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**Thank you, Broward County Bromeliad Society
for hosting the spring Quarterly Meeting of the
Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies!**



**Thank you,
Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society
for your
generous donation of \$1200
to the
Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies!**

Catching Up ... Staying Even



Summer is well on its way but that does not mean that things are slowing down in the bromeliad world! This issue is packed with information on cultivation, the upcoming Bromeliad Extravaganza, which is being held in conjunction with the prestigious International Cryptanthus Society Show, and Orlandiana, next year's World Bromeliad Conference in Orlando.

You will find the sales rules for the Bromeliad Extravaganza in this issue. Although there will be a nominal fee for vendor tables this year, there still will be members' tables available for those who do not want their own tables. Also in this issue is the International Cryptanthus Show Exhibition Schedule.

Check fcbs.org for updated information on the Bromeliad Extravaganza and International Cryptanthus Show.

In August, this newsletter will be devoted to the State Roster, so it is important for everyone to review their contact information with the persons responsible in their societies for keeping these lists. Each society is responsible for submitting their updated list for this issue, so keep your address, phone number and email address current. The deadline for societies to send their rosters for this issue is July 15.

Florida is a large and diverse state with differing growing conditions throughout its geography. Don't forget that your own society is a great resource for growing conditions in your particular area. Be sure to ask your fellow members during your meetings about the best bromeliads for your region as well as cultivation tips. And share your own experiences as well.

News from FCBS Affiliated Societies



Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society is now meeting in its new location at the Recreational Center Colony in the Woods in Port Orange. It is a huge facility with a full kitchen, ice machine and pool. Each month, society members are bringing in bromeliads from a specific genus. We are working our way through the alphabet: Aechmea, Billbergia, etc. Calandra Thurrott

Bromeliad Society of Central Florida participated in a very successful sale at Leu Botanical Gardens in March. There was a great deal of member participation and several new memberships resulted from the event. Grant Groves gave a surprise presentation at the March meeting. The society held its annual Mothers Day Sale at Orlando Fashion Square Mall this month. Lisa Robinette

Much of the work of the **Bromeliad Society of Broward County** during the past three months was directed towards the organization of our biannual event, "Garden Fest," which took place on March 26 – 27. This was a large plant and other articles sale with about 60 vendors. It included a bromeliad show with 28 member exhibitors and a sale. It will be done every year with a bromeliad show, every other year co-sponsored with the Plantation Women's Club. Maureen Frazel and Colleen Hendrix held a workshop in February on the preparation of plants for the show, including the judging of plants by Bill Frazel, Tim Hendrix and Jose Donayre. Jose Donayre

In April, members of the **Bromeliad Society of South Florida** played bingo for plants. Patty Gonzales

Sarasota Bromeliad Society counts itself fortunate to have a

member that is a professional librarian who is guiding our Library Committee to organize our fine library. By moving our Show and Sale date to the last weekend of April, we no longer compete with our neighboring societies for judges and attendees. Marie Selby Botanical Gardens (our Show site) is stressed for income like all not-for-profits, so we have shortened our Show and Sale to terminate Saturday night rather than Sunday. David Johnson

Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society had a program on cold damage by a Seminole County horticultural agent from the Agriculture Center, highlighting the conditions in the Seminole area. In March, two representatives from Scott Fertilizer presented an introductory program on fertilizers. In March, members cleaned up the grounds at the Garden center where they meet. Sudi Hipsley

George Aldrich is now the president of the **Gainesville Bromeliad Society**. The society has enjoyed an active speakers program this year (see Speakers List for details). Bob Ausland

In February the **Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay** participated in the annual Florida State Fair with a display and took Fourth Place in competition with ten other societies. The BGTB had a very successful show April 1-3 in spite of the no name storm, which blew through with nine tornadoes on Thursday, our registration day. The storm made it impossible for some people to enter plants, but we had a good show with those that were entered. The show was held in conjunction with the Tampa Federation of Garden Clubs. Visitors were treated to two shows and many vendors selling on the grounds. The May meeting will be the annual covered dish dinner, which concludes with an auction, which is one of the Guilds semi-annual fundraisers. Tom Wolfe

At **Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society** in January, Bruce McAlpin conducted a discussion on what members would like

to see at workshops and meetings. In March, the society held the best auction ever and donated \$1200 to the Florida Council. In April the society held its birthday party. Caloosahatchee's show and sale will be December 2-4 this year. Vicki Chirside



Help the Weevil Project *T. utriculata* needed!

