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# THE CALOOSAHATCHEE BROMELIAD SOCIETY'S CALOOSAHATCHEE MERISTEM



# CALOOSAHATCHEE BROMELIAD

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# THE CALOOSAHATCHEE BROMELIAD SOCIETY

Sept Meeting– Sunday, Sept 15th, 2013  
Oct Meeting– Sunday, Oct 20th, 2013  
Covenant Presbyterian Church

The church facility is located near downtown Fort Myers, Florida, at 2439 McGregor Blvd., just one block south of the Edison Home parking lot and about 1 1/2 miles north of our previous meeting location— St. John the Apostle Church. The facility is approximately 2.5 miles north of the intersection of Colonial Blvd. and McGregor Blvd.

Doors open at 12:30PM for setup, Workshop starts at 1:15PM. Everything stays the same...Bring food, raffle items, Friendship table items, Show and Tell plants.

Membership Sales are not allowed at the September meeting  
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**SORRY FOR THE LATENESS OF THIS  
NEWSLETTER  
STILL LOOKING FOR A NEW EDITOR**

## September Program

“The Colorful Neoregelias”

By Tom Wolfe

I don't have details about Tom's presentation, but Tom has visited us many times both as a speaker and as a judge at our shows and we have never been disappointed. Be sure to attend this presentation.

The Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society is an active Affiliate of:



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## SEPTEMBER WORKSHOP

Pete Diamond will give a review of the common insects and pest, which invest our bromeliads. Bring your list of questions and your experiences dealing with this problem.

## OCTOBER PROGRAM

### “Nong Nooch Tropical Gardens”

By Geri Prall

In September 2012, Geri and Dave Prall were fortunate to travel to Thailand and visit the world famous Nong Nooch Tropical Gardens. Besides having the largest collection of Cycads and Palms in the world, the Gardens have amassed hundreds of thousands of bromeliads, which they display in the most unusual ways.

## OCTOBER WORKSHOP

In preparation for our December Show, several judges will team up to demonstrate the tried and proven ways to prepare your plants and earn high ribbons. New members are encouraged to enter in our show. It is easy and fun.

## Front and Back Covers

By Larry Giroux

Time is getting scarce before our Show and Sale on December 6th, 7th and 8th. There is a lot of preparation necessary on the part of both exhibitors and sellers. In this issue I am printing the Sales Rules as well as the list of Committees, their Chairs and volunteer members. There are still many areas where we will need help, so if you are contacted by a Committee Chair, please volunteer to help.

The front cover displays the theme of our Show and Sale that was decided on at the last meeting - “Bromeliads Over Fort Myers”. Posters, decorations and awards will incorporate this theme in the coming weeks.

## **BROMELIADS OVER FT MYERS: The Show**

**Dates:** Friday, December 6, 2013 – Registration, Exhibit, Entry & Judged Show  
Saturday, December 7, 2013 – Show & Sale open to public (9:00a to 4:00p)  
Sunday, December 8, 2013– Show & Sale open to public (10:00a to 3:00p)

**Location:** Terry Park, 3410 Palm Beach Blvd., East Ft. Myers, FL

### **Show Committee Chairpersons:**

**Co-Show Chairs** – Betty Ann Prevatt, Larry Giroux, Vicki Chirnside, Marsha Crawford: Although most of the answers to questions about the Show are addressed in the Show Schedule, the Show Chairs are the ultimate decision makers and the final word on problems that might arise. E.g.- If a show plant has what appears to be live scale, the Show Chair can exclude the plant from entry solely on his or her judgment. Obviously this authority can allow fast decisions at a time when there are many things going on. If you have a question about the Show, it is the Show Chairs who can refer you to the appropriate person to answer you.

**Staging & Floor Plan** – Eleanor Kinzie and membership. (Thursday eve) Thursday night is a busy time. Usually about 5 PM, (the actual time will be announced), we rely on volunteers to help setting up the tables per a previous plan. The more help the better. Please try to clear your schedule for Thursday night.

