion in the 2007 Roster. Over the years I have had only good things said about our Photographic Roster. (If you don't count the occasion wrong information or bad picture.) If you are anything like me, I am so forgetful about names. Thanks to great record keeping, when I saw a patient in the office I had the advantage of having their chart in front of me with their name. To this day I still get embarrassed when I meet a former patient I have cared for for over 20 years and can't remember their name. The Roster lets you associate faces with names and lets us all communicate better with one another. The following individuals still haven't had their likenesses immortalized on the

pages of the Roster -

Linda and Ed Bosley

Judy Boyette

Eunice Bremmer

Alison Charbonais

Bernese Davis

Debbie DuPuy

Mike Gimeno

Maria Hallenbeck

Milan Hermon

Julie Propp-Birch

Bruce McAlpin

Johanna Parkes

Ken & Liz Repple

Kimberly Riching

Rose Schmidt

Steve & Mary Seal

Karen Soden

Laura Stacell

Diane Stokes

Helga Tarver

Suzanna Vorsatz

There are several ways of getting your picture in the March Roster - See me at the February meeting, e-mail me a digital picture or mail me a picture (I will scan it and return it to you).

Welcome our New & Returning Members

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Donna Schneider reminds us of the-

The Annual Garden Gala sponsored by the Pine Island Garden Club.



Place: Pine Island Nature Park, One block north of the Town Center.

Time: Saturday, February 17, 2007, 9AM-2PM

Purpose: To benefit an Academic Scholarship Fund, to assist with maintenance of the Museum of the Islands' Gardens and of the Pine Island Nature Park.

What's there: Native and Exotic plants of all kinds will be for sale, Gardening Demos and Advice, Handcrafts, Baked Goods, Gardening Books, White Elephants and Raffles.

(This will be a great time for everyone and it is for admirable causes. So take yourself, the kids and your significant others out to Pine Island to enjoy this fun event this month.)

Our February Speaker

Dr. Howard Frank is a native of Great Britain where he received his doctorate training in entomology. In 1966 he moved to Canada and attended the University of Alberta; he continued his post doctorate studies in entomology until 1968 when he took a position with the sugar industry in the Bahamas as an entomologist. In April 1972 he moved to Vero Beach, Florida and worked on mosquito ecology. In 1985 he became an Associate Professor of entomology at the University of Florida in Gainesville and in 1987 was promoted to Professor, specializing in biological control of pest insects. His current roles at the University include teacher, researcher (in Biological Control), and Extension Specialist (promoting knowledge of research projects to the public).

Dr. Frank returns to the CBS one month before our annual FCBS Evil Weevil Fundraiser Auction to update us on the progress of the University of Florida's program to eradicate the Mexican Weevil, which is destroying many of our native and cultivated bromeliads here in Florida.

Come to the February meeting and listen to the foremost expert on the Mexican Weevil and learn where your donations are being put to use.

(Dr. Howard Frank's e-mail: <<mailto:jhf@IFAS.UFL.EDU>> Some of his additional websites: <<http://Molecrickets.ifas.ufl.edu>> <<http://BromeliadBiota.ifas.ufl.edu>> <<http://SaveBromeliads.ifas.ufl.edu>> and <<http://Tropent.ifas.ufl.edu>>.)

As discussed at the January meeting, in order to reduce the work of your editor in producing your Newsletter as well as save significant money, I am requesting that any member who can read and download (and print if so desired) the Meristem from www.fcbs.org, PLEASE sign up at the February meeting to go PAPERLESS.

Special Events in March

Helen Novella and Marlene Long have joined Deb Booker, Chair of the Special Projects Committee in finding events for 2007. For March here is a listing. The March newsletter will not be out until these events are over so this is **only notification.**

Friday, March 2nd

Country Garden Nursery Tour (Transportation arrangements on your own) 15475 SW 200 St. Miami, FL 33187 Tel (305) 233-9033. Owner Leo Castro, hours open 8am to 3pm Web Site: bromeliadworld.com