The Mexican bromeliad weevil aggressively attacks *T. utriculata* in Florida, but not in Central America. Could it be that the Central American form of *T. utriculata* is more resistant to the weevil's attack than the Florida form? Researchers Howard Frank, Ron Cave, and Teresa Cooper are looking for Central American and Florida forms of *T. utriculata* on which to test and compare the weevil's growth and development.

If you are a grower or seller of bromeliads and have either of these forms available and would like to sell or donate them, please

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2012 World Bromeliad Conference Name Contest

by Betsy McCrory, Chairman
Orlandiana 2012

Thank you to the following people who submitted names for the 2012 World Bromeliad Conference, to be held in Orlando, Florida: John Bankhead, Carol Bradley, JoAnne Emmerth, Dean Fairchild, Judy Lund, Andy Price, Roland Schnabel, Kenneth Stokes, Carol Webb, and Carol Wolfe. Dean Fairchild submitted the winning name, Orlandiana 2012.

**Bromeliad Prehistory
Radiation of the Family,
the Development of Diversity
and the Need for Name Changes
A Presentation by Dr. David Benzing
Reported by Kenneth Stokes**



The emergence of the Bromeliad plant family happened so far back in prehistory that it is impossible to know for certain, but it happened around 60 million years ago. It is thought to have begun as simple plants of the time began evolving into the beginnings of bromeliads, grasses, cattails and a few other plant families. The first bromeliads probably had grassy leaves arising in a circular manner, such as seen in some of today's species found in the *Pitcairnia*, *Puya* and *Fosterella* genera.

Around 20 million years ago, there was tremendous geological change as the earth plates collided, creating the uplift of the Andes. This is the time period when the spread or radiation of the family began. As the plants reproduced and spread over very differing terrains, altitudes and climates present on the continent, their offspring either adapted to the different situations or died. Those that survived the best were the ones that reproduced the most, so changes continued over millions of years. The result was an extensive family with thousands of varieties growing in almost every ecological niche of a whole continent. They also spread up through Central America and even into the warmer parts of North America. One *Pitcairnia* somehow ended up in equatorial Africa. In recent millennia, the indigenous populations of the New World have come to utilize various bromeliads for food, fuel, fiber, cushioning and decorations.

By the 1500s, the New World was being explored by

Europeans. It was not their main goal to find new plants, but they were exotic and fascinating items to be taken back to Europe for their sponsors or monarchs. The plant collectors had no concept of the size or diversity of the bromeliad family. In the last part of the 18th century, a Swedish naturalist and explorer with the Latin name of Carolus Linnaeus, (a.k.a., Karl von Linne) created a uniform system of naming organisms. We now know and utilize it as binomial nomenclature, or the use of two names, the genus and the species. The taxonomist of the time did not have a clear picture of the whole bromeliad family. Only as more areas were explored and perhaps by chance new bromeliads collected, botanists in Europe became aware of new discoveries. They did the best they could by using similarities of flowers and fruits to assign a genus. They made assumptions that plants with a common characteristic, such as a tank or trichomes, all descended from the same line and were all related. This resulted in many species being placed in the wrong genus. One *Cryptanthus* was even originally described as a *Tillandsia*.

