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***Neoregelia 'Joe's Mauve'***  
(A Hummel hybrid named for Joe Bailey)

**Joe and Peggy Bailey ,  
while living in Fort Myers  
(Photo by Ann Collings)**

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**Front cover: Many of the members of the bromeliad community have been honored by hybridizers for their collecting, growing, exhibiting and general involvement in the bromeliad world. The naming of *Neoregelia* 'Joe's Mauve' was such a tribute to Joe Bailey.**



# THE CALOOSAHATCHEE BROMELIAD SOCIETY

## MEETING TIME AND PLACE:

May Meeting: SUNDAY May 20th, 2007

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

MEMBERSHIP SALES ARE PERMITTED AT THE MAY MEETING.

Friendship plants Raffle items and Door Prizes are always welcome.  
(Please contact Barbara Johnson if you have a Door Prize to donate.)

## May Workshop

### “The Bromeliad Sub-Family: *Tillandsioideae*”

By Eleanor Kinzie and Betty Ann Prevatt

(Begins at 1:15 PM)

Eleanor Kinzie and Betty Ann Prevatt will, in the time allowed, review this largest Sub-Family of the Family: *Bromeliaceae* -- *Tillandsioideae*. To help in this ambitious endeavor, Betty Ann and Eleanor are asking a many members as possible to bring in one or two of each of the genera included in this Sub-Family. They understand that few if anyone will have plants of the genus *Glomeropitcairnia* (this is not the genus *Pitcairnia*) nor the genus *Mezobromelia*. Maybe you have an *Alcantarea*, but you are not expected to bring in any monster plants. However, we know most members have a few tillandsias, vrieseas, guzmanias and maybe catopsis, which we all would love to see and discuss. So please help our presenters with this interesting topic.

## May Program

### “Bugging Out Again”

By Dennis Giardina

(Begins right after the Refreshment Break)

Many of you may remember seeing Dennis Giardina at the February CBS meeting. He assisted Dr. Frank with the visual aids of his presentation. Dennis has joined our Society and had agreed to give us a presentation at the May meeting. Please read his biography and the abstract of the program he will be giving us elsewhere in this Newsletter.

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# President's Message

By Steve Hoppin

Having enjoyed our very successful FCBS Benefit Auction in March and the 27<sup>th</sup> CBS Birthday Party in April, we are ready to return to our regular monthly meetings' format. We have been blessed with another proactive CBS Board in 2007; I hope you will take full advantage of every opportunity to join in all the workshops, programs and events we have planned for the rest of the year.

Behind the scenes, Eleanor Kinzie and Betty Ann Prevatt, Workshop Chair and Co-chair, have selected interesting topics, which they will address this month and in the months to come. May's workshop is a "Review of the Sub-family: Tillandsioideae" including Alcanterea, Catopsis, Glomeropitcairnia, Guzmania, Mesobromelia, Tillandsia and Vriesea. Please help them by bringing in a few plants for discussion.

Deb Booker, CBS Program Chairperson has worked diligently to schedule a variety of educational as well as entertaining programs for the year. This month, Dennis J. Giardina, Park Manager, Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park will present to you his program on "Bugging Out Again". His career background, field study and observations, and experience with tropical epiphytes in the field, near and far, is bound to be of interest to many of you.

As the leaders of CBS we are pleased to do what we can to assist member bromeliad hobbyists. How can **you** participate, give back to the Society and make our monthly meetings even more of a success? Donate your surplus yard or potted plants to the Friendship Table, so others can vitalize their spaces. Clean, healthy bromeliads or related items are always needed for the Monthly Raffle; giving to the raffle and buying tickets helps your Society financially. Membership Bromeliad Sales, when permitted, brings in revenue for the club, but more so helps satisfy members' cravings for new and different bromeliads. Bring in plants for everyone to learn about and enjoy during Show and Tell. And, as always, all food groups (including chocolate - grin) are appreciated and enjoyed during our break. If you are able to participate in any or all of the above mentioned activities, consider yourself a contributing member and know your efforts are appreciated very much.