**Entries/Registration** (Fri 8:30a – noon) – Chair: Luli Westra, Assistant: Carly Pfatz (Sushil); could probably use one more person. (checking entry sheets to entered plants and assign numbers on entry tags). Friday morning when you first bring your entry plants into the exhibit hall, tables will be available for you to place your entry plants, get them organized with the entry tags and make your final inspection before you hand them over to Entries' staff to start the entry process. At a meeting prior to the Show we will go over the entry cards and how to fill them out. When several people are arriving at the same time it can be a bit busy, but you'll be surprised how smoothly it all works out.

**Classification Chairman** – Steve Seal; Assistant- Larry Giroux. Once Entries has tagged your plant it is sent to Classification. Here the information on your tag is confirmed, the correct Division and Section for your plant in the Show is determined. Classification can disqualify plants due to lack of or incorrect information, which in spite of their best efforts, they are unable to fix; or if your plant is diseased. They are experienced and will put your plant in the Division or Section, which will get you the highest ribbon. Please try to make yourself available until your plant is placed on the show table, for any questions Classification may have for you.

**Placement - Chair:** Bob Soter; Assistant: Terri Lazar. Besides a Chair and Assistant, we may be looking for other volunteers to help with this job of placing the “classified” plants on the table for judging. Many of us have done this before and we will be glad to help newbies. This requires you be present at the Show hall from about 8AM until about 1 PM Friday morning.

**Clerk Chairman** –Vicky Chirnside. We have in the past had a good response for volunteers for clerking. It is a great learning experience and is very interesting.. The number of clerks we will finally need will be determined when the number of judges' panels are determined (we anticipate 12-15 judges this year), We usually have two Clerks per team of 3 judges. Detailed instructions will be available prior to actual clerking. Attitude is more important than skill for this job.

**Clerks** who have already volunteered: Linda Soter, Terri Lazar, Bob Soter, Reggie Wilson, Sandra Drake, Kathy Lockwood, Kaye Janssen, Sharelee Dias, Bert Dias. We anticipate the need for about 10 with 1-2 alternates.

**Judges Chairman** – Betty Ann Prevatt (backup from Larry Giroux) – I would

guess there are about 100 certified active judges throughout the US. Many reside here in Florida. The Chair's job is to invite judges willing to travel to Fort Myers at their own expense and for little compensation. However, the quality of our Shows and Sales has always been a big draw. We hope to have 12-18 judges accept. This makes judging a CBS Show with up to 300+ entries move quickly. Some judges come from out of state or from a 4 hour distance from within Florida. If you are able to offer accommodations please contact The Chair with the offer. (Judging Fri 1:00pm to finish, which is usually about 5PM)

**Judges Luncheon** - We are asking all members to suggest a location to hold a luncheon for the Judges before they start. These free lunches are part of Judges' perks. (Fri 11:30a – 1:00p). Lunch can be on or off site.

**Major Awards Trackers / Moderators** – Betty Ann to select. (these are our counters and labeler with post-it notes), (records) & (Awards verification). When the judging for Major Awards begins, it is all about the numbers. Clerks, however, are an integral part of this process, since we rely on them to get the plants moving and in front of the Judges as quickly and efficiently as possible.

**Schedule Design & Production** – Larry Giroux - The printed Show Schedule, which all exhibitors and judges get, has been called the “Bible” of the Show. It will answer nearly all questions and provide solutions to most problems that may arise. The Show Chair, however, has the final say if there is any debate. This Schedule is produced several weeks before the Show and must be approved by the BSI.

**Awards & Award Cards** – Chair: Pete Diamond; Assistant: Larry Giroux. You want to see your name on these cards next to your plants on the Headtable. Very soon I will be asking for money to pay for awards given to the winners of the top awards such as Section, Division, Best of, Best of Show, etc. The award cards will show donors name if you wish along with the name of someone you wish to remember or honor. The awards have not been decided on yet, but they are always special. Please let me know if you wish to make a donation; otherwise, I will be making an announcement soon.