Taxonomists are often known as ‘lumpers’ or ‘splitters’, depending on how many common features they feel should constitute a genus. At this point, the genus *Aechmea* has more differing plants than any other genus. One species is usually selected as a ‘type’ plant, as being representative of the nature of the genus. The plant on which the genus *Aechmea* was based has not been found in modern times and is only known by one dried herbarium sample. The inflorescence is detached and may not even be associated with the foliage sample. This is the kind of problem with which the taxonomists are dealing. There are also other genera that are problematic.

In the present, DNA research and testing can clear up many genetic issues. It is now being used to study plants, specifically bromeliads. The cost of testing has been reduced, but it still is expensive. Therefore, testing of every species to determine its lineage is not possible. Some have been selected

mystery. Those test resulted in a surprising finding. It has been thought that the bromeliad family should be divided into three sub-families. The DNA test indicates that there are really five more, bringing the total to eight. Each one represents a different line of descent, or having a different family tree, as we think of our own ancestry. The DNA test made it clear that some common traits do not necessarily mean common descent. It is now known that the development of ‘tanks’ to hold water and absorb nutrients did not happen in only one line or at one time. A common solution to storing water happened in different sub-families at different times.

Taxonomists are now on solid ground when it comes to sub-families, but revisions are going to continue within the genera. New species are being discovered constantly. Hopefully, they will be able to get one correct name. Currently, the best way to keep up with the correct names and spelling is by utilizing The Alphabetical Listing of Bromeliad Binomials. It is currently available to all of us as a BSI publication, which was developed at Selby Gardens.

Editor’s note: This article by Kenneth Stokes was prompted by a program given by Dr. David Benzing at the January meeting of the Sarasota Bromeliad Society.

Your editor welcomes overviews or summaries of programs presented to our bromeliad societies to offer an introduction to the many excellent presentations available for society meetings. See also Best Buy Bromeliads in this issue on page 23.



Culture Tips:
Hope for the best, plan for the worst
by Jay Thurrott



There's no denying it – this has been a hard winter for everyone and for everyone's bromeliad collections. Cold damage on bromeliad leaves has become the new norm, and many of us who have been chronically short of pots now find a surplus from those that housed plants 'no longer with us'. In my area, we had more than the 'normal' number of days when the temperature fell below freezing (although to my way of thinking, anytime temperatures in Florida drop below 32 degrees F, it ain't normal!) and temperatures stayed below that freezing point for longer than normal. Are we looking at a weather cycle where our winters are colder than what we have been accustomed to and will continue to be that way for several more years? Or are we going to see the cycle swing to warmer winter temperatures next year? Only time will tell, and in the meteorological trade it's far easier to explain unusual weather conditions than it is to predict them.

So, where does that leave us as we survey the damages from last winter and wonder about what next year will bring? The answer is easy: *hope for the best, but plan for the worst*. If you experienced cold damage to your bromeliads from this past winter, you had better plan for next year's cold to be at least as bad, and now is a good time to begin preparations for our next bout with winter's arctic blasts. Probably a good place to begin is to review what worked in last year's efforts toward protecting your collection. If moving your more cold sensitive bromeliads to a protected area worked for you, look closely at the space available to you for next year because, as we all know, you are very likely to pick up additional plants to add to your collection over the next year. You should have

these additional protected areas identified before next winter arrives.

If your cold protection last year involved covering plants with frost cloth, now is a good time to evaluate how effective that was. Take note of which plants survived, which ones did not, and which ones now show the effects of cold damage. Plan on taking somewhat stronger protective measures next year for those that didn't survive (assuming that you have replaced them with the same varieties... and what's wrong with you - don't you see that you shouldn't be attempting to grow those varieties?). This may be in the form of applying supplemental heat (heat strips, Christmas lights, propane heaters, etc.) or it may be as simple as applying a second layer of frost cloth, since each layer provides an additional degree of cold protection.