In closing, I need to let one and all know they are needed. Although our meetings start with the "Workshop" at 1:15pm, we encourage members to arrive as early as 12:30pm to join in good fellowship and assist with set-up of tables and chairs. The limited volunteer crew responsible for set-up and breakdown always appreciates as much help as possible. Coming early allows additional time to peruse all the plants for sale, raffle, exhibit and give-away. Remember, defer that big lunch 'cause you can always count on food at the break

Hope to see you at all of our meetings and events in 2007.

## SOCIETY NOTES

### Welcome to returning Members

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### May Presenter

Our presenter for May is Dennis J. Giardina. He is the Park Manager of the Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park in South Florida. Before coming to work at the Fakahatchee in October of 2005, he spent 14 years with the US Fish and Wildlife Service at the Florida Panther and St. Marks National Wildlife Refuges. He actually began his career with the US Forest Service at the Caribbean National Forest in Puerto Rico, working primarily on the Puerto Rican parrot recovery project. He has focused on land management, endangered species recovery and exotic species control. His personal and professional interest in tropical epiphytes is what inspired Dennis to contribute to the research and development of biological control organisms for the Mexican bromeliad weevil. Dennis assisted Dr. Frank with his presentation to the CBS in February and joined our Society at that time.

### May Program -"Bugging Out Again"

In October of 2005, Dr. Howard Frank from the University of Florida, Naturalist Timothy Andrus, Guide Jose Monson and I made an expedition to the Peten region of Guatemala to search for parasites of the Mexican bromeliad weevil. Our trip was cut short by Hurricane Wilma and we began almost immediately to plan for another expedition in 2006. On November 1<sup>st</sup>, the four of us set out again, this time for the Pacific Coast of Guatemala to continue the search for bromeliad weevils and their parasites. We made some interesting discoveries, took a lot of pictures and climbed Atitlan Volcano to watch the sunrise over the Guatemalan Andes. I will be retelling the story of our trip at the CBS May meeting.

## In Memory of Joe Bailey

Joe Bailey, an ardent supporter of the Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society and a dear friend of many of its members, passed away on May 1, 2007 in Kingwood, Texas.

Joe was a Georgia Cracker, but grew up in Tampa, Florida where he met and married his lifelong sweetheart Margaret. In 1955, Joe and Peggy and their two children moved to Houston, Texas, where he setup the Western Division of the Jim Walter Corporation. It was in 1959 while building their new home, that both he and Peggy became seriously involved with bromeliads when they were sent numerous plants by a dear friend living in Tampa. Included among these were billbergias, neoregelias, aechmeas and cryptanthus. To these, many other bromeliads, available at the time, were added to their collection; including a *Neoregelia carolinae* 'Tricolor', which Peggy bought for Joe for his birthday for a hefty \$15. This began a lifelong addiction for the two of them.

These plants all thrived in the Houston climate. Their generosity and enthusiasm, even then was obvious, when their friends, their church, Garden Clubs and local schools were given their excess and started growing bromeliads throughout the Houston area.

When Joe retired from the Jim Walter Corporation, he and Peggy moved all their bromeliads to Buckingham, Florida, which is located in East Fort Myers. They set up shade houses on several acres of property and in 1980, they became charter members of the new Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society started by Gene McKenzie. History attests to their overwhelming involvement with the Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society at meetings, events, sales and shows, their involvement with the Bromeliad Society International at WBC biennial Shows for over 20 years and political participation, as well as their support of the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies since its inception.

Joe and Peggy became well known for their extraordinarily well-grown bromeliads, especially for their neoregelias. Over the years, they have introduced numerous new cultivars. In many cases they were given seeds from a specific cross and raised the seedlings. Some of the more notable, older cultivars in Florida were introduced by the Baileys in this manner. Bullis Nursery, which was at the time partially owned by Dean Fairchild, a dear friend of theirs, provided the Baileys seeds of the cross of *Neoregelia* 'Dexter's Pride' and *Neoregelia* 'Fantastic Gardens'. From this grex have been introduced *Neoregelia* 'Marsala', 'Bailey', 'Buckingham', 'Chardonnay', 'Las Vegas', 'Tossed Salad', and 'Isabel'. Other bromeliads, which they have introduced, also found in many collections today are *Neoregelia* 'Big Bands' and 'Maya'.