**Head Table Design** – We will need help following judging to set up the Headtable with all the winning entries. Please think about providing assistance Friday afternoon.

**Kitchen Hospitality** – Chair: Mary McKenzie, Assistants: Sandra White and Rebecca Brislain. We have never been disappointed by the generosity of our members when it comes to food. Hopefully we can count on members again to bring food, beverages and snacks for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The Chair will be talking to the membership prior to December and explain when and what you can bring.

**Photography** – Larry Giroux - Our Shows provide great photography opportunities. If you don't take pictures of your entries, check with me afterwards, I might have done so and will share.

**Publicity Chairman** – Betsy Burdette - Betsy is extremely organized and will guide us through the best ways of letting the public know about our Sale and Show, but she needs help spreading the word. As time draws shorter, we can be expecting to hear from Betsy.

**Break down** - Everyone. When the clock strikes 3 PM on Sunday, we start the task of dissembling both the Show and Sale. With the help of everyone, believe it or not, we can be finished in one hour. When the vacuuming of the carpet is finished, we all get in our vehicles and look forward to our Holiday Party to brag and reminisce.

PLANT SALE RULES and DECORUM

Please review the SALES RULES carefully, there have been some changes since last year.

1. Plant sales identification, necessary sales labels and allocation of table space will be assigned by Chairpersons, Brian Weber [brianweber1b@aol.com](mailto:brianweber1b@aol.com), 941-256-4405(Cell) or Geri & Dave Prall- 239-542-2245;  
[PalmTreeGardens@hotmail.com](mailto:PalmTreeGardens@hotmail.com).
2. Sale hours for the general public will be Saturday, December 7, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday December 8, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Vendors may make their plants available to Judges of the Show on Friday afternoon.
3. Plants will be received Friday, December 6, 2013 following the setup of the sales area in the Pavilion behind Terry Park. (Setup time to be announced at the CBS October meeting). Remember access to the Pavilion is from the rear of Terry Park. Unsold plants must be removed Sunday, December 8th by 4:00 p.m. or become the property of CBS.
4. All plants must have TWO TAGS - A white or near white tag which indicates plant's **name** (it may have your ID on it). The second tag should be a colored tag either obtained from the Sales Chairman or a colored one previously used at a CBS Sale. ***The sale price must be legibly written in INK with a permanent marker on the Blue (or colored) Sale Tag. To be consistent and make it easier for our customers & cashiers, please put the price with a \$ on top of the tag, vendor code towards the middle of the tag.*** All plants and other sale items should be labeled in this manner before arrival at the sale. While we encourage the reuse of previous years sale tags, please do not use any that have been cut shorter than 2/3 the original length. On large plants, especially those in the landscape area, please have a sticker or sign with the price to make it easier for customers to see without them having to lift the plant to see the tags that are attached to the bottom.
5. To be eligible to sell plants, a CBS member must:
  - a. Be a member in good standing at least six months prior to sale.
  - b. Be required to attend a minimum of 2 meetings a year.
  - c. Follow all Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society plant sale rules.
  - d. Help in the sales area and assist in clean up.
6. All plants must be priced in increments of one dollar (\$1.00) no .25, .50 etc.
7. Plants must be clean and free from disease, insects, etc. Sales Chair may ask you to clean or remove infected plants.
8. Twenty five percent (25%) of members' sale proceeds will be retained by CBS. Sales tax will be the responsibility of CBS.
9. CBS will not be responsible for loss of plants or craft items, however, all reasonable precautions will be taken to insure their safety.
10. Bromeliad oriented items (art, note paper, carvings, needlework, food, crafts, etc.) may also be offered for sale, subject to the preceding rules. These items should be labeled the same as plants, following rule #4.
11. Vendors and Volunteers are the face of the Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society during this event. Please be cordial and helpful to buyers and other vendors. Should a disagreement or problem arise, bring it to the attention of the Sales Chairpersons or their representatives for help in resolving it.
12. Take Down - Screen may be removed 15-30 minutes before the close of the sale. You may organize & clean up your area in preparation for closing but please do not remove sale plants prior to the closing time.

