

FLORIDA WEST COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

June 2012



NEXT MEETING

Date: Tuesday, June 5, 2012
Location: Hope Presbyterian Church
1698 South Belcher Road
Clearwater, Florida 33764
Time: Doors open at 7 pm; meeting starts at 7:30

Program

Kenneth Stokes will give the presentation he was scheduled to give at our April meeting and which was postponed. Ken's talk will provide tips on how to grow bromeliads to their maximum potential, and he will show examples of bromeliad defects, discuss their causes, and explain how to prevent them. So bring in your bromeliads that have defects you would like Ken to talk about and suggest treatment.

Plant Sales

The speaker will not be selling plants, so sales by members are welcome. Remember that members selling plants are required to donate at least one plant to the evening's plant raffle table.

Proposed Refreshment Guidelines

As you know, our Society is known for the grand refreshment table we set out at our meetings, but in recent months it has been below par. Ashley Graham has drawn up new guidelines designed to maintain the quality table we set. We will discuss the proposed guidelines at the June meeting.

LAST MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Annual Bromeliad Auction

Our Annual Bromeliad Auction in May was a success, thanks to the many member volunteers and with special recognition to Vice President/Program Chairman Susan Sousa, who did a marvelous job organizing the event. Below are names of members who helped Susan make the event great. (If your name is not listed, please tell the editor so that you can be properly thanked.) We are also grateful to the many members who donated plants for the auction with special thanks to Michael Kiehl (Michael's Bromeliads), Dennis and Linda Cathcart (Tropiflora Nursery), and Grant Groves (Color Zone Tropicals).

Auctioneers

Barret Bassick
Dave Johnston
Alton Lee
Stan Mickelsen
Susan Sousa

Cashiers

Chip Hill
Mike Petryszak

Plant Sorters/Arrangers

Marty Baxley
Alton Lee
Helga Tarver

Runners

J.C. Campbell
Nancy Dailey
Cookie Fernandez
Pat Frey

Door Checkers

Marty Baxley
Mary Sue Beeler

Plant Pick Up

Ashley Graham
Alton Lee

Refreshments

Additional thanks to Kay Petryszak and the others who put the refreshment table together and brought food. The table was bountiful and no one went hungry.

Below are pictures of the auction.
(Photos courtesy of Dick Dailey, Gary Lund, and Larry Sousa)







THIS AND THAT

Spring Plant Sales

At the March GreenFest Plant Sale, FWCBS members Bob Powell and David Smith sold plants in our Society's booth. At the April USF Botanical Gardens Spring Plant Sale, Marty Baxley, Randy Garcia, Bob Powell and David Smith sold plants. A portion of each seller's proceeds goes to our Society and we thank these folks for their efforts on our behalf.

World Bromeliad Conference 2012, September 24-October 1, Orlando, Florida, Caribe Royal Hotel

This once-every-two-years event is now only a few months away. Previous world conferences have been held in cities distant from our area, including Chicago, San Diego, and Australia. So, for those of you who have not experienced a world conference, this is your chance to experience one only a few hours drive from home: Orlando, Florida. Make your hotel reservation soon to be sure you get a room at the WBC price. For more information, including a schedule of events, hotel contact, and a registration form, go to fcb.org and click on the 'Upcoming Events' link (fcb.org; Upcoming Events link).

UPCOMING EVENTS, 2012

June 29-30, Tropiflora Nursery Summer Sale

Tropiflora Nursery, 3530 Tallavast Road, Sarasota, 941-351-2267 (tropiflora.com)

September 24-30, 20th World Bromeliad Conference, Orlandiana '12

Orlando, FL, USA (fcb.org; Upcoming Events link)

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