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May Meeting— Sunday, May 19th
June Meeting-- Sunday, Jun 16th

**Our Meetings are at the Ft. Myers— Lee
County Garden Council Building
2166 Virginia Ave. Fort Myers.**

It is north of the Edison Gardens parking lot and about 1/2 miles north of our previous meeting location— Covenant Presbyterian Church. Virginia Ave is approximately 3 miles north of the intersection of Colonial Blvd. and McGregor Blvd. and the 2nd Street north of the Edison Gardens

Doors open at 12:30 PM for room setup

Workshop 1:15PM

Program approx. 2 PM

**Please bring food, Friendship plants, Raffle &
Show and Tell Items.**

Renewal fees are \$15/20 single/dual;

New member dues: \$20/25, single/dual.

Membership Sales are permitted

at the May Meeting

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at the June Meeting (this may change)

The Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society is an active Affiliate of:



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May Program: “Who’s that Bromeliad?” By Pete Diamond

Nearly 20 years ago at the 50th Anniversary World Bromeliad Conference in San Francisco, California, our Society won the Best Poster Contest. Each of the attending Affiliated Societies was asked to assemble a table top informative poster program similar to a science fair entry. I created a Who’s Who of the CBS with pictures and commentary of the our members for who hybrids or species of bromeliads had been named. Pete Diamond is going to resurrect this presentation to honor past members and recall our prestigious history of the past nearly 4 decades.

CBS Workshops

At the last formal meeting of the CBS, future Workshops were discussed.

“Dale Kammerlohr and Bruce McAlpin started a discussion of month-by-month bromeliad culture and related gardening activities. This interactive workshop with members touched on the topics of winter projects, fertilization, Mexican bromeliad weevils and mosquitoes, dividing bromeliads, among others. This to-be-continued workshop will eventually be available to members in printed/digital form for a full calendar year.”



To start the series Dale will moderate a discussion about the *Mexican Weevil* (also known as the *Evil Weevil*) at the May Meeting. We will learn about how to identify it, what are the signs of infestation, prevention and treatment. Bring your stories and knowledge of this

pest and join in the session.

In June Rick Batt , who had to cancel on us due an unexpected trip, will talk to us on his record keeping and mapping of his vast collection of bromeliads and plants. Many of us have more than a tray or two of plants taking over our patios and yards. Some of Rick’s methods might serve us well in organizing our gardens and keeping our lives more sane.

Planning for Our Show

A Repeat Request

Thank you to all who showed support for having our Biennial Bromeliad Show in conjunction with the Annual Sale this year. Historically we have had our Show the end of November or the beginning of December. Unfortunately due to problems with the venue, the Show and Sale is being moved to later in December. To keep our location the same as the last two years, (the Araba Shrine Temple in Fort Myers), our event will be held on Friday-Sunday, December 13th, 14th and 15th 2019.

There are a lot of planning necessary over the next 6 months. We need to have a volunteer or two who will be the Chairperson(s) of the Show. This person or persons will seek out Committee Chairs, who will then be responsible for the different parts of the Show such as Judges and Judging, Head table, Awards and prizes, Setup, Judges' Luncheon, decorations, etc.

Please contact Cate Peterson if you are willing to volunteer for this position.

We also need a title and theme for the event. This should be catchy, and lend itself to the creating of posters and other advertising paraphernalia, head-table design, possibly show and hall exhibits and themes and titles for artistic entries and decorations. I've provided a few possibilities, but would appreciate input from the membership about other names. I believe this will be our 19th biennial Show, so we could possibly use older themes. Use your imagination and turn them into me, Dr. Larry Giroux

Bromeliads: The Royalty of the Plant World

A Weekend in the Bromeliad Garden

Marvelous Bromeliads

Bromeliad Smorgasbord

Bromeliads– Superheros of the Garden

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Debbie McPhail for her fantastic repeat hosting performance at our Birthday Celebration. Aided by a great setting, great weather, great food, fun games and generous donations to our raffle, we acknowledged another successful year for the CBS. Thanks to all who have made this possible.

Front Cover: The four pictures, from top to bottom, left to right depict representatives of the 4 genera that compose the *Cryptanthus* Group: *Cryptanthus graziellae* (photo by Larry Giroux), *Haptocryptanthus ferrarius* (photo by Elton Leme), *Forzzaea micra* (photo by Elton Leme) and *Rokautskyia microglazioui* (photo by Larry Giroux). **Back cover:** The species *Lapanthus vidaliorum* has been moved and is now *Haplocryptanthus vidaliorum* (photo by Otávio Ribeiro).

More Nomenclature Changes

By Larry Giroux

Many of you know that I am the Editor of the *Cryptanthus* Society International Journal. Recent changes published by Elton Leme concerning the Cryptanthoid Complex, which included the Genera *Cryptanthus*, *Lapanthus*, *Orthophytum*, and *Sincoraea* in his comprehensive publication: **New circumscription of *Cryptanthus* and new Cryptanthoid genera and subgenera (Bromeliaceae: Bromelioideae) based on neglected morphological traits and molecular phylogeny** in *Phytotaxa* 318 (1): 001–088 (2017) has resulted in changes on how I treat the previous Genus: *Cryptanthus* in the Journal..