## CBS Meeting Minutes July 21st 2013

**Location:** Covenant Presbyterian Church at 2439 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33901

**Meeting called to order** at 1:12 PM. By President Marsha Crawford

**Attendance total: 38**

New members: 0

Guest: 5, Tim Wertz, Steve Bessilieu, Cheryl King, Parker Bloch, Leighton Bloch

**Workshop: Full Sun Bromeliads** Presented by: Carol Sweat

Carol presented a wonderful slide show with photos of various bromeliads grown in full or almost full sun from the Botanical Gardens in Naples and also from her own property. She also received permission to hand out a sheet from Tropiflora showing their list of recommendations for full sun bromeliads. Carol has been surprised at some bromeliads that have adapted to full/almost full sun, but cautions that those will need more hydration than ones in shade/partial shade. (The exception would be Tillandsia which like dryer conditions and are usually growing in trees.) Those in the most sun will also grow tighter and more compact and the colors will be different than the same plant grown with less sun or in shade. If you want to transition a plant to full sun it is best to do it in the fall and winter months to prevent or lessen the amount the plant burns. In general plants with the most scurf and thicker, rigid more spiny leaves will tolerate more sun. Most of her bromeliads are landscape plants and a few of her favorite full sun varieties are Neoregelia cruenta, Neoregelia olens and Neoregelia macwilliamsii.

**Break:** 1:43 - 1:57 PM

**Program: "The Diversity of Cryptanthus"** Presented by: Dr. Larry Giroux

Dr. Larry has been the editor of the Cryptanthus Society's publication since 1998 and today Dr. Larry shared the wonderful and informative talk he gave at the Bromeliad World Conference in Orlando last year. The genus was formed in 1836 and today there are about 80 species or forms found in the wild only in Brazil. The Cryptanthus Society was formed in 1986. Cryptanthus or "Earth Stars" are adaptable to many growing conditions indoors and out under most lighting conditions but only a few will tolerate Florida's full sun. They are terrestrials and require a well draining growing medium, lots of water, fertilizer and temperature control. Start with a good potting mix and add perlite, pine bark, sponge rock and or charcoal. Use a slow release fertilizer like osmocote or dynamite and then every other month use a liquid fertilizer at 1/8 to 1/4 strength. They do better in the ground or raised beds, and if in a pot a saucer is a must. They can tolerate temperatures down to the 40's. The leaf edge will burn and blister if too cold. Dr. Larry then described the different characteristics that are used when registering a new plant with the Cryptanthus Society. Color, Number of leaves, Leaf Shape, Leaf serrations, Leaf undulation, Radial symmetry, Cross section of the leaf

(channeled, central ridge, flat, etc.), Plant size (miniature under 4 inches, giant over 24 inches), Growth habit, Offset reproduction, Petal Color, Shape, and Fragrance, Blooming Conformation and a narrative regarding scurf, stripes, barring etc. Then he showed what a complicated organ the trichomes (scurf) are and how they are used for infusion of food and water when it is open and closed and the varied patterns and colors.