Plan on making it an over-nighter. Deb has discovered a **Polynesian Luau** a short distance from the nursery. Normal cost is \$50.00 each, but if we can get 10 persons to attend, the cost would be \$45.00 each. Call Deb Booker before Feb.23rd, if you would like to do this. Deb can arrange for members to sit together and she may be able to help with car-pooling and hotel arrangements. The time for the Luau is 6:30pm starting with Hors d'oeuvres and wine tasting; Dinner at 7:30pm with a Bountiful Buffet showcasing the exotic cuisine of the Pacific Rim. Music and dancers from the South Sea will be performing dances highlighting their customs and cultures. Location is The Fruit and Spice Park 24801 S.W. 187th Ave. Homestead, FL 33031 (305) 247-5727 Web Site:fruitandspicepark.org. ***And on the way home head up to Ft. Lauderdale-***

Saturday, March 3rd

The Searle Brothers Wholesale Nursery & Rainforest Collection 6640 SW 172 Ave., Ft. Lauderdale (954)434-7681 is having their Spring Plant Sale of Bromeliads, palms, heliconias, crotons, aroids, ti, and more. FREE Admission, parking and barbecue. Times 9AM – 4PM.

Saturday March 10th

Each year Michael & Donna Kiehl, owners of **Michael's Bromeliads** open up their home and gardens to specific societies for a special day of visiting and shopping at their state of the art nursery, about an hour drive from Fort Myers. Michael has many exclusive cultivars such as Vrieseas, Neoregelias, Cryptanthus and Billbergias, to name a few, from hybridizers from around the world like David Shigii, Sharon Peterson, Lisa Vinzant, Don Beadle, Grace Goode and Chester Skotak. Bring a sandwich or such for lunch and Michael and Donna will provide beverages and desert. Time 9AM – 4PM; 973 First Dirt Rd. Venice, FL 34292 (941) 488-4011 or contact them at info@michaelsbromeliads.com.

Saturday March 10th

The Semi-annual **Cape Coral Tropical Plant Bazaar**. Vendors with all types of plants will be selling from 9-2pm @ Eco Park in Cape Coral. The Park is parallel and north to Veteran's Parkway by the Midpoint Bridge) Bromeliads as well as other plants will be on sale for very reasonable prices. Contact Katie at Parks & Rec 549-4606 for additional information.

New sights on the streets of Naples. Jim Bixler has planted bromeliads on one of the back walk ways in downtown



Naples. Some of the large urn planters on 5th Ave now sport *Alcantarea* ‘Volcano’s. Photos and plantings

Bromeliad Expose by Larry Giroux

Steve Hoppin and I had the opportunity to travel to Guatemala in early December with PlantAdventures on a Cactus and Bromeliad discovery tour. The 10 day tour explored the central region of the country. Besides out of the way bromeliad habitats, we were able to enjoy the ancient and modern culture of this exciting area of Central America. Enjoy a few of the pictures taken on this trip.



One of the many active volcanos in Guatemala. A holiday reindeer made of *Tillandsia usenoides* (Spanish Moss).





Various views - a population in a forest, a fully developed inflorescence and adult plants early in the blooming stage, of an unidentified tillandsia or vriesea. These pictures were taken at about 3000 ft. altitude, northwest of Guatemala City.



This was the first *Tillandsia ionantha* I have seen in its native habitat. In spite of growing in full sun, it lacked any



This specimen of *Pitcairnia heterophylla* was discovered along a river bank at approx. 3000 ft altitude. Its leaves are dimorphic with the inner leaves green and growing about 24 inches long; the outer leaves are no more than elongated very pointed spines. This species is found from Mexico to Peru.

There are many other photos of Guatemala in the online version of this issue. Go to www.fcbs.org to download the new expanded Meristem.



Like candlesticks set in the trees for the Holiday season this area of forest was inundated by *Tillandsia guatemalensis*, which bloom from November-February. Plants are found at higher altitudes from 3000-7800 ft . from Mexico to Guatemala. They are a popular cut flower during the Holidays for the natives and are found for sale at markets and roadside stands. Unfortunately, it rarely gives offsets and needs to be grown from seed.



