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Bromeliad Rainforest Fantasy

2008 Bromeliad Extravaganza

Sponsored by Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies
Hosted by Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay

August 30, 2008

at

Sheraton Suites Tampa Airport

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Room rate \$99.00 double or single

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Friday August 29

1:00—6:00 PM Set up Sales

7:00 PM Reception

Saturday, August 30

9:00 AM—4:00 PM Sales, seminars

6:30 PM Banquet and Auction

Sunday, August 31

9:00 AM Bus tours

For further information, contact the Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay, Tom Wolfe, (813) 961-1475, 5211 Lake LeClare Road, Lutz, 33558.

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Catching Up ... Staying Even



Spring is almost here and it looks to be a very busy season for shows and sales this year. Some of our affiliate societies will be holding their own annual shows and sales while others are participating in festivals and plant sale events throughout the state. A listing of these events has become an annual feature in the February newsletter; you will find the schedule on page 7. There are plenty of opportunities in every region of the state to meet up with your fellow bromeliad lovers and pursue that passion we all share: increasing our collections!

Another annual feature of this newsletter is a list of bromeliad sources in our state. If you own a state-inspected bromeliad nursery in Florida and would like to be listed in the May newsletter, see page 17 for details.

On the heels of the successful Extravaganza hosted by the Bromeliad Society of Broward County comes the news that the Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay will host this year's event. Preliminary information is on page 1 of this issue. We can look forward to another outstanding Extravaganza on Florida's West Coast.

The January meeting brought changes to the leadership of the Council. Jay Thurrott (Florida East Coast) stepped down as the Council's chairman; Jose Donayre (Broward County) is the new chairman. Juan Espinosa-Almodovar (South Florida) moved from the secretary's position to vice chairman; Betsy McCrory (Central Florida) is this year's secretary. Sudi Hipsley (Seminole) continues as Treasurer. Thank you to Jay for his leadership this past year; thank you to all the officers for their continued service to the bromeliad community of Florida. Last but certainly not least, thank you to all the members of the affiliated societies for their support throughout

News from FCBS Affiliate Societies



Further information about events mentioned in the News can be found starting on page 7.

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay will have an horticultural display at the Florida State Fair, February 7 – 18. The Guild is well known for its always outstanding displays. All kinds of plants are on sale at the fair, at very good prices. The Guild is also making preparations to host the Extravaganza, in August. See page 1 for details. Tom Wolfe

The Christmas party for **Bromeliad Society of South Florida** was held at Fairchild Gardens. Sixty-five members attended. The society's annual show will be April 19-20, with judging on the 18. This year, Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden will offer an additional item for any visitors: the Roy Lichtenstein exhibit which includes numerous sculptures. Many of the glass works of Dale Chihuly remain on the premises as well. The garden is becoming one of the more enchanting art exhibits in Miami-Dade County and will be even more enhanced when the brilliant lollipop-colored *Guzmania* and other inflorescence displayed in the show and by the vendors adorn the grounds April 19 and 20. A special rare plant auction of bromeliads will be held April 19 at noon. Juan Espinosa-Almodovar, Robert Meyer

Betty Neubauer is the new president of the **Gainesville Bromeliad Society**. Gainesville members will be participating in the Kanapaha Spring Sale, March 29-30. Bob Neubauer

Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society will hold its annual Spring Sale at the Sanford Garden Club April 19-20. There will be a huge selection of bromeliads in many genera as

well as a wide selection of tropical plants. The December meeting was a holiday luncheon with a "Chinese Auction" of wrapped plants. It was well attended, everyone enjoyed members' favorite casseroles and desserts, and had a good time. Claudia Walworth

Bromeliad Society of Broward County held its Christmas party on December 9, with even more people in attendance than at last year's party. There was a great plant exchange. Society members planned a trip for early February to visit Bullis Bromeliads. In November, Dr. Ron Cave gave a presentation on the weevil project. The society membership now is at 89 members. There will not be a show or sale this year. Jose Donayre

Members of Florida **East Coast Bromeliad Society** are preparing for Everybody's Flower Show in Daytona Beach, March 13-16, where they will be entering an educational display for judging. The Christmas party was held at the home of Jay and Calandra Thurrott. There was a wrapped bromeliad exchange, with a prize for the best wrapped plant. The winner was a Tillandsia inside of a gingerbread house. Calandra Thurrott

Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society members enjoyed a program by Dennis Cathcart in November on his trip to South Africa. At the Christmas party, each member attending received a Michael Kiehl bromeliad pup. FWC members will participate in the University of South Florida Spring Sale April 12-13. FWC recognized two of its members, Jinx Watkins and Faye O'Rourke whose names will be inscribed on a plaque at Florida Botanical Garden. Linda Sheetz

Bromeliad Society of Central Florida has a busy spring with the Leu Gardens sale on March 29-30, and its annual Mothers Day Show and Sale, May 9-11, both in Orlando . The Christmas party this year was held at the home of Dean

exchange. Betsy McCrory

Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society has a new president, Tom Foley, and Donna Snyder is the new vice president. Members enjoyed a program in November by Brian Weber – Everything That Can Go Wrong in a Greenhouse! Caloosahatchee had record sales at the December sale in Terrie Park. Vicky Chirnside

Treasure Coast Bromeliad Society meets on the last Monday of January, April, July and October at the St. Lucie County IFAS Cooperative Extension classroom. Mark Peters



Attention Affiliates!
Dues and Rosters Are Due by April 1!

Dues are \$10.00 a year plus a newsletter assessment of \$3.00 per address (not per member). The societies' membership rosters are due at the same time; transmit rosters electronically to the treasurer or the webmaster (contact information is below). Paper copies or scans of rosters cannot be accepted. Contact the webmaster for help with format issues.

Keep your society's affiliated membership current so your members will continue to receive the newsletters and enjoy the other benefits of the Council. Mail dues to:

Sudi Hipsley
6616 Tuscawilla Drive, Leesburg 34748-9190
352-728-5002/352-504-6162

Email the rosters to:

sudii@embarqmail.com or webmaster@fcbs.org

Rosters on disk may be snail mailed in lieu of email either to the treasurer or to Mike Andreas, 617 Fifth Street, Merritt Island 32953.

2008
Bromeliad Shows, Sales and Other
Bromeliad-Related Events



March 5

Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society
Master Gardeners Sale 8:00 AM - Noon
Volusia County Fairgrounds, 3100 E. New York Avenue,
Deland (just off I-4 on the south side at the Deland exit)

March 13-16

Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society
Everybody's Flower Show
Ocean Center, 101 N. Atlantic Avenue (A1A), Daytona Beach

March 29 – 30

Bromeliad Society of Central Florida
Harry P. Leu Gardens Annual Plant Sale, 1920 N. Forest Ave.,
Orlando

March 29-30

Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society
Greenfest, University of Tampa, Plant Park, 401 W. Kennedy
Blvd., Tampa

March 29-30

Gainesville Bromeliad Society
Spring Garden Festival, Kanapaha Botanical Gardens, 4700
SW Archer Road (SR 24), 1 mile west of Interstate 75, exit
384, <http://www.kanapaha.org>

April 4-6

Tropiflora 9th Annual Spring Plant Festival
3530 Tallevast Road, Sarasota
(941) 351-2267, <http://www.tropiflora.com>

April 12-13

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay
Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society
University of South Florida Spring Sale
4202 East Fowler Ave., Tampa

April 18-20

27th Annual Sarasota Bromeliad Society Show and Sale
Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, 811 S. Palm Avenue, Sarasota
Show and plant sales 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Rare Plant Auction Saturday evening in the Activity Building
Friday, April 18th there will be plant sales only 10:00 AM –
5:00 PM
Contact: (941) 955-7319 or email ldolatow@tampabay.rr.com

April 19-20

Bromeliad Society of South Florida Show and Sale
April 19-20 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Show and Sale
April 19 Noon Special Rare Plant Auction
April 18 Judging
Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden
10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables

April 19-20

Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society Spring Plant
Sale
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Sanford Garden Club
17-92 at Fairmont Drive, Sanford (one block south of Lake
Mary Blvd on 17-92).
Contact (407) 366-4860 or (321) 377-2189

April 26 - 27

Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society
Green Thumb Festival, Walter Fuller Recreational Center,
7891 26th Avenue N, St Petersburg

May 9-11

Bromeliad Society of Central Florida Mothers Day Show and Sale

Orlando Fashion Square 3201 E. Colonial Dr. (SR 50),
Orlando

Contact Betsy McCrory (407) 348-2139,
betsymccrory@aol.com

June 24-29

Bromeliad Society International World Bromeliad Conference
Cairns, Australia

Information at <http://bsi.org>

August 16-17

Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society Fall Plant Sale

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Sanford Garden Club

17-92 at Fairmont Drive, Sanford (one block south of Lake
Mary Blvd on 17-92).

