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of
BROMELIAD SOCIETIES INC.
Newsletter**

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1990 BROMELIAD EXTRAVAGANZA

ELFERS SENIOR CENTER

SEPTEMBER 15, 1990

10:00 - 3:00 Bromeliad Exhibit & Sales
3:00 - 5:00 Break-down and Dinner
5:00 - 6:00 Guest Speaker, Dr. Robert Read
6:00 - till ? Rare Plant Auction
Charles Burgess, Auctioneer

Plant sales are open to anyone who wishes to sell. Please let Gwen Carnegie or Bob Steiger know by August 15 if you will be participating in the sales. The room will be available on Friday, September 14, from 6:00 to 9:00 PM for setup, as well as on Saturday morning from 8:00 to 10:00.

Ron and Carolyn Schoenau have offered to coordinate plant sales and the West Pasco Bromeliad Society will receive 20% of plant sales income.

All proceeds from the Rare Plant Auction will go to the FCBS.

The West Pasco Bromeliad Society has arranged a special room rate at the Holiday Inn, 5015 US 19 North, in New Port Richey for Extravaganza attendees. It is conveniently located to the Elfers Senior Center (see map).

Rates are: \$29.00 (Parking lot)
35.00 (Waterfront)

These rates are for a double room for up to 4 persons and the motel has a lounge, dining room and swimming pool.

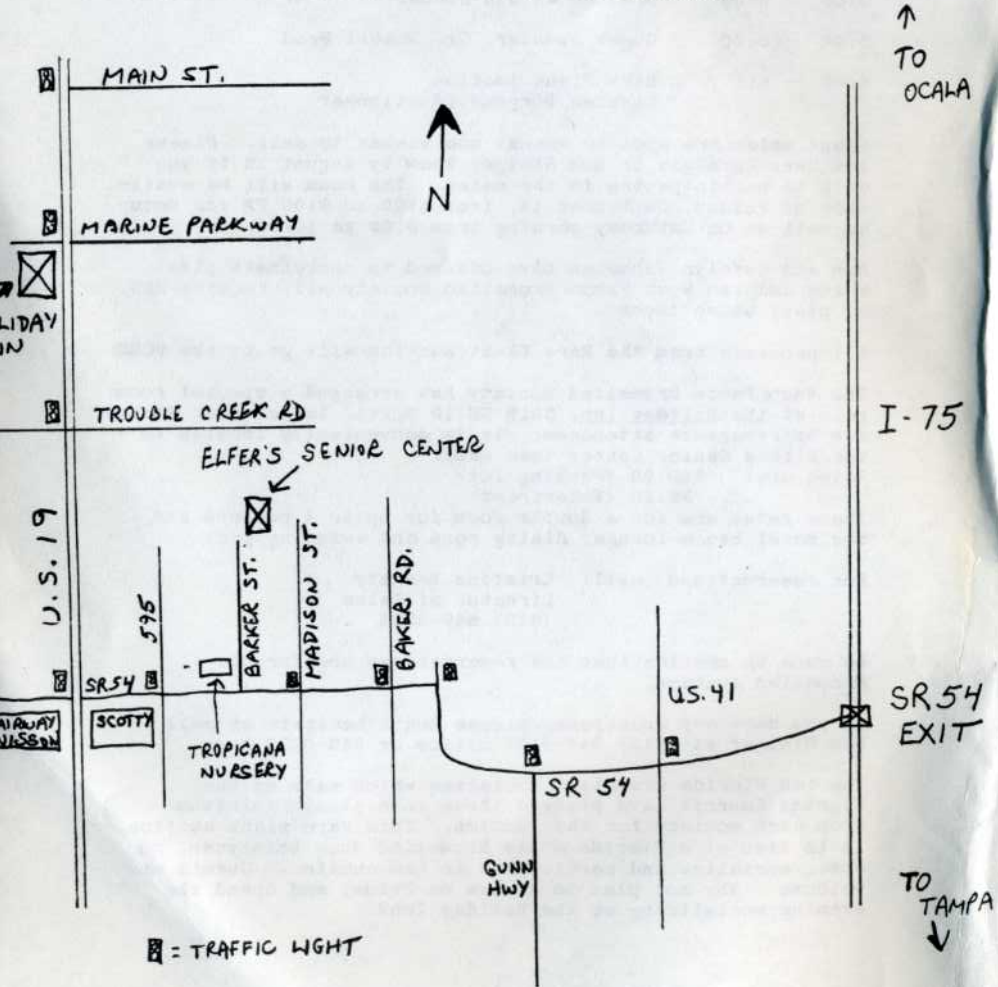
For reservations, call: Cristina Beeghly
Director of Sales
(813) 849-8551

Be sure to mention that the reservations are for the Bromeliad Auction.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call Bob Steiger at (813) 847-8177 office or 845-0222 home.