Here's a simple action that you should take but that few, if any of us follow before winter arrives: group those bromeliads in your collection that you now know are cold-sensitive in one area so that you can quickly protect them when an Arctic Clipper is on its way. Don't fall into the routine of trying to remember which ones need protecting and which ones will be all right while you scramble around with flashlights in the driving rain – only to remember the next morning (when the mercury in the thermometer has already dropped out of sight) that you forgot your prized acquisition – you know...the one that you felt was certain to find a place at the head table in a spring show. Been there? Done that? With a little planning, this next winter doesn't have to be a repeat of the bad experiences that we've had during the past few.

It may be difficult to develop much motivation for this when stepping outside your house is like stepping into a sauna, but this is a good time to begin your preparations for cold weather. Did you experience any damage or loss from last winter's icy blast? Of course you did. You're going to have the same

problem next winter, so you may as well start developing a plan to prevent this from happening again. Talk to your fellow club members to learn what they have tried to keep their collections happy and healthy during cold weather. Do your homework now and you can avoid selecting options that others have already found to be ineffective. You don't need to re-invent the wheel and you certainly don't need to repeat past mistakes, so take advantage of these lazy, hazy days of summer to be prepared for the cooler seasons that soon will follow.



The BSI Report
by Jay Thurrott, President
The Bromeliad Society International

The annual BSI Board meeting will be held in Florida this year on May 21 in West Palm Beach. Each year the organization's Board of Directors holds a business meeting at a location selected by the president. Although the business meeting is open to BSI directors only, this meeting is preceded by a meeting of the general members, held at the same location. If you have questions for the Board, suggestions for the organization to consider, or just wish to be present at the annual members meeting, plan on being at the Mounts Botanical Gardens, located at 559 North Military Trail in West Palm Beach, FL 33415. The telephone number if you need directions is (561) 233-1757. Meeting begins promptly at 9 a.m.



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Mexican Bromeliad Weevil Report

January—March 2011

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Production of pupae from the colony of *Lixadmontia franki* decreased dramatically for unknown reasons. There is no evidence of disease in the colony, adequate numbers of hosts are exposed to flies, no mass die-off of adults occurred, and temperature and humidity conditions have been continuously optimal. In January, 144 pupae were produced, in February 10 pupae, and in March 57 pupae. In their natural habitat in Honduras, this time of the year is when weevil and fly populations are lowest, so the low colony production may be a consequence of the fly's inherent periodicity. Fortunately, production improved in March more than five-fold over February, so we look forward to an upswing during the next trimester.

Laboratory research on the Mexican bromeliad weevil has been progressing well. Tests include measuring the weevil's development time at various temperatures and the weevil's ability to survive at extreme temperatures. Initial data collection shows that the weevil egg, 3rd instar, and adult can tolerate freezing temperatures for short periods. The weevil will grow and develop between 15° C and 33° C, with decreasing developmental time as temperature increases. Data collection should be completed by the end of the next quarter.

Field trips were made to the Big Cypress National Preserve, Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park, Collier County State Park, and the Oxbow Eco Center to monitor the status of the

Specimens of the Mexican bromeliad weevil were found and collected at all of the sites. Two Florida bromeliad weevil pupae were found in the Fakahatchee Strand. Mike Owen has been monitoring the bromeliad population at a site in the Fakahatchee Strand where the Mexican bromeliad weevil recently arrived. We will cooperate in this monitoring.

Publications:

No new publications, but two are in preparation.

Presentations:

Poster exhibited and R. Cave present to answer questions at the plant sale event in Broward County on 26 March.

Talks about the fall 2010 weevil-collecting trip to Belize were presented at meetings of the Gainesville Bromeliad Society (23 January), the Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay (21 February), and the Bromeliad Society of Broward County (21 March) by Howard Frank.

Talk at the Oxbow Eco Center by Teresa Cooper. Using Biological Control to Control Pest Organisms. 15 January.

Talk at the Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay by Teresa Cooper. Controlling the Mexican Bromeliad Weevil. 17 January.

To learn how you can help
the Mexican Bromeliad
Weevil Project, see page 9.