The species name for this plant is “penguin”, which is the West Indian name for bromeliad. *Bromeliad pinguin* was a valuable plant to the indigenous people. Its fibrous leaves were used for making rope and weaving; while, the large fruits can be eaten and fermented into an alcoholic beverage. Today the plant is still used as natural fencing to contain livestock who are deterred by its 3-4 foot long very spiny leaves. In March and April its center leaves become brilliant scarlet with a 12-16” inflorescence, white “furry” bracts and white flower petals with magenta centers. The fruit, which quickly develop after



blooming are grape size and turn a golden yellow. *B. pinguin* is native to the West Indies and Central America while its close cousin *B. balansae* is native to South America. Patches of both of these plants can now be found growing wild in South Florida; you may have noticed them on Pine Island.



We discovered two types of hechtias, the *Hechtia glomerata*, pictured here and the much larger *H. guatemalensis* seen on the next page. Both were growing together at about 3500 ft. *Hechtia glomerata* resembles *Hechtia texensis* with red spines when grown in good light; however the dark, red-maroon color occupies as well the border and a portion of the center of the leaves with high



light conditions. The plant seen here is still young with adult plants reaching 18" diameter with a 15-20" slightly branching inflorescence having clusters of small white flowers. *Hechtia guatemalensis* has up to 30" long, green leaves and a slightly branched 6 ft. inflorescence; it is also covered with small white flowers. These plants were found growing in their typical habitat on rocks or in gravel. *H. glomerata* has been collected from Texas to Guatemala while *H. guatemalensis* has a narrower native habitat of Guatemala to Nicaragua.



To the left is the typical habitat in which we found hechtias and below is a picture of the long flower spikes of *H. guatemalensis*.



A special treat by our guides was a visit to an incredible orchid nursery in the hills outside of Antigua. A variety of the orchid pictured to the left is the national orchid of Guatemala. The *Tillandsia multicaulis* (1) seen on the next page was spotted growing on the trees providing filtered light to his multiple rows of orchids. This is one of the few bromeliads, which produces multiple simultaneous

bloom spikes from a single plant. It is native from Southern Mexico to Panama. At this same nursery, in what seemed the dampest and darkest area we discovered several other bromeliads growing quite happily. Included among these was *Tillandsia punctulata* (2,3). This difficult to grow plant requires cooler temperatures at night, constant misting and a semi-shady location - exactly like the spot in which we found it. Other tillandsias found in the nursery's collection were sighted elsewhere on our trip. A plant probably *Tillandsia rodrigueziana* (5) was found in an old church garden; while, a beautiful clump of *Tillandsia polystachia* (6) required a fast stop on the road for a photo. Many of the genus - *Catopsis*, which are indigenous to Guatemala were also spotted including *Catopsis nitidis* (4).



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The CBS ANNUAL FCBS EVIL WEEVIL AUCTION

RESERVE MARCH 18th 2007

Help ERADICATE the Mexican Weevil from Florida.
Get Some Great PLANTS and Items for your home and garden
and have a lot of FUN at the same time.

This year we hope to expand our Auction, which benefits the FCBS' efforts to reduce and eventually eliminate the "Evil Weevil" here in Florida. We want to make more money have more plants and have the biggest attendance ever. We are asking our members to start selecting bromeliads, other tropical plants, bromeliad and gardening related items, books and art to donate to our March Auction. We also need you to invite friends and relatives as well as members of other bromeliad and garden societies to this event. If you attended my presentation in January, you saw a small percentage of the exceptional items up for bid last year. Start now and do your part to make the 2007 Auction an unforgettable event.

Selection of a NAME for our Fall

In the Jan. Newsletter and at the January Meeting, members were asked to present ideas for a name for our 2007 Show and Sale, which would inspire a theme to be used for decorations, awards and artistic categories. Some of the ideas are included below with comments as to their potential use. Please review these prior to the next meeting and voice your opinions to the Selection Committee.

Bromeliad Peddler - Regressing to an Olde World Village, we can work with the traditional street flower sellers and their carts.

My Secret Garden of Bromeliads - This would not use the ideas (women's sexual fantasies) from the book: My Secret Garden by Nancy Friday, but rather the general theme of "the special, secluded and relaxing garden of contemplation".