The ten Florida Bromeliad Societies which make up the Florida Council have pledged three rare plants (minimum) from each society for the Auction. This rare plant auction is in lieu of a Florida State Bromeliad Show this year, so come, socialize and participate in the auction. Guests are welcome. Why not plan to arrive on Friday and spend the evening socializing at the Holiday Inn?

LOCATER MAP FOR SEPT. 15 1990 BROMELIAD SLE & FCBS EXTRAGANZA



DON'T LET THE BIG ONES GET AWAY

Carol Johnson

In the early days of my collecting "sickness"--the late sixties, early seventies--just finding any bromeliads to buy was a real problem. Even my gardening books failed to list them. The only advertisers in the Journal in those days was a centerfold listing of commercial growers. From that source I was able to secure catalogs from two growers in Brazil and from Oakhurst Gardens in California (Mr. Giridlian). There were no descriptions, just plant names and prices. Remember, in those days we did not have the Padilla book nor Monograph 14 (Vol. 1 came out in 1976). My first mail order plants were *Acanthostachys strobilacea* and *Dyckia fosteriana* 'Silver Queen' purchased from Oakhurst Gardens. I still have the *Acanthostachys*, but in ignorance I divided the *Dyckia* and it died almost immediately. When Mr. Giridlian died Oakhurst Gardens went out of business and that left me with only the Brazilian sources.

It was quite an adventure placing and receiving an order in those days. One of the catalogs contained pictures but no clue as to the size of the pictured plant. If the name sounded good and the price was right, I ordered. In due time the plants arrived, were potted and tagged. As it has turned out, it was a case of the blind leading the blind. I thought the plants received were as ordered and, presumably, the supplier thought what was shipped was correct. Actually, over the years, it has been quite an adventure getting my Brazilian plants correctly names. *Hohenbergia castelanosii* (ordered as *Hoh. stellata*) grew and bloomed in my greenhouse years before it was officially discovered and named. A plant ordered as *Aechmea fernandae* has turned out to be a very pretty and select form of *Ae. phanerophlebia*. The *Streptocalyx floribundus* grew and grew and grew to about four foot across. After 15 years and a stiff shot of Florel it finally bloomed and turned into a huge, unidentified *Hohenbergia*.

With the passing of the years, publication of some good books and the creation of BIC, our Florida bromeliad growers have become more erudite. Sadly, that has also meant that fewer people are growing the big plants and they are disappearing from cultivation. Space for the big plants is at a premium. However, we have discovered also that plants which we thought had to be big can be controlled by underpotting and holding back fertilizer. There are some that take a tremendous amount of time to mature, and then bloom fleetingly and are often a big disappointment. It is very hard to love these and give them room, but somewhere out there is somebody who would like to have one, so let's not let them disappear.

My list of scarce, big plants follows. I have confined it

to the Bromelioideae subfamily, but there are also some large Hechtias and Dyckias which are also disappearing.

Portea leptanthe *
Portea petropolitana (all forms)

Aechmea distichantha schlumbergeri
" mulfordii
" rubens
" dichlamydea (all forms)
" castelnavii *
" marie-regina
" eurycorymbus *
" setigera
" tocantina
" bambusoides
" aquilegia
" bracteata
" strobilina
" araneosa
" lingulata
" podantha

Hohenbergia stellata
" rosea

Quesnelia quesneliana
" testudo
" arvensis

* I have lost these altogether and would welcome replacement in the form of pups or seed.

For information about a tentative list of bromeliad cultivars write to DON BEADLE; P.O. Box 81464; Corpus Christi, Tx 78466 Mr. Beadle is the Hybrid Registrar for the Bromeliad Society. You may also request registration forms and information from him.

It is not possible to keep up with the newest happenings in our bromeliad plant world without access to the JOURNAL of the Bromeliad Society, Inc. Your \$20.00 annual membership fee for BSI brings you six issues of the JOURNAL. The Journal also carries, in addition to plant information, advertising by the foremost plant suppliers.

Make checks payable to: The Bromeliad Society, Inc.
and mail to 2488 East 49th; Tulsa, Ok. 74105.

Got some extra plants to swap? Or, want to trade? Are you hunting a 'must have'? Tell us and we will print your request.

1990 FLORIDA MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

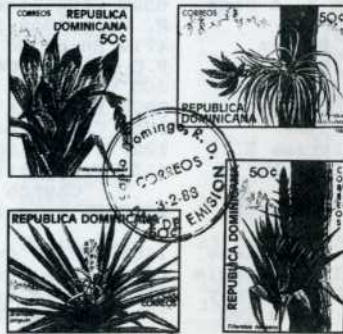
Published herewith is the 1990 membership roster of the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies, Inc. Listed are all paid up members of those societies which make up the Council, plus paid subscribers and some honorary members. Printing of the FCBS By-Laws has been omitted from this annual edition, since there have been no changes made during the past year.

