

FLORIDA WEST COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

August 2010



AUGUST MEETING

Date & Time:

Tuesday, August 3rd, 2010

Doors open at 7 pm; meeting starts at 7:30.

Location:

Hope Presbyterian Church

1698 South Belcher Road

Clearwater, Florida 33764

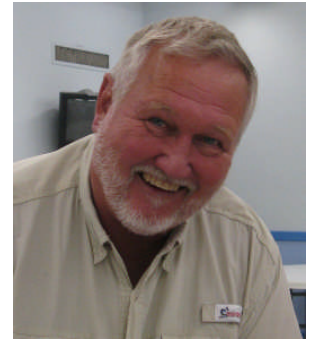
Program

Dean Fairchild, an expert bromeliad taxonomist and member of the Bromeliad Society of Central Florida, will tell us how to identify and classify bromeliads. Dean, a bromeliad hybridizer, collector, and grower since the 1960s, is co-author of the article *Bromeliad Key for Dummies*. If you have some bromeliads you cannot identify, bring them in to the meeting and let Dean help you with them.

JULY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Program

Dennis Cathcart, owner of TropiFlora Nursery in Sarasota, told us about Singapore's new Gardens by the Bay and his involvement in their development. Over the last two years, his nursery has shipped about seven tons of bromeliads and other plants, by air, to Singapore for the gardens. The aim of the project is to make Singapore a "City in a Garden" and to duplicate rainforest areas that were destroyed by development of the city. The gardens will cover 232 acres along the city waterfront and consist of buildings integrated with three major gardens connected by a Helix Bridge and a Marina Barge. The first phase is projected to be completed by the end of 2011. The gardens will include climate-controlled Cool Conservatories showcasing plants from around the world. One of the gardens will have "Super Trees", 25 to 50 meters (82 to 164 feet) tall, stainless steel, tree-like structures. These will be vertical hanging gardens, embedded with sustainable energy and water technologies such as roof rainwater collection, to help cool the conservatories. The "trees" will also provide shade for pathways below and have bar and restaurant venues. Other features will be a water sports-theme park (canoeing, water skiing, sculling and dragon boat races, waterfalls and a wading pool), a reference herbarium, indoor events space, tropical horticulture and garden artistry, and an "edutainment" space that is a combination of education and entertainment.



Climate-controlled conservatories



Super Trees with vertical gardens



Hanging Gardens



Buildings with rooftop gardens

Show and Tell

Dennis Cathcart
 Chip Hill
 Alton Lee
 Bob Powell
 Linda Sheetz
 Helga Tarver

Til. 'Wo' (*Til. duratii* x *Til. mallemonitii*)
Aec. 'Friederike'; *Til. brachycaulos*; *Til. compressa*
Nid. innocentii var. *innocentii*; *Nid. 'Rojo'* (unregistered hybrid)
Aec. zebrina
Til. limbata 'Proliferata'
Neo. 'Imperfecta'; *Guz. 'Santafe'*; *Til. dasyleriifolia*; *Til. concolor*; *Til. concolor*
 'Cuicatlan'; *Til. paucifolia* x *concolor*



Til. concolor

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Nidularium 'Rojo'

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THIS AND THAT

New Members

We welcome new members Bob and Vera Donahue, Cookie Fernandez, and Eve Taylor who joined at the July meeting.

Deepest Sympathies

FWCBS member Marty Baxley's brother, Bernie, passed away July 7th. Marty and his family wish to thank FWCBS members for their support during these difficult times for them. We offer Marty and his family our deepest sympathies.

World Bromeliad Conference

This month's newsletter is a little earlier than usual since the editor and husband Brian Corey, along with about 10 other FWCBS members, will be attending the 19th World Bromeliad Conference next week in New Orleans. (Go to www.bsi.org/events for conference information.) When we return, we will report to you on the conference, attendees, show, sales, and tours. Stay tuned.

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