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August 30

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More information is on page 1

October 11 – 12

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Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society

University of South Florida Fall Sale

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For more information about these events, contact FCBS

I See Bromeliads **by Calandra Thurrott**



I see bromeliads everywhere I look. I see them in the background in sitcoms on TV, in the movies, and pretty much everywhere. I think I even see one when it is not there. It's usually a look-alike plant I have mistaken for one at first glance. I walked down the street in Winter Park on Park Avenue yesterday and saw a whole bed of them in front of a store (they really were bromeliads and they really were there).

I don't usually get into the growing of them. Pretty much everything in the out-of-doors sets off my allergies. I am safer inside. They are everywhere here at the house; they are in most rooms. They hang over the TV in the living room; they are in front of the toaster (have to move them just to make a piece of toast); they stab me in the face when I sit at any table in the house. I woke this morning to one swinging right in front of the bedroom window from a very strong breeze. Of course that gets me to thinking about all the bromeliads that have to be moved during a hurricane, which in turn makes me think of all the preparation for the promised cold front coming our way in the next few days.

Essentially, bromeliads have taken over our lives. I have a couple of things to blame for that. Jay, my spouse, was given some from the collection of a family friend when we were first married. I welcomed these with enthusiasm when I realized they were the only group of plants I am not allergic to. The other blame goes straight to me; I strongly encouraged him to join a bromeliad group, Central Florida Bromeliad Society, which is an hour away. There was no local society. He was so taken with the new collection of plants. He protested that Orlando was too far to go for club meetings at that time, but decided he could benefit from the newsletters.

I have a creative streak in me. I am a weaver and a quilter. I enjoy photography and card making. Lately I have returned to knitting and taken up soldering. My first and foremost source of inspiration in these efforts is the bromeliad. If it isn't the form or the foliage, it is the colorful blooms.

The creative efforts of others are just as important to me as the plants themselves. I see enormous talent in members of the bromeliad community. I see wood burnings, photos, cards, paintings, drawings, calendars, quilts, plant arrangements, prints, kaleidoscopes, pottery, screen print shirts, embroideries, cross stitch, appliqué . . . I see bromeliads everywhere.

At a recent meeting of Artsetc, which was my first meeting, the art challenge for the group was presented as art work to be done in any media with a photo as inspiration. One of the members spotted a microscopic sized bromeliad in the photo background and used that for her inspiration! Amazing! Someone else who sees bromeliads everywhere!

Florida Directors Needed!

The Bromeliad Society International is still looking for nominations for directors to represent Florida on the BSI Board of Directors.

For information on how to nominate or to make a nomination, refer to your November 2007 Florida Council Newsletter (Vol. 27, Issue 4, page 14) or email nominations@bsi.org or Larry Giroux, BSI Nominations chairman, DrLarry @comcast.net

Mexican Bromeliad Weevil Report

January 12, 2008

Ronald D. Cave¹, J. Howard Frank²,
Teresa Cooper² and Michael S. Burton¹

Production of fly puparia  in the Honduran colony is functioning at a high level of excellence. Fly puparia shipped to Ft. Pierce totaled 390 in four consignments. The relatively low number of shipments was due to hot weather during October (poor adult fly emergence results when contents are overheated during transport) and the holiday season in December. However, shipments are expected to occur every two weeks from January to May 2008.

The Ft. Pierce colony is healthy. Weekly production of puparia was 142, with a maximum of 233; in December, over 800 puparia were produced. Average daily emergence of adult flies is about 14, which provides adequate numbers for colony maintenance and field releases.