I wish to apologize for the rather sloppy appearance of the individual listings. This year the roster was prepared on the computer instead of being typed as in previous years. My printer will accommodate only 76 horizontal spaces, therefore, some information such as apartment numbers and full names have been omitted. All this information will be on the mailing labels, however. Hopefully, next year we can afford to have the roster type-set, as it becomes more intense drudgery to do it by hand every year.

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1990 SOCIETY PRESIDENTS & COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

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President, Mrs. Sam (Hattie Lou) Smith
Reps: Eleanor Kinzie & Betty Ann Prevatt

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President: Edward Hall
Reps: Ed McNulty and Ed Hall (Council Chairman)

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President: James Boynton
Reps: Morris and Helen Dexter

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President: Edith Howells
Reps: Carl Perryn and Rose Schmidt

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President: Carolyn Schoenau
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President: Jane Dahlin
Reps: Narda Enander (Sec'y) & Jane Dahlin

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Reps: Charles Tait & Carol Johnson (Treasurer)

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President: Dr. Jeffrey Block
Reps: Nat DeLeon & Connie Johnson

BROMELIAD GUILD OF TAMPA BAY, Tampa
President: Michael O'Leary
Reps: Tom Wolfe & Roland Schnabel

WEST PASCO BROMELIAD SOCIETY, New Port Richey
President: Bob Steiger
Reps: Gwen Carnegie & Bob Steiger

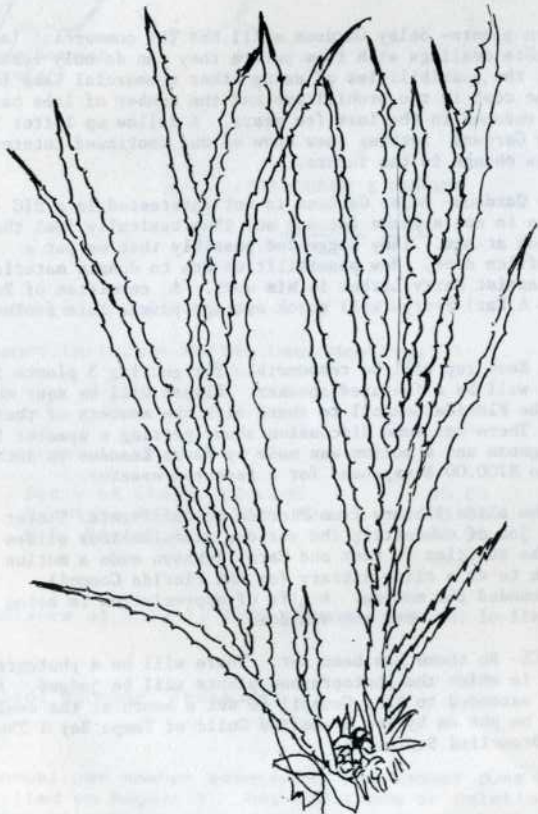
Note: Meeting times and locations change so often that it is impracticable to list them here. Any of the above people will be happy to give you information about their society.

FLORIDA COUNCIL OF
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COLLECTOR'S CORNER



ACANTHOSTACHYS pitcairnioides

This addition to the formerly monotypic genus is being seen more often in collections and in shows. It was pictured on the back cover of the Journal, July/August 1989 issue, but the picture does not do the plant justice. Here in Florida the plant has dark red foliage, black teeth and small, brilliant blue blossoms at the base of the plant. It forms clumps very easily, is about 15 inches tall, and is a desirable addition to any collection. Culture is the same as *Acan. strobilaceae*.



Acanthostachys pitcairnioides

(Drawing by CMJ with apologies to Mother Nature)



FLORIDA COUNCIL OF BROMELIAD SOCIETIES, INC.

BUSINESS MEETING July 14, 1990

The regular meeting of the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies was held in Miami at the home of Eileen and Nat DeLeon. Thank you to our host and hostess.

The secretary's report was read and approved as such.
The treasurer's report was passed out to the group for comment and was also passed, motion made by Carolyn Schoenau and seconded.

OLD BUSINESS

Reproduction of rare plants- Selby Gardens still has the commercial labs and needs to eliminate dealings with them before they can do only research. Nat has checked out the possibilities of using other commercial labs for this purpose and the cost is too prohibitive and the number of labs has been substantially reduced in the last few years. A follow up letter is being sent to Selby Gardens letting them know of our continued interest should circumstances change in the future.

