



THE CALOOSAHATCHEE BROMELIAD SOCIETY'S

MERISTEM

Nov-Dec 2017

The Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society

PRESENTS

Gardens

of the

Galaxy

Bromeliad Show and Sale

ARABA SHRINE TEMPLE

2010 Hanson Street Fort Myers

(Just South and Across Cleveland Ave from Lee Hospital)

Saturday Dec.2nd 2017 9AM-4PM

Sunday Dec.3rd 2017 10AM-3PM

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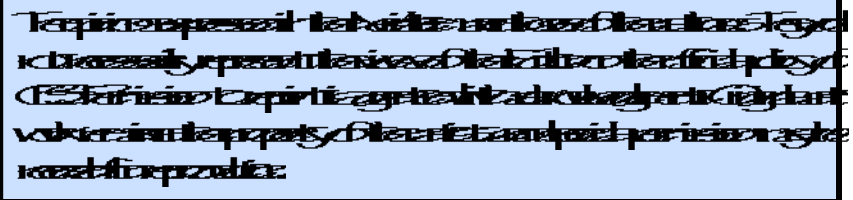
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THE CALOOSAHATCHEE BROMELIAD SOCIETY

**November Meeting– Sunday, Nov. 19th
Dec Holiday Party-- Sunday, Dec. 17th**

**Our new meeting place is 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 12:30PM for Meeting Setup
The Workshop begins at 1:15PM
Please bring food, Raffle and Show and Tell Plants**

**Membership Sales are not permitted
at the November Meeting**

**See writeup for details of the Holiday Party
On December 17th at the home of Deb McPhail**

The Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society is an active Affiliate of:



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November Program

“Miniature Bromeliads”

By David Sand

David Sand is a familiar face at our meetings, events and sales since he has been working for Michael Kiehl, owner of Michael's Bromeliads in Venice Florida. During his many years working around the vast diverse collection at Michael's, David has become an expert in his own right. Besides the retail and wholesale business aspects, he is now an expert grower and source for information about bromeliads and other plants.

On November 19th, he will discuss with us the “Miniature Bromeliads”, which are available to include in our collections. Many bromeliad collectors who had a large desire to grow these beautiful plants have small space in which to grow them. David will talk to us about those plants which will satisfy our need to grow as well as the areas to accommodate them.

David will be bringing plants for sale, presumably many of the little guys!

November Workshop

“Preparing for the Show”

Time allowing, qualified BSI Judges will walk you through preparing your plants for entry into our December Show. The point scoring, which is used by the Judges addresses objectively (MERIT JUDGING) the attributes of the entire entry from pot to media to alignment in the pot, size, color, maturity, damage and with blooming entries, the physical condition of the inflorescence. Nearly all of these characteristics can be quantified and if your plant is deficit in some way, we will show you how you can improve your chances of scoring a higher ribbon award. Besides ribbons we offer plaques and award gifts to the “Best” exhibits. There is even a “Novice” Award. The show is a lot of fun and I encourage you to volunteer as a worker and exhibit a few plants. There are Categories for everyone's interest.

SWAMP WALK: Hopefully all those who were interested in the trip to the Fakahatchee Preserve, scheduled in October, have been notified that it was cancelled due to “high water”. Hopefully, when it is safer, we will reschedule the walk. Carly will let you know about any future plans.

The 2017 Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society's Sale and Show "Gardens of the Galaxy"

SCHEDULE OF THE SHOW

Friday Dec 1st starting about 8 AM

If all goes as scheduled, the Shriners' workers will have set up all the 100 or so tables for the Show and Sale. Thursday a few of the members will be covering the tables and making final adjustments, we will be asking for volunteers at the Nov. meeting. Workers need to start arriving by 8AM the latest to set up the Registration, Entries, Classification and placement areas. These workers should bring in their plants for entry early. We start as soon as we can, entering plants. Sellers can drop off their entries if they have the proper paper work completed. My understanding is that Sellers will start bring in their plants for the sale at about 10AM.

Friday Dec 1st 8:30AM

Entries and Classification officially open and will go until 12 Noon.

Friday 10AM

Sellers can have access to their booths (sooner if arranged by Brian Weber, Sales Chair). Unfortunately the Sales and the Show areas can not be shut off from each other so we ask that from 1 PM to completion of Judging (about 5PM) noise and loud conversations be minimized.

Friday 12:00Noon

The setup of the Show room should be completed and most workers will be asked to leave unless on other committees. Clerks should be meeting with Vicky Chirnside and becoming oriented with instructions and equipment. Judges are returning from their luncheon about 12:30PM and starting with their orientation. Clerks and Judges are assigned and Judging will start at 1PM. There will be occasional breaks and Hospitality will have tables set up with refreshments for the Judges and workers in the Show room. Conference Room #2, which is in the corridor behind the Kitchen will be available during the Show and Sale for all other workers and vendors. Please see Mary McKenzie (239-939-5820) and arrange to bring in refreshments during the 3 days of the Show and Sale.