Best Buy Bromeliads
A Presentation by Dr. Terrie Bert
Reported by Linda Sheetz

At the April meeting of Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society, Terrie Bert gave a talk on “*Best Buy Bromeliads*” with her tips for getting the best value when purchasing bromeliads. These are a few of her suggestions:

Before a sale, decide what you want and like and where you would put it in your garden.

Be knowledgeable and informed about what bromeliads prefer what growing conditions.

Be adventuresome and willing to buy a young plant that is less than attractive since it might be a gem when an adult.

Wait until the final minutes of a sale to find plants that might be available at a reduced price.

Consider unregistered, unnamed plants that are typically cheaper and may also be gems.

Private vendors typically have more specialty plants at sales.

Look for colorful spots on young plants as these plants might grow into colorful larger plants.

Read labels since a plant name, such as *Neo*. ‘Blue Barron’ and *Neo*. ‘Beet Red’, can be a hint about what a young plant might look like when mature.

This article was originally printed in the May 2011 newsletter of the Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society and is reprinted with permission. Contact Terrie to make arrangements for her to give her presentation to your society.

The Art of Bromeliads

2011 Bromeliad Extravaganza

by Jay Thurrott, Chairman

If it seems like it's been a while since you've been to a Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies' Bromeliad Extravaganza, you're right – it has been a while. Two years, to be exact...and it will be another two years (2013) before there will be another one after this year's event in Daytona. That's all the more reason to make your plans now to attend the 2011 Bromeliad Extravaganza. The date: November 4 - 5, 2011. The place: The Plaza Resort and Spa, located at 600 N. Atlantic Ave. in Daytona Beach. This year's event is hosted by the Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society, and they have a great program lined up that includes seminars, a bromeliad sale all day on Saturday, a banquet for all registrants, the traditional rare plant auction and a judged Cryptanthus show.

Plan on arriving early on Friday because there will be a social 'meet and greet' Friday night. If that's not enough to keep you occupied while you are enjoying a weekend on the beach, there's a bromeliad art show within a short walk from the hotel at the Peabody Auditorium. And, if that's still not enough – there's an art show on Beach Street in Daytona Beach (Halifax Art Show) that is reputed to be one of the largest juried shows in the Southeast. This year's Extravaganza in Daytona Beach is more than just an event, it's a destination!

Make your hotel reservations now by calling **800-874-7420**. Make sure that you identify yourself as being with the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies to take advantage of the \$99 (plus tax, of course) room rate.

Also, you will need to say that you wish to decline the optional fee of \$15/night for valet parking and other niceties or it will be charged to your room each night. The \$99 rate includes complimentary self-parking (there's plenty of available

parking) and complimentary wireless internet access in the meeting rooms. If you wish to have wireless internet in your room, you may want to accept the optional \$15/night fee.

Registration forms along with additional information regarding the hotel and the program for the Extravaganza will be mailed to all Florida Council members this summer, but get your hotel reservations in now – once our room block is filled, you may not be able to take advantage of this special rate!



Corrections to the FCBS State Roster

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Please be sure to get your corrections to the person who keeps your roster for your society as soon as possible. The next State Roster will be published in August.