October 2007. On October 5, 2007, 105 flies (52 females, 53 males) were released at Highlands Hammock State Park with authorization from the Park Service of Florida's Department of Environmental Protection. On 12 October, 112 flies (59 females, 53 males) were released at the Loxahatchee NWR, the second release for that site. Reporters from several newspapers were present together with Channel 5 television, Congressman Ron Klein, and a couple of dozen school children. On 26 October, a second release was made at the Enchanted Forest, of 117 flies (58 females, and 59 males).

November 2007. On 16 November, 51 flies (29 females and 22 males) were released at Miller Tract of the Savannas Preserve State Park, St. Lucie County, with authorization from the Park Service of Florida's Department of Environmental

Protection. On 21 November, a second release was made at the Big Cypress, consisting of 109 flies (61 females, 48 males).

December 2007. Howard Frank gave a talk on the weevil project on 7 December at the Exotic Species Workshop in Naples. Following a tip heard then, Jim Fisher and Mike Owen visited Collier-Seminole State Park on 11 December. They found 3 adults, 4 pupae, and 6 larvae of *M. callizona*, mostly from large *Tillandsia utriculata* and a few *T. fasciculata*. This is the first record for that park because no weevils were found there in June 2006. On 14 December, a third release was made at Lake Rogers Park, of 93 flies (47 females, 46 males).

Howard Frank, Dennis Giardina, and Tim Andrus planned a trip in early November to Guatemala in search of additional biological control agents. They bought airline tickets and obtained the necessary Guatemala collection and export permits. Their long-awaited USDA-APHIS importation permit was denied two days before their flight. The reason stated for denial is that USDA-APHIS inspectors must inspect the Ft Pierce quarantine facility after repairs to its sterilization system.

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A Few Thoughts and Suggestions for Incoming Society Officers

by Jay Thurrott



Springtime is often a time of renewal – that’s the whole idea of spring cleaning of course. Spring is the time when many begin work on renewing the garden, repotting plants and, for some clubs, it’s the time for a change in officers – also a renewal process. I would like to share some observations with those who may be incoming officers and even for those who are about to begin (yet) another term in your position (I know, it’s difficult getting volunteers to serve as officers).

Shortly after joining the local bromeliad society (in fact, it may have been at the first meeting that I attended), the president of the club took me aside and asked very sternly “What do you want to do with your interest in bromeliads?” I thought that I must have misunderstood the question because it made no sense to me at the time – I just wanted to grow bromeliads... no ulterior motive, but he repeated it to all of the members at the following month’s meeting and proceeded to direct the question again to specific club members - to their obvious embarrassment. The dead silence and blank stares that he received in return only served to anger him and so, he continued for the rest of the meeting with a tirade about how difficult and disheartening it was to have members who didn’t participate in activities and were only there for the refreshments.

I was totally mystified by all of this and wondered if I had made a serious mistake in joining this club, since it was clearly run by a madman. I continued my membership despite being intimidated by the president because I really wanted to learn more about this fascinating group of plants and eventually got to know this person well enough to distinguish between

madman and *mad man* (a more appropriate term in his case) but I've often thought about that meeting, since it brought out some points worth considering:

1. *New club members can be easily "put off" by the unfamiliar surroundings and strong personalities that they may encounter at meetings.* It's very important that the regular meeting experience be a good one if the club is to attract and retain new members. Bromeliad society meetings need to emphasize fun and good fellowship. Granted, there is work to be done in keeping a club going and unfortunately that work often falls on the shoulders of a select few workers, but that's the nature of the beast – that's how all clubs operate. Accept it and move on. No one wants to be intimidated or harangued by the club's leadership. Disputes inevitably arise within clubs, but they need to be addressed in either a special meeting with the officers or outside of the meeting place.

2. *People join bromeliad societies for a variety of reasons – none of which are necessarily right or wrong.* Many join because of a genuine interest in plants (bromeliads in particular); some may not be especially interested in plants, but joined because a friend talked them into it; others may be there for the camaraderie of the meeting and still others may join for the refreshments. Clearly there is a broad range of interests in the typical club membership. Sometimes this is overlooked and a few individuals steer the membership in a direction they all may not want to go. Think you know what your members want? You may be wrong - ask what they would like to see in workshops, programs, community service, sales and shows over the coming year. You may be surprised! Memberships change – new members join and old members leave. What was done 15, 10, or even 5 years ago may not be the best way to run a club today. Ask the membership, listen to what they have to say, and adjust operations accordingly.