**Break for refreshments:** 3:00- 3:25 PM. Thank you Mary McKenzie and volunteers for all the wonderful treats.

**Business Meeting called to order** at 3:25 PM. by President Marsha Crawford

**Announcements:**

Marsh Crawford received an email from Jean Shields from the Garden Council regarding hosting either the September or January 2014 meeting. Discussions ensued and it was decided our club would host the January 10<sup>th</sup> meeting by providing and overseeing the refreshments. We will need about 5 members for this event. Larry asked for themes for the upcoming show. None were decided on so he will look at former show theme suggestions and choose one he can work with. Vicky Chirsie, Betty Ann Prevatt, Marsha Crawford and Larry Giroux are working together as the Show Chairman. We need to get all other committees and chairmen positions going. Discussions ensued regarding the need for clarity of what jobs were needed and what was required and for each position, so Marsha will ask Betty Ann to get a list of jobs along with the duties required so that Larry can email the membership with the information. 33 people as of last meeting have not paid their dues. A reminder that you must be a member of good standing and have attended two meetings to be able to sell at our December Show and Sale.

**Door Prize:** Six Tillandsia limbata with proliferating inflorescence were donated by Bruce McAlpine and won by Sharalee Dias, Bob Soter, David Prall, Dolly Dalton, Cathy Weckerling and Margaret England

**Show and Tell:** led by Dale Kammerlohr

**Raffle:** Led by Dr. Larry Giroux, assisted by Carol Sweat, Vicki Chirnsie and Dolly Dalton

**Adjournment:** 3:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Sharalee Dias and Carly Sushil, Co-Secretaries

## CBS Meeting Minutes August 18th 2013

Location: Covenant Presbyterian Church at 2439 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33901

Meeting was called to order by Marsha Crawford at 1:15 There were 39 members in attendance, plus 4 guests: Rita Rogers, Marilyn Wyrick, Bonnie, and Art Hunkins.

Program: "Bromeliads in Design" by Marsha Crawford and Sharalee Dias Marsha spoke on her way of displaying Tillandsias. She makes small trees out of pieces of driftwood. She said that Buttonwood and Cypress are species of wood to use because they don't decompose very fast. A wide variety of driftwood is available at Sundance orchids. Marsha said that she

starts by arranging the wood in a small plastic pot. When you have them how you like them fill the pot with cement. When the cement sets slide the plastic pot into a decorative pot. Attach plants to wood using Tilly Tacker (available from Paul Isley via Betty Ann). You can also use wire ties to attach the plants. Sharalee showed pictures of bromeliad designs that she has done and has seen at various flower shows. There were examples of designs from last year's world conference and the Strolling Flower Show.

Program: "Southwest Florida Bromeliad Sites" by Pete Diamond  
Pete led a discussion on the different types of habitat in Florida where Bromeliads can be found. Some of the habitats Pete described were scrub, xeric hammocks, wet flatwoods, and tidal swamps. Pete also talked about how many species of bromeliads have been confirmed in of the Southwest Florida counties. Glades County had the least amount at 6 and Collier had the most at 15. Lee County has 9. This is out of a possible 16 that grow in the state. Then Pete listed a few of the sites around the area that are good for spotting Bromeliads in the wild.

Hickey's Creek Mitigation Park 17980 Palm Beach Blvd Alva, FL 33920. Hickey's Creek has 6 confirmed species of Bromeliads. It's a nice hike along the creek, and a nice place to learn about how Bromeliads grow in the wild.

Six Mile Cypress Slough 7791 Penzance Blvd. Fort Myers, FL 33966. This preserve has a nice boardwalk that allows you to get closer to the Cypress.

Myakka River State Park 13208 State Road 72 FL 34241. This site has an elevated canopy walkway that allows a different perspective on a hike.

Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary 375 Sanctuary Rd W Naples, FL 34120. Corkscrew contains the largest remaining virgin Cypress forest in North America.

Collier- Seminole State Park 20200 E. Tamiami Trail Naples, Florida 34114

Fakahatchee Strand 137 Coastline Drive Copeland, FL 34137. This preserve is known as the Amazon of Florida. There is a driving tour or hiking trails.

7 of the 18 species of Florida's native Bromeliads are listed as either threatened or endangered. This is due to many things including logging, habitat loss, introduction of invasive species, and the weevil. Pete also ran through a list of the native Bromeliads and the counties where they can be found around the state as well as the type of habitat it is usually found in.