The Art of Bromeliads

Bromeliad Extravaganza 2011

Rules for vendors/sales

1. Since the Plaza hotel charges a vendor's fee of \$10 per table, we must pass this cost on to each vendor. Coordinate this with Bill McBride or Jerry O'Keefe in advance of the event. The total fee for the number of tables requested is payable to the Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society (FECBS) prior to the Extravaganza.
2. All vendors must have an Extravaganza ID number. Email Bill McBride at williamtylerking@hotmail.com to obtain this number. All emails should have this request in the subject line. This number will be used in tabulating and crediting sales for each vendor.
3. Plants must be disease, insect, fungus free and potting materials should be clean and free of weeds. Wooden mounting pieces should be clean of wood shavings and foreign materials. All water should be removed before entering hotel.
4. Only bromeliads and bromeliad-related items can be sold.
5. All plants, including bare root specimens **MUST** have two tags on them; one will have the full name of the plant on them and will remain with the plant. The second tag will have price clearly marked in whole dollar amounts **AND** the vendor's number and will be removed by the cashier at time of sale.
6. Sales receipts will be split with 80% to the vendor and 20% to FECBS. Sales tax will be collected by the cashier. Patrons can pay by credit card, cash, or check.
7. Bromeliad related items such as t-shirts, bromeliad crafts and applicable art may either have one tag with the vendor's number and price which will be removed by the cashier or two tags, with one showing the vendor's number and price - easily removed by the cashier. Please do not staple or otherwise permanently attach a single tag that cannot be removed.
8. Vendors should set up by Friday evening on the 4th to be ready for sales on Saturday morning. Sales will be open to all

registrants at 9 am and to the general public at 10 am on Saturday. All materials must be removed by 9 am on Sunday, November 6th.

9. FECBS shall not be responsible for loss of plants or craft items. Reasonable efforts will be taken to ensure security. Admittance to the sales room will be monitored and security will be provided overnight.

10. Venders are requested to donate a bromeliad or related item of at least a \$20 value for the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies rare plant auction.

11. Commercial use of photographs taken at the Extravaganza is prohibited without express permission from FECBS.

12. The unauthorized use of photographs from the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies' website is strictly prohibited. When permission from the author of such a photograph has been granted, the original photograph must be used and not the one posted from the Council site.



International Cryptanthus Show Exhibition Schedule

By Dr. Larry Giroux, Show Chairman

In past years, actually every other year since 1986 since the founding of the Cryptanthus Society, the CS has had an international Cryptanthus Show (ICS) in conjunction with a hosting society having its own BSI Standard Show. The last was a very successful show in Baton Rouge Louisiana in 2009. This year we are having an independent show, hosted by the East Coast Bromeliad Society and the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies. This means the host societies will not have a show running simultaneously with ours. Also the typical timetable for a bromeliad show, which has been

historically: Entries on Thursday afternoon and/or Friday morning and judging all afternoon Friday, will not be possible this year. The Extravaganza is only a Friday night/Saturday event. To allow workers and judges of the Show, attendance to Friday and Saturday events, we need to enter and judge all the plants within a shorter time span. This Show Event Schedule still needs to be confirmed with the hotel and the Extravaganza organizers in order to secure our space requirements for the show. You will be notified of any necessary changes.

The ICS is a one genus show. Only Horticultural and Artistic entries utilizing plants of the genus *Cryptanthus* are allowed (see the Show Schedule for exceptions in the artistic categories). Any paid registrant of the FCBS Extravaganza may enter exhibits in the ICS.

Friday, November 4, 2011

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM Set up of rooms

10:00 AM -1:00 PM Show Registration and Classification of entries.

Entry sheets, listing your plants and entry cards (standard BSI show cards) will be available at the show registration table (this is a different table and location from the Extravaganza registration table, which may not be opened until early Friday afternoon). Entry sheets will be also available prior to the show at <http://fcbs.org>, from DrLarry@comcast.net and possibly included in your Extravaganza registration materials, which you will be mailed weeks ahead of the conference by the FCBS. You can also obtain the universal entry cards from your home bromeliad society which they use for their own bromeliad shows. Show classification will help you fill out your entry cards at the time of show registration if you don't

get them in advance. Please have your show entry forms completed when presenting your entries for classification. Show rules and the BSI approved show schedule will also be available in Cryptanthus Society Journal, at <http://fcbs.org> and at the time of Show registration.