CBS could always depend on Joe to meet the obligations anyone asked of him. He helped to get the Workshops started and conducted a great many of them himself. His prize-winning bromeliads and his knowledge of growing were freely shared with the Society. I personally recall his spectacular *Neophytum* ‘Ralph Davis’ cv ‘Galactic Warrior’s, which consistently won at Shows and he sold by the truckload at sales. He finally revealed his secret for growing this plant so colorfully and robust – “grow it real hard with tons of osmocote”. You could always count on him to transport bromeliads to shows, sales and exhibits; he was Sales Chairman for several years and later on helped out others with his experience.

When some of the ladies of our Society decided to attend World Conferences and Extravaganzas, needless to say when many of their husbands would or could not accompany them, Joe was there to provide gentlemanly care and keep them out of trouble. They got to be referred to as ‘Joe and his Harem’. Fortunately Peggy never minded.

A few years ago, due to Joe’s failing health, Joe and Peggy had to disassemble their shadehouses, sell their homestead and move back to Houston with their son Don. Generously they distributed their remaining plants to CBS members and friends. In this way, their plants continued to charm us in gardens and collections throughout Florida.

Whenever I see a *Neoregelia* ‘Galactic Warrior’, I envision that wiry southern gentleman, with a Gators cap and the coffee maker at our meetings. Thank you Joe for sharing your friendship, knowledge, devotion and love with us for so many years. You will always be missed by so many.



**Joe and part of his “Harem”. From left to right - Eleanor Kinzie, Luli Westra, Trish Kinzie, Joe, Betty Ann Prevatt, Gene McKenzie and Marie Bessellieu, at the WBC in Tampa, 1992.**



# Bromeliad Expose By Larry Giroux



There were several bromeliad events, which were held in April throughout the state. I was able to attend a few of them and brought back a few pictures of the memories.

The Broward County Bromeliad Society's Show was held at a different venue this year and as expected they had a number of artistic entries. To the left, measuring less than 5 inches tall is an arrangement using parts of an inflorescence, wire and leaves placed in an apple shaped pot. This tiny entry won the Best Artistic Arrangement.

Eleanor Kinzie, Betty Ann Prevatt, Dianne Molnar, Steve Hoppin and Larry Giroux were invited to judge this biennial show. Steve's single entry of a multiple *Cryptanthus* 'Richard Lum' (pictured to the left) won him the Best of Judges' Award.



While a decorative container featuring a new unnamed billbergia cultivar by Paul Wingert (seen below to the right), won Larry Giroux an AM ribbon. The Morris Henry Hobbs Award for best Artistic entry was won by a clump of *Neoregelia ampullacea* 'Variegata' in a decorative terra cotta and painted pot. (Additional pictures are in the "Online Edition". Photos by Larry Giroux.







At the Sarasota Bromeliad Society Show held again at Selby Botanical Gardens, species took center stage. A blooming *Alcantarea extensa* (top left) won the Mulford B. Foster Award; while, a rootless, large form of *Tillandsia duratii* (top middle) won the SBS prestigious Wally Berg Memorial Award for best grown horticultural specimen. The Morris Henry Hobbs Award for Best Artistic Entry went to a beautiful, simple arrangement using aechmea and vriesea inflorescences (bottom left). Terrestrials including dyckias and cryptanthus were numerous. A *Dyckia estevesii* (top right) won a blue ribbon. In the Judges category, although it did not win the section, an unusual cross of *Neoregelia marmorata* X *wilsoniana* won Steve Hoppin, one of several CBS judges invited to Sarasota, an AM ribbon. Don't miss other pictures online.

