

FLORIDA WEST COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

October 2010



NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER

Date & Time:

Tuesday, October 5th, 2010
Doors open at 7 pm; meeting starts at 7:30.

Location:

Hope Presbyterian Church
1698 South Belcher Road
Clearwater, Florida 33764

Program

For the next meeting, Kathy Risley has put together a "Members' Showcase". This is a series of short workshops and presentations by eight or nine of our members who will share with us their particular expertise with bromeliads. Topics will include, but are not limited to, potting, mounting, growing, and other horticultural tips. Bring your questions.

Refreshments

John and Janet Bankhead have volunteered to oversee refreshments for the October meeting, since we are losing Jim Lockwood, Refreshment Chair, and his wife Kathy, who are moving out of the area. John has requested help from the members with this task, so bring your favorite dish or food. For those of us who are cooking challenged, store-bought food works just fine.

Nominating Committee, November Officers Election

The Nominating Committee of John Bankhead, Kathy Risley, and Susan Sousa will present a slate of nominees at the October meeting. The committee has been actively searching for candidates for our annual election of officers and trustees, and has been contacting members to encourage them to run for an office. Additional nominees may be added to the slate any time after the slate is presented in October, up to and including the November meeting when the members present will vote on the slate of nominees. If you are interested, please contact the committee for more information. Check your copy of the Society's bylaws for a description of the officers' and trustees' duties.

LAST MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: SEPTEMBER

Program

Jay Thurrott, recently elected president of the Bromeliad Society International, told us about the 19th World Bromeliad Conference held in July in New Orleans. His presentation, *Bromeliads in the Big Easy - the New Orleans World Conference*, included pictures of the plant show, sales area, and speaker and poster session presentations. He also announced that the next world conference will take place in Florida in 2012, good news for bromeliad enthusiasts in our state since it will be close to home.



The clump of *Vriesea vagans* Jay Thurrott donated to the raffle table.

Show and Tell

Dave Johnston

Alton Lee

Helga Tarver

Aec. 'Greg'

Aec. ramose; *Vriesea erythroductylon*; *Guz.* 'Graaf Van Horn'

Guz. lingulata 'Superb'; *Neo.* 'Fay's Big Purple'; *Till. rhomboidea*

Show and Tell plants



Guz. lingulata 'Superb'



Neo. 'Fay's Big Purple'



Aec. 'Greg'

THIS AND THAT

New Member

We welcome new member Patty McClosky who joined at the September meeting.

Losing Members

Jim and Kathy Lockwood will be moving to Cape Coral where they have bought a house. We will miss them. And now, we need a volunteer (or volunteers) to take over the job Jim has done so well as Refreshment Chairman. Raise your hand to volunteer.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 1-3, 2010, Tropiflora Fall Festival

Tropiflora Nursery, 3530 Tallavast Road, Sarasota, 941-351-2267 (<http://www.tropiflora.com>)

October 9-10, USF Botanical Gardens Fall Plant Sale

University of South Florida, Tampa, FL (www.cas.usf.edu/garden)

USF Botanical Gardens Fall Plant Sale, October 9-10

This is the one plant sale in the fall when members of our society have the opportunity to sell their bromeliads, on behalf of the society. (We have to wait until spring for the other three sales.) We are grateful to members who participate since these sales are a source of income for our society, which takes a portion of the seller's profits. Contact Mary Baxley, the Sales Committee Chairman, at susiebaxley@verizon.net if you are interested in selling or volunteering to help with the sale. Volunteers are a vital aid to a smooth and efficient sales event. They help organize and set up our sales booth, bag plants, serve as cashier, and/or work (well, more like chat) with buyers and plant lovers in general. Past volunteers report they found it pleasurable and fun. As a perk/added incentive,

please note that volunteers can enter the sales area and visit the other vendors' booths before the sales open up to the public.

If you are selling plants, be sure to review both the FWCBS Sales Rules and the USF Gardens sale rules and regulations to be sure you understand and will abide by them. Copies of both sets of rules are available from Marty.

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