Harry Potter and the Magic of Bromeliads - If we can legally use the name "Harry Potter", we can build our theme around Magic, Wizardry and images from the "Potter" movies. (An alternate name that would be safe would be **The Wizard and the Magic of Bromeliads or Wizardry and Magic of Bromeliads**.)

Temple of Bromeliads - Using either Mayan or Egyptian temple imagery, we can select interesting decorations and awards.

Bromeliad Castaways - Using a tropical island backdrop would allow the use of beach and tropical props, very apropos to bromeliads.

Rock n' Roll with Bromeliads - This will take us back to the memories of the '50s.

A Galaxy of Bromeliads - The stars, the planets, aliens, there is no end to it...

The Bromeliad Bowl - Our sale is in the middle of football season. We can incorporate bromeliad into the gridiron scene.

Color My World (With Bromeliads) - This could either be treated as an artistic theme or be left more open to interpretation.

CBS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 20, 2007; Location: Home of Stephen Hoppin & Larry Giroux.
Attendance: Steve Hoppin, Tom Foley, Chuck Ray, Betty Ann Prevatt, Dianne Molnar, Larry Giroux, Deb Booker, Eleanor Kinzie, Vicky Chirnside & Dale Kammerlohr

Review and Consideration & Vote of Appointed Committee Chairpersons:

Program - Deb Booker; Newsletter – Larry Giroux: to continue with assistance offered; 2007 Show – Steve Hoppin; 2007 Sale – Brian Weber (not present but confirmed); Workshop – Eleanor Kinzie; Special Projects – Deb Booker to continue until finding an alternate; FL Council of Representatives – Vicky Chirnside: Senior Rep.; Deb Booker & Tom Foley: share Junior Rep.; Dale Kammerlohr: alternate Junior Rep. All other Standing committees to remain the same. Moved by Dianne to accept as listed; Second by Betty Ann. Passed.

REPORTS::TREASURER- Betty Ann submitted 2006 Financial Reports (See Secretary for complete reports).

2006 Income	\$11677.50
2006 Expenses	12,829.44
2006 Net income	(\$1,151.94)

2006 Sale: Record breaker:

Total Income	\$31,186.83
Total Expenses	25,638.19
Net from sale	5,548.64

2007 Obligations projection: See Secretary for report.

MEMBERSHIP- Larry Giroux: 139 individual members, 14 new ones: Dues \$15 / new member. Dale: Discussion to possibly form a Membership Committee to attract new members and how to get existing members to get more involved with the Society. Larry: Discussion on Meristem costs: About \$1.80 / copy to compose, print and mail. \$10/15 single/dual membership fees not enough to cover cost of newsletter. We need to emphasize the online version at fcbs.org. The online version superior with full color, more pages. This will be discussed with membership at next meeting. We may need membership training on how to access and save. Chuck to explore exposure in Naples and Ft. Myers papers, with help from Betsy Burdette, who has worked with the different media people. **WORKSHOP-** Eleanor reviewed topics for 2007 and has prepared a questionnaire to be distributed to determine members' interests and preferences. **PROGRAMS-** Deb Booker: (See attached list) All but 2 meetings are accounted for. **SPECIAL PROJECTS-** Deb: Nothing at this time, but will work with members and nurseries to arrange Open Houses. **FCBS-** Vicky: Update on Evil Weevil control progress; Show & Conference schedule announced; Australian Book project- FCBS to be sole distributor in Florida. A number (75-100) ordered. Vicky to inform membership and keep them posted on availability. **OLD BUSINESS-** Steve: Society reduced 1 year ago the 25% sellers' fee at meeting sales to 10% in order to increase participation. Appears to be effective. Betty Ann moves to keep at 10%. Second by Eleanor. Passed. Larry: Suggests encouraging sellers to contribute to raffles. **NEW BUSINESS-** President Hoppin requests special recognition for Vicky Chirnside for her outstanding contribution