12:00 PM -1:00 PM Judges' Luncheon

1:00 PM -5:00 PM Judging

BSI accredited judges and student judges will be contacted in advance to judge this BSI Standard Show. The Cryptanthus Society has its own Best Horticultural Award and Best Artistic Entry awards in lieu of the Mulford B. Foster and the Morris Henry Hobbs awards. In addition several other plaques and prizes will be awarded. Judges will receive credit for judging and for any blue or AM ribbons they win for entries into the judges section. Judging is expected to begin with the conclusion of classification and placement - about 1:00 PM - and will continue until all plants have been judged and awarded. Depending on the number of entries, this is expected to be about 5:00 PM. This should give judges and workers time to enjoy the planned Friday evening activities. Following judging, the head table will be assembled and be available for viewing on Saturday.

Saturday, November 5th, 2011

9:00 AM -4:00 PM Viewing of Show

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM Show breakdown

Entries will be available for removal and the show room will be cleared. If you wish to donate plants, which were exhibited in the Show, for the Saturday evening Rare Plant Auction, plants can be moved to the Auction Hall.

In providing this information early, I hope that registrants of the FCBS Extravaganza can make appropriate travel plans and bring entries for the International Cryptanthus Show. In future updates in the Cryptanthus Society Journal and on <http://fcbs.org>, I hope to have information for the International attendees, on how they can enter artistic entries without having to bring live plants into the United States.

Hope to see you all Friday, November 4th in Daytona with exhibits for the International Cryptanthus Show.



Speakers List

Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society

Terrie Bert: How to Buy Bromeliads

Jay Thurrott; Cold Protection

Bromeliad Society of Central Florida

Jay Thurrott: Tips on Surviving the Cold Weather

Dean Fairchild: Taxonomy Bromeliads 101, including the five new subfamilies of Bromeliads

Bromeliad Society of Broward County

Ray Lemieux: Terrestrials, focusing on the growth and propagation of Dykias and Hechtias

Howard Frank Weevil Project Update

Charles Birdsong: Hohenbergias

Bromeliad Society of South Florida

Nat De Leon: Bromeliads 101

Barbara Oartagas: Preparing Plants for the Show

Sarasota Bromeliad Society

Dr. David Benzing: The Changing Organization of

Bromeliaceae with New DNA Information

Gyula Neneth: Coming to Florida, I became a Grower and Collector of Bromeliads in the Three Greenhouses I have Built

Dennis Cathcart: The Bromeliads that Grow on the Rocks of Central and South America

Dr. Terrie Bert and Ken Phelps: Preparing Your Plants for the Show

Peter Kouchalakos: Where and How to Plant Bromeliads for Landscaping

Gainesville Bromeliad Society

Jay Thurrott: World Bromeliad Conference in New Orleans

Dr. Howard Frank: Trip to Belize

Dean Fairchild: You Too Can Be a Taxonomist

Dr. Terrie Bert spoke on several different genera.

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay

Tom Wolfe and Dave Johnston: Preparing Plants for Show

Kay Miller and Jan Stopel: Different Ways to Construct Artistic Arrangements

Grant Groves: Color Zone Nursery

Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society

Dr. Terrie Bert: Best Buy Bromeliads

Calendar of Events 2011

June 24-25

Tropiflora Summer Sale

3530 Tallevast Road, Sarasota

Friday and Saturday 8:00AM – 5:00 PM

(941) 351-2267

August 20-21

Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Sale

The Garden Club of Sanford (on 17-92, one block south of Lake Mary Blvd) 9:00 – 4:00

Huge selection of bromeliads in many genera, orchids, aroids, ginger, other tropical plants, gift baskets, hand crafted slat baskets in several sizes. Members will be available to answer your questions. Free admission and free parking- Shop in air-conditioned comfort.

Event questions: 407-539-4314

November 5

The Art of Bromeliads: 2011 Bromeliad Extravaganza

The Plaza Resort and Spa

600 North Atlantic Avenue (A1A) Daytona Beach

December 2-4

Caloosahatchee Show and Sale

Terry Park, Fort Myers

For information, contact Dr. Larry Giroux at DrLarry@comcast.net



Next Florida Council Meeting

July 9, 2011

Hosted by the Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society

See your Council representative

for more information.



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