On Palm Sunday, Lyle and Robyn Bowen hosted an open house for friends of the CBS. Each year the grounds and patio seem to become more vibrant with color from the flowers and foliage of our favorite plants. The included pictures demonstrate trees packed with a great assortment of epiphytes, the landscape design carefully conceived and container gardens enhancing the decor of their patio. Photos by Larry Giroux.





Enjoying a view of the garden from a shady spot are Ed Wenzlaff, Lyle Bowen, our host and Steve Hoppin, CBS President. On the patio, are seen one of the many “shifts” of visitors, including, Eleanor Kinzie, Steve Hoppin, Ed Wenzlaff, Kay Janssen, Mary McKenzie, Sue Gordon, Dolly Dalton, Betty Ann Prevatt and Edith Wenzlaff. With ice cold beverages, great food, fantastic plants and friends, it was a Sunday not to be forgotten. Thanks again to the Bowen family for their hospitality. **Enjoy many more color pictures in the online version of the newsletter.** Photos by Larry Giroux.



## 27th CBS Anniversary Party

As fate would have it, I missed one of the more intimate birthday parties of the CBS. In spite of rain and gloomy skies, an exceptional number of guests and members gathered at Betsy and Bill Burdette’s home on the Orange River to enjoy birthday cake among many other culinary delights. Under the cover of the patio roof, a “chinese” raffle was tried, to the frustration



As it turned out, one of the raffle items that received some attention was a pot of *Justicia betonica* (also called the “White Shrimp Plant” and the “Squirrel’s Tail plant”). Carol Sweat donated this attractive garden plant. Photo by Carol Sweat. Carol is offering anyone who wants one or any other butterfly plants, to call her at. 239-732-7017.

New CBS members Jim Dagen and Ron Turinske brought two friends from Naples to enjoy the celebration. Hopefully we will be seeing more of them at future meetings. The CBS encourages members to introduce bromeliads to friends, neighbors and relatives and invite them to attend our meetings and join our family. Photo by Carol Sweat.



of some and the joy of others. My reporter indicated that there were no hard feelings in spite of the trade offs. The food was again outstanding and there was time between rain showers to enjoy the beauty and diversity of the Burdette's home and garden. Many thanks again to our generous hosts, Betsy and Bill, for being fair and foul weather friends of CBS.



is hosting the:

**33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Southwest Bromeliad Guild Show  
& 10<sup>th</sup> International Cryptanthus Show  
MCM Elegante Hotel**

**2355 IH 10 S, Beaumont, Texas 77705 (409) 842-3600  
September 7th, 8th, 9th, 2007.**

Because of scheduling problems, the 10th International Cryptanthus Show has been moved to the MCM Elegante Hotel in Beaumont, Texas on September 7, 8, & 9, 2007. This event will be held in conjunction with the 2007 Southwest Bromeliad Guild Show, which is hosted this year by the Golden Triangle Bromeliad Society. Hotel rooms are available for \$79 per night and a \$50 registration fee will include entry to the Show and Sale, Seminars, Tours and a Banquet, which will precede the Rare Plant Auction. For registration form and schedule of events, e-mail Larry Giroux at [DrLarry@comcast.net](mailto:DrLarry@comcast.net) or call Cynthia Johnson at (409) 753-3652.

(Editor's note: In June of 1995, Dean Fairchild presented this program to the membership of CBS. Since we are starting a review of the subfamilies of the *Bromeliaceae* with the May workshop and future newsletters, I thought it appropriate that I reprint my notes from Dean's presentation.)

## 99% of the Time...

By Dean Fairchild

We may buy a bromeliad for how it looks, but many collectors are adamant about knowing the name of what they buy. Basic to this knowledge is first being able to identify the various genera. Dean Fairchild with his presentation at the CBS meeting, brought us that much closer to understanding why certain bromeliads are grouped together within a genus. I'm sure we all want to thank him for his very clear and informative talk, which immensely helped us in our understanding and enjoyment of our plants. I have composed an outline of Dean's presentation from my notes for our membership to keep and refer to. I hope you will enjoy Dean's discussion again each time you review this outline.