as FCBS Representative and office holder these past 14+ years. BOD recognized her dedication to CBS as FCBS Rep. Steve will make the membership aware of her contributions. Larry Giroux suggested that we recognize a member yearly; question raised on who selects the candidates and winner. There was discussion on what type award; Larry suggested procuring plaque with plate for each year, to be engraved with awardee's name. Betty Ann Prevatt questioned what criteria for selection. Steve suggests small committee to determine candidate, award, criteria, etc. This will be presented to membership for consideration. **TREASURY AUDIT**– Dianne Molnar & Eleanor Kinzie volunteered to perform 2007 Audit. **2007 CBS FINANCIAL DONATIONS**- Previous contributions: BSI (2004/\$400, 2005 / \$500, 2006 / \$500); Cryptanthus Society (2004/\$400, 2005/\$500, 2006/\$500); Bromeliad ID Center(2004/\$400, 2005/\$500, 2006/\$500); 2006 WBC Scientific Seminar- \$500; 2006 Six Mile Cypress - \$100; FMLCGC Virginia Ave. Garden Pathway Brick(s) Discussion on whether one or more? Tabled for further discussion in the future. Will encourage members to purchase bricks personally at next meeting. Board agrees to keep at 2006 levels with membership vote required for approval. President Hoppin to get approval/ vote from the general membership at next meeting. **EVIL WEEVIL AUCTION**- March 2007-BOD agreed that all proceeds will go to FCBS Evil Weevil Fund. Steve: Need to publicize, especially to other Societies' members. Chuck: Maybe side-bars in local Newspapers. Individual will be asked to Chair and make decision on committees and auctioneer. **CBS 2007 SHOW AND SALE**- Show Chair: Steve Hoppin; Co-Chair: Betty Ann Prevatt; Sales Chair: Brian. Date, Time: Nov 30 for Judged Show, Dec. 1 & 2 for Sale; Place: Terry Park (Betty Ann has reserved location) Will probably have pre-show/sale "official" membership meeting in October. Updates and instruction during the year from Chairs Brian Weber and Steve Hoppin.

INTERNATIONAL CRYPTANTHUS SHOW 2007- Larry: Due to conflicts with Texas Societies, show will be held in Beaumont, TX. CBS will discuss hosting 2009 ICS in Fort Myers in the future.

FM/LC Garden Council request \$35-50 contribution in lieu of "basket" for their April 2007 Flower Show. Motion by Betty Ann Prevatt to donation \$35, 2nd by Dale. Passed.

OTHER BUSINESS- Dale: On need to pursue giving. What purpose of money in treasury? Chuck on belief that foundations / societies need to do something for community. Discussion about CBS finances, deficit income in the 2006 Sales' year, rent expenses and 2007 Show expenses. General consensus among BOD that we will continue to support our community. Will consider additional financial contributions and services from CBS as they are presented in the future. Dale: On request by Mrs. Robert Read for assistance with sale of her late husbands remaining plant collection. Dale to contact Betsy and see how CBS can help.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,
Chuck Ray, CBS Secretary

CBS JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Sunday, January 21, 2007; **LOCATION:** St. John the Apostle's Metropolitan Community Church, 3049 McGregor Blvd, Ft. Myers, FL ; **ATTENDANCE:** 55 members & Guests

WORKSHOP: Start time: 1:25; Finish time: 2:15 "Your Plant Has Scale" by Betty Ann Prevatt and "Winter Blooming Aechmeas" by Stephen Hoppin

CALL TO ORDER: 2:20 pm. Introduction of Guests(*)and New Members: Jeff Combs*, Jeff Joffe, Maria Hallenbeck, Brandon Reich, Carlos Alvarez, Johanna Parkes, Deborah Jalbert, Gary Nicholas. **MINUTES** from October 2006 Meeting were published in the CBS Nov/Dec Newsletter. Motion to approve as published by Robert Fasq; Second by Larry Giroux. Approved. **OLD BUSINESS-** None discussed. **INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS;** Steve Hoppin. Only new officer is Chuck Ray, Secretary

PAST PRESIDENT RECOGNITION - Recognition of service of Past President Dianne Molnar by Past Vice-President – Larry Giroux.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Betty Ann Prevatt