Friday 1 PM to ~5:30PM

The Judges are all volunteers. They travel here at their own expense. As a Thank You, we give them a gift certificate to be used at the Sale. Most will leave after the Sale so during breaks and at the completion of the Judging, the Judges will be buying from sellers who are set up. A cashier will be available also. As an incentive to the volunteer workers, they also will be allowed to buy from the sellers during these hours. Judges are often collectors and your best buyers.

Friday Afternoon

Setup of Headtable for display of winners and organization of Show Hall in preparation of public showing. Sale open to Judges and Volunteers.

Saturday 9AM-4PM, December 2nd.....Show and Sale open to the public

Sunday 10AM-3PM, December 3rd....Show and Sale open to public

Sellers who were unable to come on Friday should arrive early with their items, claim their designated spots and organize their space. Doors open at Sat. 9AM and Sun 10AM to the public. Be sure you have checked with Brian, gotten your tags, ID number and table assignment. Read the rules. Unless you have permission from the Chair, you cannot break down your area until close of Sale at 3PM Sunday. Show plants can be picked up at that time.

We have a special award, “The Members’ Choice Award”, which we give to the plant(s) voted by the members as their “Best in Show” from among those which did not get to the head table. We ask that all members vote for this award on Saturday morning for display in the afternoon.

Saturday and Sunday is when we need volunteers to help at check-out...cashiers, tag pullers, carriers, box makers, holding area receivers and guards. Hospitality is important so we can continue to work these two days. Check with Mary McKenzie about food and working the Kitchen and break room.

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**DON'T FORGET TO PICKUP YOUR
SIGNS AT THE NEXT MEETING.**

**PLEASE FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS
ABOUT WHERE TO PUT THEM!!!**

Our Holiday Party is at the residence of Debbie McPhail in Fort Myers. The only Society business will be to install our officers for the year 2017. Otherwise our time after 12 noon until we finish the raffle, usually about 4 PM, will be spent entertaining ourselves with games, our great holiday raffle, food and the company of our friends and fellow members.

Debbie McPhail
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Debbie's home is across the street from the Fort Myers Country Club and the Edison Grill. Her house is at the corner of McGregor and Shadow Lane. Parking is permitted further down Shadow Lane and at the Country Club across the street.

Members are asked to bring a favorite holiday dish to share, such as casseroles, vegetables with dip, little sandwiches, cakes, cookies and about anything else that is edible. CBS supplies the paper and plastic goods, iced tea and a meat entree. If you prefer other cold drinks, bring your own, there will be plenty of ice. **Debbie assures me that she has sitting for over 50 people, but if you want you can still bring your own.**

Try to arrive around noon with your goodies so that the tables can be arranged buffet style. For those of you that cannot get there early, don't worry it is always closer to 1PM or later that we start to eat and the festivities begin.

After lunch there will be a raffle of bromeliad plants and items brought by members as gifts (no, you don't have to wrap and ribbon them). But, they should be nice, clean bromeliads or bromeliad related items that anyone would want to win. **We are opening donations to other plant families such as orchids, ferns, fruit trees, native plants, etc.** We are a diverse group of growers, who enjoy many different plants, so if you have extras of other types of plants donate them to our special holiday raffle. Tickets are still 3/\$1, so buy a lot. Friendship Plants are also welcome... these are those extra plants from your garden that might be of value to other members. These freebies are always appreciated. **But please, please...make sure you spray your plants or wash them very well...we don't want any members to bring diseases back to their collection.**

Yes we are planning games and our Holiday contest as usual. Well be mentioning the type of Holiday contest at the November meeting.

New members or anyone that needs more information, call your Editor (Larry Giroux) at (239) 257-1414 /239-850-4048. Bring your significant other, friends and relatives and expose them to our hobby, while enjoying the hospitality of our society.

Decorative Containers

By Dr. Larry Giroux

DIVISION IV - Decorative Containers & Artistic Arrangement

Merit Judged

Section A - Decorative Containers

An individual specimen plant or two or more full sized plants or pups, of the same or different genera, species or varieties in decorative, non-standard containers. In this section much thought should be given to selection of containers so that there is harmony or contrast between plant and container. The entry should present a pleasing proportion between plant and container and the colors should harmonize or contrast. Originality and uniqueness are very important. Plants may be blooming or non-blooming. Containers may be hung or placed on the table. Bases may be used, but other accessories are not allowed.

Class 55. Decorative pot

56. Fancy bark, carved tree fern, ornamental wood, decorative rock or sea shell

57. Other



The container should be of a decorative nature; although if you are showing a terrestrial, judges prefer it be shown planted. Epiphytes can be mounted or potted. This piece of wood has been stained and a hollow area provided for the plant. This entry is on the table top but a base or a hanger may have been used as an accessory. No other kinds of accessories are allowed.



The number of plants used is often determined by the size of the container. Every plant has to be a whole plant (no parts); however, you are not discounted for partial maturity of the various plants. These exhibits are considered “horticultural” and the condition of the plants are also judged.



Harmony and contrast can refer to color, shape and formality. Here we see harmony in not only color but also in the geometry of the container and plant.