### *Bromeliaceae*- Subfamilies

*Pitcairnioideae*

*Tillandsioideae*

*Bromelioideae*

Determination of Subfamilies by seed type

*Pitcairnioideae*- Seeds are dispersed by their feather-like attachment; the seed is not at the end of the dispersal device, more like wings.

*Tillandsioideae*- Seeds are dispersed by a feather-like device; the seed is at the end of dispersal device.

*Bromelioideae*- Berries.

Determination of Genus by specific characteristics

### *Pitcairnioideae*

*Dyckia*- hard succulents with spines

*Pitcaimia*- grass like

*Hechtia*- larger succulents with spines

*Puya*- scurfy, fuzzy and squid-like

### *Tillandsioideae*- no spines

*Tillandsia*- scurf, gray, triangular and pointed leaves

*Vriesea*- sword like inflorescence, 4 bracts, 3 separate petals, small appendage on petal, cross-hatching lines.

*Guzmania*- 3 petals fused together, only vertical striations or lines

*Catopsis*- rosette or funnel shaped, green, often frosted in chalky white

### *Bromelioideae*

*Cryptanthus*- loose, uneven growth, like an African Violet, small insignificant white blooms

*Billbergia*- tubular, upright, few leaves

*Nidularium*- low light, moist, inflorescence low, flaring of leaves

*Neoregelia*- 2 groups defined by the presence of spines on the bracts, open form, stiff leaves with spines, pin cushion inflorescence