BIC Plaque at Selby Gardens- Selby Gardens is not interested in a BIC Plaque because there is not a place for one and they basically feel that the public won't look at one. They suggested possibly that we put a plaque on Harry's office door. New possibilities are to donate materials directly to BIC to assist Harry Luther in his work. A committee of Ron Schoenau, Tom Wolfe & Carl Perryn will check out and pursue this further.

NEW BUSINESS

1990 EXTRAVAGANZA- Each rep will be responsible for getting 3 plants for the auction. There will be a featured speaker. Flyers will be sent out to all members of the Florida Council to share with the members of their various societies. There was some discussion about getting a speaker for this year's Extravaganza and a motion was made by Narda Enander to authorize Ed Hall to use up to \$100.00 & expenses for a featured speaker.

The BSI is moving the slide library from Florida to California. Tinker Massey has done the job of converting the various miscellaneous slides into programs for the societies to rent and Carol Johnson made a motion to have her continue to do a slide library for the Florida Council. Carolyn Schoenau seconded the motion. A gift of appreciation is being sent to Tinker for all of the work she has done.

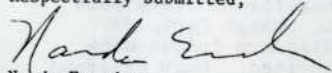
1992 WORLD CONFERENCE- No theme has been set. There will be a photography section of the show in which the photographed plants will be judged. An invitation has been extended to Fla. Council to set a booth at the conference. The conference will be put on by The Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay & The Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies.

Nat DeLeon made a motion to request from the state registrar a list of Florida's judges and how many shows they have judged indicating those judges that need judging credit. Seconded and passed .

This months plant was Aechmea Chantiniii donated by Nat DeLeon. Its special qualities are that it was selected 3 generations back for its exceptional banding and coloration. The high bidder was Eleanor Kinzie at \$50.00 and the goats were Carolyn Schoenau & Connie Johnson.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Narda Enander
Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

July 1, 1990

Balance at Last Report	\$ 2,630.39
Deposits (Plant Raffle Last Meeting)	60.00

	\$ 2,690.39

Expense:

Sec'y of State, Florida	35.00
Printing Palace, V X, #2	175.58
U.S. Postal Svc. " "	43.96

	254.54

Balance at July 1, 1990 (reconciled)	\$ <u>2,435.85</u>
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Carol Johnson, Treasurer

Annual per member assessment and annual dues will be billed on August 1. Any additions or deletions to the present mailing list must be made by that time.

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SHOW PAGE

AUGUST 18, 1990 - Seminole Bromeliad Society FANTASY IV.
One day exhibition and plant sale. At EARL BROWN
RECREATIONAL PARK, Deland. Hourly door prizes,
workshops, entertainment. Contact Charles Tait
or Arthur Hyland. Hours are 9 am to 4 pm and
admission is free.

AUGUST 24/26, 1990 - Jacksonville Bromeliad Society Show
& Sale at ORANGE PARK MALL, Orange Park, Fl.
(South of Jax off I-95) Standard judged show
and plant sale. Entries invited. Show Chairman
is Jim Bailey (904) 373-2990

SEPTEMBER 15, 1990 SATURDAY . SECOND ANNUAL ONE DAY
EXTRAVAGANZA, sponsored by Florida Council of
Bromeliad Societies. Hosted by West Pasco
Bromeliad Society which will hold an all day
plant sale prior to the Extravaganza which
begins after the sale. ELPERS SENIOR CENTER
Elfers (New Port Richey) SEE FULL PAGE DETAILS
ELSEWHERE IN THIS NEWSLETTER, complete with map.

OCTOBER 13 & 14, 1990 Sarasota Bromeliad Society Annual
Standard Bromeliad Show & Sale at Marie Selby
Botanical Gardens in Sarasota. Contact Narda
Enander at (813) 485-9330 for show hours and
further details.

NOVEMBER 10 & 11, 1990- Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society's
Bromeliad Exhibition & Plant Sale. At FT MYERS-
LEE COUNTY GARDEN CIRCLE BLDG.; 2646 Cleveland
Ave.; Ft Myers. Hours are Saturday 9 am to 5 pm
and Sunday 10 am to 4 pm. This is NOT a judged
show. Contact Betty Ann Prevatt (813) 334-0242.

ALPHA LISTING AVAILABLE

A new alphabetical listing of bromeliad names compiled by
Harry E. Luther, director, Bromeliad Identification Center,
is now available to purchase. In binder form, 55 pages
with title page and introduction, this listing is available
for \$10.00 each via 3rd class or surface mail. For airmail
U.S., Canada & Mexico add 50 cents, all other countries \$2.00
This is the most current list of genera, species, varieties
and forms. Order from: T.U. LINEHAM, Journal Editor at
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