3. *Members may not even realize it, but they often have a goal in mind when joining a bromeliad society.* It took many years

when he asked “What do you want to do with bromeliads?” but I realize now that club members often have a specific purpose for attending club meetings. Clubs should recognize this and offer encouragement to the members toward these goals. For example, if some members are there to increase their knowledge about bromeliads, that should be addressed in workshops and programs. Introduce these members to your club’s library resources. Often there is an untapped wealth of knowledge here – make sure that it is easily available to everyone. Share internet addresses that may be of interest. Introduce these people to some of the more knowledgeable members in the club and even help them get in touch with others, outside your group that may be able to answer questions as they arise.

There may be members who are inclined toward becoming judges but need encouragement to make that commitment – identify these members and put them in touch with other judges so they may learn more of what may be involved in schooling and judging of bromeliad shows. Many clubs contribute financially toward the schooling that must be completed to become a judge. Consider offering a stipend to offset the increased costs of traveling to schools and shows that they will be judging as students.

Sometimes members attend meetings because they enjoy the challenges that are presented in working with other volunteers. These are your workers – identify and cherish them! These are often the individuals who will become the core of the organization. They need to be given the opportunity to participate in leading club activities and may become discouraged if passed over too often. In every organization there are those long-time members who always head up particular committees, but it is critical to the health of the club that other members be ready to step in when these members retire or move away. It is up to the club’s officers to tactfully make the suggestion that others be given the chance to learn

these duties.

4. *When controversies arise (and they will), tempers flare, and you find yourself firmly convinced that you are right and all of the other club members are wrong, step back from the situation, calm down, and remember that as an officer, you have been charged with the responsibility of representing the will of the organization. You are not there to impose your will on others - quite the opposite. Listen to what the members have to say and then lead the club in the direction that they want to go.*

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Call for Bromeliad Sources

Do you own a state-inspected bromeliad nursery? If you would like to be listed in the Bromeliad Sources feature of the May 2008 newsletter, email the following information to karen@fcb.org:

Name of Nursery

Name of Owner(s)

Address

Hours of operation/if appointment is needed

Phone number

Email address

Webpage, if available

Description of your nursery and/or stock

Deadline is April 18

Wally Berg Award of Excellence

Call for Nominations

by Terrie Bert



Each year of Bromeliad Society International (BSI) conferences, a prestigious award, the Wally Berg Award of Excellence, is given to a person who has been nominated by a BSI member. The BSI Board of Directors selects the winner through a voting process. It's a great honor to receive this award. The first step is to be nominated. When the award was first given, quite a number of people from all over the world were nominated. Then the number of nominees progressively declined. When the award was last given in 2006, only one person was nominated. As curator of this award, I'd like to see loads of nominations. We here in Florida have many distinguished bromeliad enthusiasts who could compete for this award, but they need to be nominated. As a fellow Florida bromeliad-lover, I'm asking you to nominate someone from Florida for this award. You, personally, must be a BSI member in good standing (dues for 2008 paid) and the person you nominate must be a present or past BSI member. Both living and deceased BSI members may be nominated; thus, the "past" refers to a deceased person and not a living person who is no longer a BSI member. So, fellow Floridians, please think about nominating someone who might be worthy of this award.

The Wally Berg Award of Excellence was initiated in 1999 to honor the late Wally Berg (1927-2000) of Sarasota, Florida. Wally and his wife Dorothy were extraordinary bromeliad growers. Their private collection was one of the most diversified and unique in the world. The garden-and-waterfall setting of their bromeliad gardens was magnificent and immaculate. Wally was an enthusiastic supporter of the BSI. He donated many rare plants for sales and auctions that

benefited the BSI, the Bromeliad Identification Center at Selby Botanical Gardens, research on the "Evil Weevil", and other worthy causes. He volunteered many hours of service at Selby Gardens. He had a broad knowledge of bromeliad horticulture and science and frequently spoke to bromeliad societies on a variety of topics, especially about his adventures exploring and collecting bromeliads in Central and South America. Wally also served the Sarasota Bromeliad Society by holding many offices and donating plants for the society's activities and sales. He introduced several *Aechmea* cultivars into culture and created several hybrids. He frequently won top awards, including Best in Show at World Bromeliad Conferences and at Florida local and regional bromeliad shows. For his contributions to the "bromeliad world," a number of bromeliad species were named for him, in his honor.