*Canistrum*-tulip shaped inflorescence, soft spines

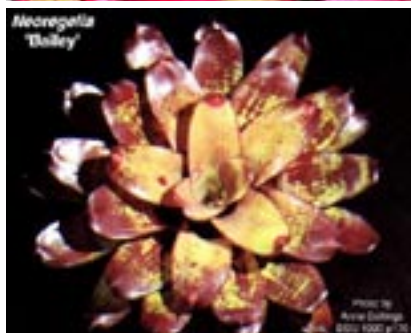
*Bromelia*- severe spines

*Aechmea*- rosette of leaves, spines, anything that does not fit in the other





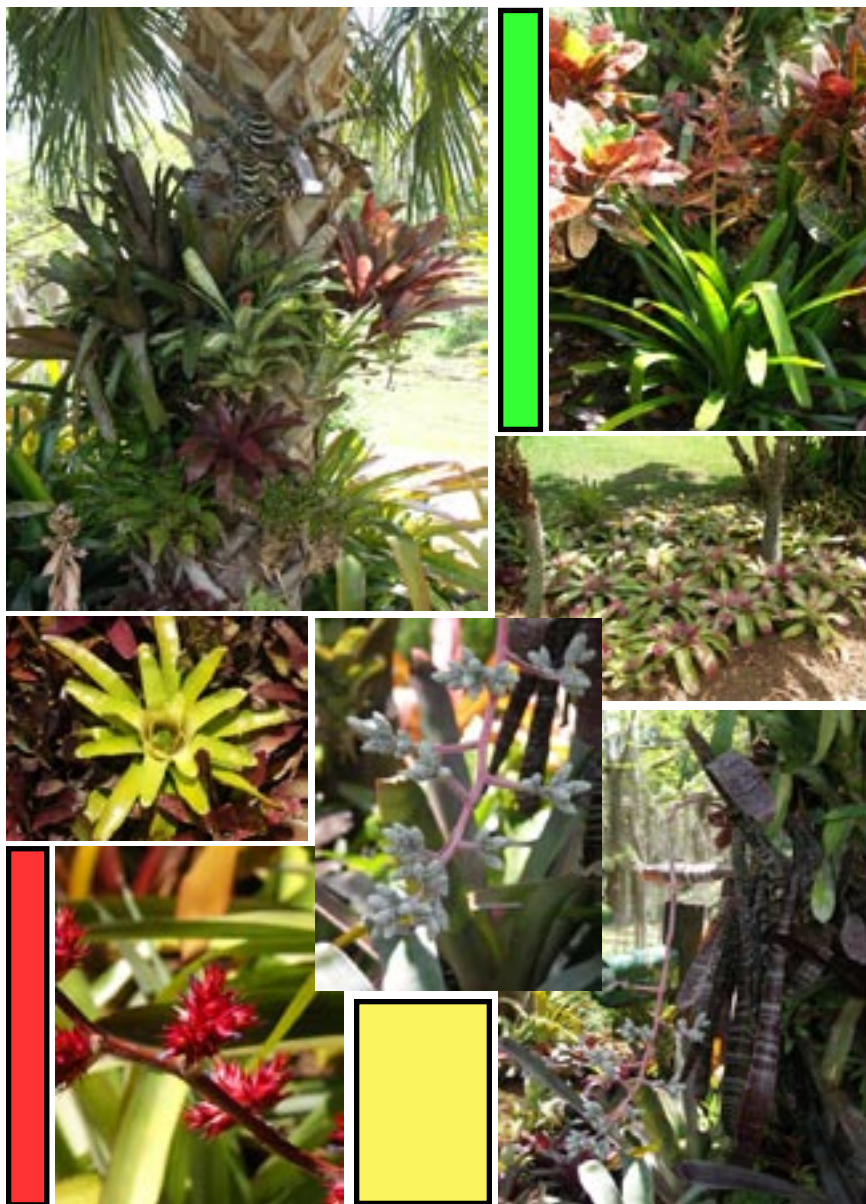
Just a few of the outstanding entries at the Broward County Bromeliad Society's Bromeliad Show in April. From top to bottom and left to right. Miniture Artistic Arrangement using *Cryptanthus* 'Ti' pups and parts of a hohenbergia inflorescence. Decorative Container winner- *Neoregelia* 'Jeffery Block'. Unusual Horticulture entry - the species *Hohenbergia brachycephala* with unique blotchy markings. *Neoregelia* 'Norman Bates' a cross of 'Hannibal Lector' and the species *N. carcharodon* 'Tiger'. The unnamed cross of *Neoregelia* 'Hannibal Lector' and the species *concentrica* 'Red Tips'. The reddish orange cultivar *Neoregelia* 'Orange Crush'. Photos by Larry Giroux.



My understanding of the story is that the cross of *Neoregelia* 'Dexter's Pride' and 'Fantastic Gardens' was made about 1981 by Dean Fairchild at Bullis Nursery. Seeds or seedlings were given to Joe and Peggy Bailey, who grew them out. In 1991, while sitting around the table enjoying wine and supper, Dean,

Peggy, Joe, and Craig Allen gave the following names to 7 of the grex - (top to bottom, L to R) 'Isabel' (photo by Bird Rock), 'Chardonnay' (photo by Bullis), 'Bailey' (photo by Ann Collings), 'Marsala' (photo by Bullis), Buckingham' (photo by D. Cathcart), 'Tossed Salad' (photo by D. Cathcart) and 'Las Vegas' (photo by L. Giroux.)





It was obvious that Lyle Bowen has been working hard to create a beautiful garden composed of mostly bromeliads. Other plants noted during the open house held in April included (Top to bottom and L to R) A palm tree with an assortment of aechmeas, neoregelias and hohenbergias. A specimen plant of *Aechmea* 'Guava Queen'. A dramatic presentation - using numerous *Neoregelia* 'DeRolfe' as ground cover. One of the few yellow-green neoregelia species *Neoregelia farinosa*. Stuck in a palm is the patterned *Hohenbergia correa-araujoi* with a three foot long pendulous inflorescence; the insert shows the pink stem and powdery white bracts. The proportionally small flowers are yellow. A stem of *Hohenbergia stellata* with scarlet-red bracts and blue-purple flower petals. Photos by Larry Giroux.





