



Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society

July, 2006



Remember

Please bring a friend. Guests are always welcome!!

Bring a raffle plant! Plants must have names and be sure they are free of scale.

Bring plants for show & tell.

Bring a plant for the friendship table.

Wear your name tag!

This Month's Meeting

Due to the 4th of July holiday, this month's meeting will be Tuesday, **July 11, 2006**, at Hope Presbyterian Church, 1698 S. Belcher Road, Clearwater. The doors open at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

This month's meeting will be the 4th of July picnic. Please invite your family to the affair. Each member is asked to bring a dish to share. The club will provide plates, silverware, napkins and drinks. We will also purchase a meat tray and rolls.

We will have the usual business meeting, show & tell, member plant sales and raffle.

Last Month's Meeting

Everyone seemed to have a great time at the workshop last month mounting bromeliads on driftwood. We had quite a few guests join us for this meeting, and we hope they enjoyed their visit with our society.

Helga Tarver brought in and sold Helen Streck's *Tillandsias*, with cork bark for mounting them. Helen's sister, Wilma, also held a sale at her house on Saturday the 10th, 17th, and 24th of June, with appreciated help from Helga, Bill Schumacher and Mike Gimeno. The proceeds were given to FWCBS as Helen had wished.

We would like to thank all those who donated driftwood and plants. Joe O'Rourke donated 30 *Neoregelias*, and Dave Smith brought in additional plants for the members to use. Bob Dalzell contributed bark and plants, and a guest, John Espe, gave some wonderful driftwood. FWCBS purchased the *Tillandsias* from Tropiflora and 40 pieces of the driftwood.

A thank you also to Andy Price, Helga Tarver, and Bill Schumacher for assisting people in mounting their plants. My apologies if I missed anyone who contributed supplies or aided the members in the workshop. We all appreciated your help and thoughtfulness.

Refreshments

Bill & Marianne Schumacher will be in charge of the refreshments. Everyone is asked to bring in a dish for this month's picnic.



Show & Tell for June 6, 2006

- Kathy Jenkins: X *Cryptbergia* 'Red Burst'
X *Neomea* 'Popcorn'
Neoregelia carcharodon
Neoregelia 'Takemura Princeps'
Neoregelia (unknown species or cultivar)
- Dave Johnston: *Aechmea nallyi* x *A. chantinii* x *A. moorei*
Guzmania 'Torch'
Guzmania wittmackii (with orange bracts)
Neoregelia 'Inkwell'
Neoregelia 'Luna'
Neoregelia 'Takizawa Princeps'
Tillandsia rhomboidea (syn.: *T. acostae*)
Vriesea 'Moon Glow'
- Lee Stelling: *Dyckia* 'Brittle Star'
- Helga Tarver: *Neoregelia* 'Helga's Joy'
Tillandsia caput-medusae
Tillandsia concolor
Tillandsia concolor x *T. streptophylla*
Tillandsia didisticha
Tillandsia paucifolia
Tillandsia paucifolia x *T. concolor*
Tillandsia streptophylla



Vriesea 'Moon Glow'
There are at least 15 plants,
ten in bloom, in this 6" pot.

Upcoming Events

Bromeliad Society Show & Sale
July 15 - 16, 2006
Marie Selby Botanical Gardens
<http://www.selby.org>

Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society
Fall Tropical Plant Sale
Garden Club of Sanford
August 19 - 20, 2006
Sudi Hipsley (352- 728-5002) Bud Martin (321-363-7351)

FCBS Bromeliad Extravaganza
September 30, 2006
Miccosukee Resort & Convention Center, Miami
<http://www.fcbs.org>

Bromelia

Charles Plumier, the French botanist, named this genus in honor of the Swedish physician and botanist, Olaf Bromelius (1639-1705). A fine-sounding and noteworthy name, which also gave rise to the name of the family, BROMELIACEAE - in plain English, the bromeliads.

The genus *Bromelia* consists of approximately 50 species. With few exceptions, they are large plants with heavily spined leaves, that grow from one to two meters (3 to 6½ feet) long. In rural areas, some of these species serve as fences, since their barbed spines create an impenetrable barrier for humans and even cattle. Consequently, species of *Bromelia* are not suitable for cultivation in the home or greenhouse. Their distribution ranges from throughout Central America to South America and the West Indies.

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