For a more information about the BSI Wally Berg Award of Excellence, see <http://www.bsi.org> under Judging and Awards. Some of Wally and Dorothy Berg's achievements and adventures are featured on the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies' website: <http://fcbs.org> under Photo Index--Programs--see Berg Cage and Bromeliads in Habitat.

Following are the award criteria and procedures for nomination. Individuals, couples, or members deceased within the past two years, are eligible. Nominees must be past or present members of the BSI and nominators must be present BSI members in good standing.



Award Criteria

The individuals must be past or present members of the BSI.

The individuals should be bromeliad growers who are nationally or internationally recognized for diversity of species cultivated and excellence of cultivation.

3. The individuals should actively pursue one of the following activities:
 - a. collecting and identifying bromeliads in natural environments, including collecting new species/varieties/cultivars; the members of the various bromeliad societies and organizations, including the BSI and the BIC, should benefit from this activity;
 - b. promoting the appreciation and cultivation of bromeliads at the international level, including such activities as organizing and participating in collecting trips with international representation, giving presentations and seminars to national and international audiences, and writing manuscripts for publication in national or international books, journals, or other media (e.g., Internet, CD ROMS).
4. The individuals should actively support efforts to further the scientific, taxonomic, or cultural understanding of bromeliads through donation of time, effort, or money to recognized organizations, institutions, or groups of individuals (e.g., the BSI, BIC, Selby Botanical Gardens, bromeliad clubs or councils).
5. The individuals should be active in a local, regional, or national bromeliad society and be recognized by other members of that society for their contributions to the functioning of that society and its activities.
6. If the individuals are bromeliad hybridizers, they should be internationally recognized for excellence in one or more of the following categories:
 - a. innovation in creating bromeliad hybrids;
 - b. success in cultivation of bromeliad hybrids;

- c. promotion and distribution of bromeliad hybrids.
7. The individuals should be generally recognized as experts in one or more of the following aspects of bromeliads:
 - a. ecology, evolution, or taxonomy,
 - b. cultivation or hybridization,
 - c. display or exhibition.
8. The individuals should be generally recognized for their generous nature in sharing knowledge of bromeliads and for personal giving for the benefit of other people interested in bromeliads and for bromeliad organizations at all levels.

Procedures for Nomination

1. Nominators must be present members of the BSI.
2. The nominator should submit the nomination in writing, by either letter or electronic mail. The nominator should provide a brief resume of the accomplishments of the nominee(s) in bromeliad-related activities (e.g., service, offices held, major awards won) and a letter describing the way in which the nominee(s) meets at least four of Criteria 2-8 listed above.
3. Past nominees may be re-nominated if they meet the current award criteria. Previous award winners are ineligible for re-nomination.
4. Please send nominations to Theresa Bert, Curator of the Wally Berg Award, 9251 13th Ave. Cir. NW, Bradenton, FL 34209-8305. E-mail: shows@bsi.org. It is strongly recommended that nominations for the award be sent to the curator via electronic mail because this will greatly expedite the process. Thank you.
- 5. Nominations must be received by April 1, 2008.**

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Terry Quillen

Contact information is in the FCBS State Roster or check with your Florida Council representative.

Speakers List

Terry Bert

November at Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay

Dennis Cathcart

November at Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society
Slides on South Africa Trip

Dr. Ron Cave

Bromeliad Society of Broward County
Weevil Project

Larry Giroux

January at Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society
Pictures of bromeliad activities throughout the state

Jeff Hutchinson and Joe Libertucci

November at Bromeliad Society of Broward County
Bromeliads 101- mounting, landscaping, etc.

Dave Johnston

January at Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society
"20 Years Later," a retrospective on his start and experiences
for the past 22 or so years in growing bromeliads.

Ray Lemieux

October at Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society
Deb Booker reports: "Very interesting and was different with
great education. Everyone enjoyed."

Brian Weber

November at Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society
Everything That Can Go Wrong in a Greenhouse

Tom Wolfe

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