Other exhibits at the SBS Show included *Neoregelia* 'Lila', a blooming multiple of *Tillandsia nidus* and a new cultivar called *Tillandsia* 'Purple Passion'. There were several art pieces including this watercolor of *Aechmea* 'Little Harv'. One of the benefits of attending this show is that Selby Gardens is constantly changing their exhibits. Six blooming *Alcantarea vinicolor* plants (note picture of flower) are shown off against the backdrop of the bay. *Guzmania conglomerata*, from Ecuador, closely resembles the more common *Guzmania lingulata*. It was a first time sighting of *Guzmania lingulata* 'Black' for me. Photos by L. Giroux

Several years ago, to start a series of articles about the native bromeliads of Florida, we received this letter. The information I believe is current. For additional information and pictures refer to [www.fcbs.org](http://www.fcbs.org) to learn more about native bromeliads and the threat from the weevil.



*The Marie Selby Botanical Gardens*

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11 April 1995

Dear Gene,

You have requested a list of the bromeliads to be found in Florida. Following is the list.

- Catopsis berteroniana
- C. floribunda
- C. nutans
- Guzmania monostachia
- G. monostachia var. variegata
- Tillandsia balbisiana
- T. bartramii
- T. paucifolia
- T. fasciculata var. fasciculata
- T. fasciculata var. clavispica
- T. fasciculata var. densispica
- T. x floridana = Nat. hybrid (T. fasciculata x T. bartramii)
- T. flexuosa
- T. x smalliana = Nat. hybrid (T. fasciculata x T. balbisiana)
- T. pruinosa
- T. recurvata
- T. setecca
- T. simulata
- T. usneoides
- T. utriculata
- T. variabilis

It is my suggestion that you omit any of the synonym references; most of those that have been cited by previous authors refer to plants that have been misnamed. I also think it would help the bromeliad world if you leave out the "common names".

Sincerely yours

Henry E. Luther, Director

## Upcoming Meristem Issue

There will be a special June-July combined issue of the Meristem. It will be packed with information about the Genus *Tillandsia* together with many colorful pictures to illustrate this diverse genus.

(Editor's note: To supplement the list of native Florida bromeliads, I'm reprinting a short article written by Gene McKenzie many years ago listing other states, which have native bromeliads. Since Gene's research, a new Society has formed in Pensacola, Florida, the Mobile, Alabama Society has dissolved and the Atlanta group never reestablished. The societies in Louisiana and Texas, in spite of hurricanes, continue to be strong and have hosted some beautiful shows.)

### The Other Native Americans by Gene McKenzie

In the May, 1995 Meristem, we published the list from Harry Luther's office of bromeliads that reside in Florida. So, we thought it would be interesting for you to know the other states that can boast a population of bromeliads. My research was confirmed by Harry Luther and Edna Sieff at the *Bromeliad Identification Center at Marie Selby Botanical Gardens* in Sarasota. The following is the list of the distribution of bromeliads other than Florida.

#### HECHTIA

H. texensis - Texas

H. glomerata - Texas

#### TILLANDSIA

T. bailey - Texas

T. bartramii - Georgia

T. recurvata - Arizona, Georgia, Louisiana, Texas

T. usneoides - Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana,  
Mississippi, South Carolina, North  
Carolina, Virginia, Texas

I think all these states should brag a little bit about their bromeliads. That I know of, Alabama, Louisiana and Texas have Bromeliad Societies. Atlanta, Georgia had an active Society until a few years ago. I've heard rumors that Atlanta was trying to reestablish their Society. Wouldn't it be nice if all those states that have native bromeliads could also have a Bromeliad Society? Talk it up! It could happen!

# EVENTS CALENDER

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-"Color My World With Bromeliads", Friday, November 30th with Sale and Show Saturday, December 1st and Sunday December 2nd. Terry Park, 3410 Palm Beach Blvd (SR80) Fort Myers, Fl. You can contact Steve Hoppin at [steveandlarry@comcast.net](mailto:steveandlarry@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](mailto:Lynnie@Ledanet.com.au).

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