

# FLORIDA WEST COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

August 2010



## AUGUST MEETING

### Date & Time:

Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 7<sup>th</sup>. 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 19<sup>th</sup> World Bromeliad Conference next week in New Orleans. (Go to [www.bsi.org/events](http://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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