Break: 3:00-3:20

General Meeting: Larry reminds everyone about the upcoming extravaganza.

It will be hosted by the Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society. It will be held on Saturday September 21, 2013 at The Holiday Inn Harborside in Indian Rocks Beach. You should have received an invitation in the mail; if you didn't please contact Larry.

Larry also went around with a list of the jobs for the show that need to be filled. We filled a large portion of them, but there are still a few that need volunteers. If you would like to volunteer for a job at the show or sale please contact Larry.

The theme for this year's show is "Bromeliads Over Fort Myers".

Anne Miller brought it to everyone's attention that the county commissioners are considering cutting funding to the extension office. She asks that if you want to see the extension services continue to write to your county commissioner and ask them not to cut funding.

Carol Sweat is considering organizing a trip to the Naples Botanical Gardens. Please contact her if you would like to participate.

Show and Tell was led by Dale Kammerlohr.

The door prize was 3 mounted Tillandsia flexuosa donated by Bruce McAlpin.

They were won by Buddy Singleton, Jeff Joffe, and Bonnie Hunkins.

The raffle was led by Larry Giroux and assisted by Terri Lazar and Dolly Dalton.

Respectfully submitted by Carly Sushil and Sharalee Dias, co-secretaries.

## **Calendar of Bromeliad Events**

### **September 21**

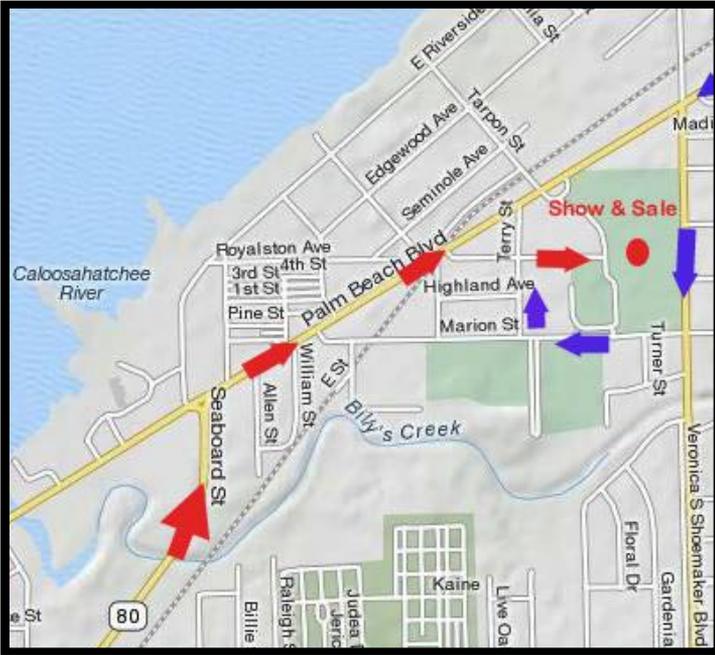
#### **Bromeliad Extravaganza**

**Hosted by Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society. Holiday Inn Harborside, 401 2nd Street, Indian Rocks Beach, 33785, 727-595-9484. Info contacts: Susan Sousa ([susansousa1@yahoo.com](mailto:susansousa1@yahoo.com)) and Judy Lund ([glund@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:glund@tampabay.rr.com))**

**November 9th Saturday 9-2pm Plant Bazaar sale at Eco Park (north of Veterans Parkway near Mid Point Bridge) in Cape Coral.**

### **December 6-8**

**Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society's Show and Sale. Back of Terry Park, Fort Myers, Fl. Judged Show– Friday, Dec 6th; Sale Saturday, Dec 7th, 9AM-4PM and Dec 8th 10AM-3PM. For additional information contact Betty Ann Prevatt ([bprevatt@aol.com](mailto:bprevatt@aol.com)).**



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