Shells are often used as decorative containers. A patterned shell or any patterned container for that matter can be difficult to “harmonize” with a bromeliad, especially one that is also patterned. Color, texture and pattern need to be considered. Here there was a relatively good match of characteristics. As you can see a base added to the bulk of the container and minimized the size proportions. The rule of 1/3 is usually applied for Decorative Containers and Artistic Arrangements for proportions of container and plants. The container should be roughly 1/3 the size of the exhibit while the contents should be 2/3rds.



White containers tend to distract from the plant. This particular entry also has ideal size disproportion between container and plant as well as shape and texture incongruity.

The bird in this design is actually part of the container, so it is not an accessory. Several factors make this a unique entry deserving of its top award of “Best in Show—Artistic”



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Section B - Artistic Arrangements

A floral design of whole and/or pups of bromeliads, artistically displayed with emphasis on dramatic presentation. One or more accessories are permitted. Other plant material, either fresh or dried, may be used but bromeliads must predominate. All dried material may be painted. Fresh plant material may never be painted. Leaves and inflorescences may be severed and used as needed within the arrangement for artistic distinction. Plants may be placed in this arrangement just prior to entry in the show. No artificial plant material may be used. A card with the title of the arrangement and plant material is necessary.

Class 58a. Tabletop or Platform Entries

Class 58b. Miniature Arrangement Entries

(This class of arrangements in the CBS Show should be a miniature creative design, which will be staged in a 6 inch X 6 inch X 6 inch WHITE CUBE. (CBS will provide the cubes.) The interior color of the cubes may be temporarily altered with colored cloth or paper, but not paint. Live or dried materials as well as accessories as permitted with the full-sized arrangements (Class 58a) are allowed. (see Div IV Sec. B rules). Entries should adhere to the Principles and Elements of Design while incorporating the space within the cube. A 3" x 5" card with a title and types of materials used is required. Please notify the Show Chairperson at least two weeks prior to show for availability of the Display Cubes.

Not all of us have the availability of a selection of bromeliads in order to create a full sized arrangement; however, we all have some bromeliads in our collection sufficient to create a mini design or two.

The first design on the page to the right consists of a piece of painted wood as a base and three small complete plants of *Cryptanthus* ‘Georgia Wagner’s along with three stolons from the same plant. In all artistic designs, parts and whole plants from any kind of plant family can be used. As long as bromeliads dominate. Artificial plants cannot be used. The second design uses dried bromeliad parts. Although live plants can’t be painted, dried plants can be sprayed or hand painted. In the case of miniature designs created in a closed space, the exhibitor needs to take in consideration the space within the cube and not exceed that area. Miniature Artistic Arrangements have been part of the BSI Standard Show Schedule for many years, but it was at the Australian World Conference in 2008, that the Australians and other International travelers to the WBC took advantage of this method of exhibiting and entered nearly 25 “miniatures”.



World Bromeliad Conference 2018

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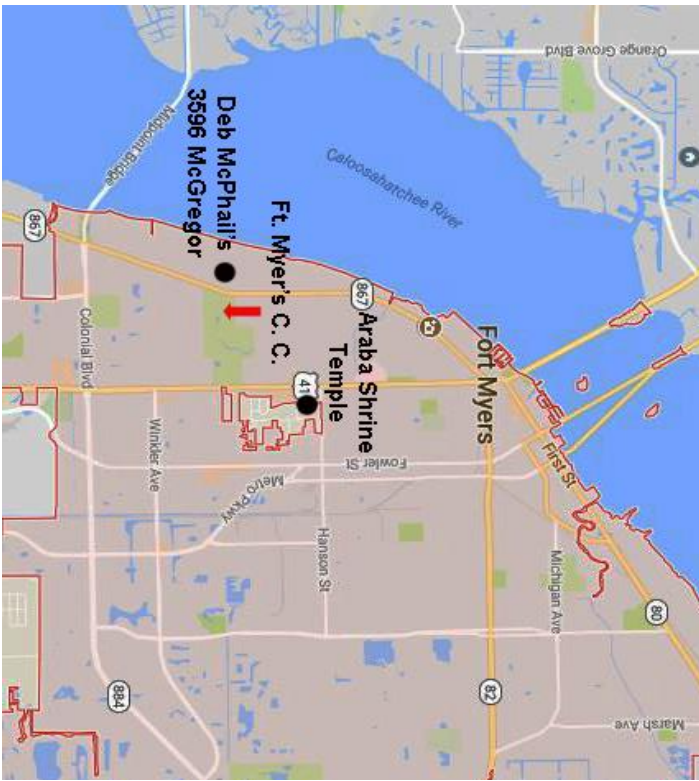
May 29 - June 3, 2018
fiesta de las bromelias

Registration Fee: (in United States Dollars)• \$290.00 New low registration fee!!! \$60.00 optional bus excursion [See Conference Corner for details on optional excursion.]

If you are not a current BSI member, your annual membership fee must be paid, fee as follows—USA residents add \$45 single and \$60 dual members



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