2006 Total Income _____ \$11,677.50
2006 Total Expenses _____ 12,829.44

2006 SALE REPORT - Betty Ann Prevatt. Complete 2006 fiscal details were available at the meeting and from Betty Ann on request. **CBS BOARD MEETING** was held on Jan 20, 2007 at Steve Hoppin's home. Committee and Sub-committee Chairs were discussed and individuals will be contacted to confirm their acceptance. See inside cover of the Meristem for names. All volunteers are thanked for their enthusiastic involvement. **CBS Treasury Audit** to be performed by volunteers Dianne Molnar and Eleanor Kinzie. **Membership Plant Sales** - To encourage increased participation by members, the fees for 2007 will remain at 10%. **A \$35 donation** toward Ft. Myers / Lee County (FM/LC) Garden Council 2007 Flower Show was approved by Board. **CBS Board recommendations for 2007 contributions-** BSI International Color Fund - \$500; Cryptanthus Society - \$500; Bromeliad Identification Center - \$500; Six Mile Cypress Slough – renew pledge for \$100. **Vote to accept donations** for 2007 as recommended by BOD -Motion By: Larry Giroux; Second by Edith Wenzlaff; Approved. **Evil Weevil Auction** to benefit FCBS Evil Weevil Project, March 18, 2007. CBS to contact individuals recommended or Chair and Auctioneer. Members are encouraged to bring healthy, desirable plants and bromeliad related items for auction. Auction Committee to be announced. **CBS Show & Sale** - Terry Park, Fort Myers: Judging- November 30; Sale & Show open to public- Sat. & Sun., Dec. 1 & 2

COMMITTEE REPORTS- FCBS Rep – Vicky Chirnside reported on Board Meeting, Jan. 13, '07. Reports good progress on Evil Weevil, nearing readiness for release. Any holdup will be for permits required; three State and three Fed. Dr. Howard to elaborate at CBS Meeting in near future. New book from Australia being sponsored by FCBS. Vicky has 100 on order to be sold by CBS at meetings, sale and other venues. 2007 Extravaganza to be at Ft. Lauderdale Airport Hilton on 9/29. Special rates available for CBS members. Smoking was a problem at last one, will not be allowed for '07. Garden Council delegate – Mary McKenzie: CBS hosted the Ft. Myers /Lee County Garden Council Meeting on January 12, '07. Mary

was assisted by Sue Gordon, Larry Giroux, Betsy Burdette, Luli Westra, Betty Ann Prevatt, Eleanor Kinzie, Rosemary Fleming, Kay Jansen, Terri Lazar and Steve Hoppin. Thanks to all who provided refreshments and bromeliad display. "Buy a Brick" Fundraiser; Garden Council selling bricks at \$50 imprinted with name as memorial or other. CBS will buy one; members are urged to participate. Contact Mary McKenzie to make donation. Special Projects: Deb Booker: Deb needs a co-chair to assist with this important committee. 2007 Sale Chairman – Brian Weber: information at later meetings. 2007 CBS Show Chairman – Steve Hoppin is seeking a theme name for the Fall Show; sign up with ideas and volunteers for Committees. 2007 International Cryptanthus Show was to be hosted by CBS, but has been moved to Texas as result of conflict. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Steve Hoppin: A great **THANK YOU** to Bill and Betsy Burdette for hosting the Christmas party at their beautiful property on the Orange River. **Larry Giroux: Membership Dues** are now due and payable. If you haven't already done so, please get them to Betty Ann. **Larry Giroux: Meristem** is now on line at fcbs.org. We encourage you to utilize the on-line version to save your Editor time and your Society money.. Contact Larry to sign up for the online version only. **Larry Giroux: MEMBERSHIP ROSTER** will be available at the March meeting. If you have not had your photo taken, or if you prefer a new one, see Larry. **BRAZILIAN TRIP** being arranged and /or coordinated by Larry Giroux. Leaving June 24 and returning on July 11, and conducted by experts. Cost will be approximately \$2,450 + air fare of \$1300- 1500. Contact Larry for details. **CBS RECOGNITION of Vicky Chirnside** - For years of service to CBS as FCBS rep and office holder since the 1980's. **FM/LC Garden Club Strolling Flower Show**, Bell Tower, Feb 1 & 2. A number of store windows are available for bromeliad displays. Interested parties contact Chris Nellans 481-8891 As soon as possible. **FM/ LC Garden Club** is requesting a donation of \$1,000,000. in exchange they will name the new Garden Club Building in the donor's name. **A WORKSHOP QUESTIONNAIRE** was passed out to all attendees. Please complete and tell us of your interests. **10 YEAR MEMBERS:** Ross Griffith; Brian Weber. Congratulations and thanks. Thanks to MARY MCKENZIE, Hospitality Chairperson, for managing the food preparation and presentation. Besides Bromeliads, food is a major interest of our Society. **DOOR PRIZE** – A new hybrid from Michael Kiehl, donated by Michael and Donna Kiehl – *Neoregelia lilliputiana* X 'Tiger', won by Johanna Parkes. **SHOW & TELL:** Conducted by Dale Kammerlohr **BREAK:** 20 minutes **REFRESHMENT SET-UP** provided by Mary McKenzie and Martha Wolfe as well as other appreciated volunteers.