The front cover of the *Cryptanthus* Society Journal now states that the Journal is “*A Publication devoted to the Plant Genera: Cryptanthus, Haplocryptanthus, Rokauskya and Forzzaea*”. These are the four Genera now composing the previous *Cryptanthus* genus. I have coined the term “*Cryptanthus* Group” when referring to these four *Genera*. Not only has this required alteration in terminology in articles, but has necessitated corrections of other publications of the Society. Probably a much greater task will be the education of the growers, sellers and collectors of these plants. Fortunately only a relatively small percentage of the names of the previous *Cryptanthus* genera are affected. And of those affected many are not in general cultivation.

First of all the Genus: *Cryptanthus* remains intact. Three new *Genera* have been created and plants from the *Cryptanthus* Genus have been moved to these new *Genera*, retaining their species names. In some cases the “-us” at the end of their names has been changed to “-a” to match their new *Genus* ending. Only one plant has been added from another *Genus* into the the “*Cryptanthus* Group”.

The following are all the changes and pictures of the *species* you will commonly see in cultivation here in the United States, which have been moved to the 3 new *Genera*.— All photos by Larry Giroux except *Lapanthus vidaliorum* by Otávio Ribeiro and *Rokauskya sanctalucia* by Elton Leme.

Genus: FORZZAEA

leopoldo-horstii

micra

warasii

ferrarius

glazioui

lavrasensis

regius

Genus: HAPLOCRYPTANTHUS

caracensis

schwackeanus

tiradentesensis

vidaliorum (previously *Genus:*
Lapanthus)

Genus: ROKAUTSKYIA

exaltata

fernseeoides

latifolia

microglazioui

odoratissima

pseudoscaposa

roberto-kautskyi

sanctaluciae

scaposa



Cryptanthus
leopoldo-horstii =

Forzazea
leopoldo-horstii

Cryptanthus warasii =
Forzazea warasii



If you haven't paid your CBS Dues, please submit them ASAP

If you joined the CBS in Oct, Nov or Dec 2018, your dues are paid up until 2020.

In April the new Pictorial Roster and Yearbook was distributed. Paid up members can get a copy from Betty Ann Prevatt. If you joined during 2018–2019 and have not had your picture taken for the Roster please see Dr. Larry Giroux.



(top)

*Cryptanthus
glazioui* =

*Haplocryptanthus
glazioui*

(2nd photo)

*Cryptanthus
caracensis* =

*Haplocryptanthus
caracensis*



(bottom, left)

*Cryptanthus
schwackeanus* =

*Haplocryptanthus
schwackeanus*

(bottom right)

Lapanthus vidaliorum
is now

*Haplocryptanthus
vidaliorum*



Haplocryptanthus vidaliorum may
be available in the USA.



The other 4 species on the list moved
from *Cryptanthus* to *Haplocryptanthus*,
as far as I know, have not been imported
into the United States.

(top)
Cryptanthus
exaltatus =

Rokauskya
exaltata



(2nd)
Cryptanthus
latifolius =

Rokauskya latifolia

(bottom left)
Cryptanthus
fernseeoides =

Rokauskya
fernseeoides

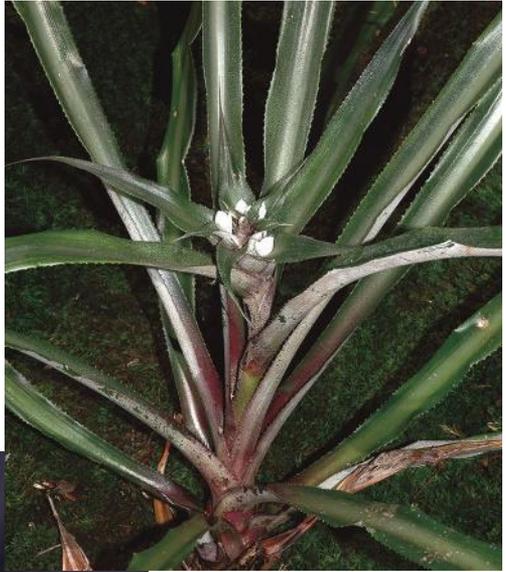


(bottom right)
Cryptanthus
roberto-kauskyi =

Rokauskya
roberto-kauskyi



Cryptanthus sanctaluciae =
Rokautskyia sanctaluciae



Cryptanthus odoratissimus =
Rokautskyia odoratissima

Cryptanthus microglazioui=
Rokautskyia microglazioui





Cryptanthus pseudoscaposus =

Rokautskyia pseudoscaposa



Cryptanthus scaposus =

Rokautskyia scaposa



Fortunately, there are extremely few registered hybrids that claim to have parents among the 3 new genera created from the older *Genus: Cryptanthus*. Nevertheless, new names must be provided for these existing bigenerics and future bigenerics, Geoff Lawn, the BSI Registrar, is currently working on these names and promises an article for an upcoming *Cryptanthus Society Journal*.

Seen here is the hybrid ‘Sandy Antle’, one of three plants from the



Grex of ‘Arautiac’ X *warasii*. The proposed name for this bigeneric is *xForzzanthus*, a bigeneric of a *Forzzaea* and *Cryptanthus*. Photo by Bob Whitman.



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