PROGRAM: "The Bromeliad Events of 2006" by Larry Giroux; a one hour fascinating pictorial presentation of CBS activities including member involvement in State, National and International events. **RAFFLE:** Narrated by Larry Giroux, assisted by Tom Foley, Bob Lura and Vicky Chirnside. Nearly a hundred of gorgeous bromeliads and related items were won by members. Nearly everyone shared, several won two or three times, including several new members.

ADJOURNMENT: AT 5:05 pm, FOLLOWED BY BREAKDOWN

Respectfully submitted, Chuck Ray, CBS Secretary

EVENTS CALENDAR

March 15th -18th, 2007 - Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society, "Everybody's Flower Show", Ocean Center in Daytona Beach.. Standard judged flower show, horticultural displays. Many vendors selling garden related items.

April 13th, 14th & 15th, 2007 - Bromeliad Society of Broward County's Show and Sale. "Everything's Coming Up Bromeliads", Trinity Luthern Church Hall, 11 SW 11thSt., Fort Lauderdale, Fl. Judged Show - Friday, April 13th with Sale Saturday, April 14th and Sunday April 15th. For additional information contact Ann Schandelnayer at 954-583-1124 or by mail at 5520 SW 5th St. Plantation, Fl.

April 20th, 21st & 22nd - Sarasota Bromeliad Society's Sale and Show. "Pirated Bromeliads". Judged Show and Sale area open on Friday April 20th with Sale and Show open to public Saturday, April 21st and Sunday April 22nd from 10AM-4PM. Marie Selby Botanic Gardens, 811 S. Palm Ave., Sarasota. Show and Sale included in general admission \$12 to Gardens For additional information contact Terrie Bert at 941-795-6012 or at Theresa.Bert@MyFWC.com or Rob Branch at 941-358-4953.

April 20th, 21st & 22nd - Bromeliad Society of South Florida's Annual Show. Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden., 10901 Old Cutler Rd, Miami, Fl. For additional information call 305-667-1651.

May 11th-13th - Central Florida Bromeliad Society's Annual Mother's Day Show and Sale. Orlando Fashion Square, 3201 East Colonial Drive (SR 50), Orlando.

August 18 & 19, 2007- Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society and the Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society Judged Plant Show A standard judged plant show to include bromeliads and other tropical plants. Sanford Garden Club Building, 200 Fairmont Drive, Sanford, FL . 9 AM - 4 PM both days. There will be plant sales and plant displays. Admission is free, and is open to the general public. If you have questions, please call 321-363-7351.

November 30th, December 1st & 2nd - The Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society's 2007 Sale and Show Judged Show- Friday, November 30th with Sale Saturday, December 1st and Sunday December 2nd. Terry Park, 3410 Palm Beach Blvd (SR80) Fort Myers, Fl. You can contact Steve Hoppin at steve andlarry@comcast.net or 239-997-2237 for information.

June 2008 - BSI World Conference in Cairns, Australia. Inquiries to Lynne Hudson 47 Boden Street, Edge Hill QLD 4870 or Lynnie@Ledanet.com.au.



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At the next meeting I will be asking many of you to go PAPERLESS!