

The Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society

Next meeting Sunday, May 9th 1:30p.m.
Wm. A. Finney Memorial Garden Center
837 N. Oleander Ave., Daytona Beach 32118

May, 2010

Happy Mothers Day!

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Last month’s meeting...

We had a number of our members committed to other activities last month, so attendance was a bit light. Still, it was fun going over some of the basics regarding cleaning up cold-damaged plants and potting them up to make the most of the current growing season. We had some good discussions and lots of enthusiasm!

One of the items brought up during the business meeting is a proposal to host the 2011 Florida Council Extravaganza and to possibly host the International Cryptanthus Society show at the same time. Sounds exciting and its something that we can all work together on to really put on a nice show. We’ll be discussing this further at this month’s meeting and would like to put it to a vote, so please plan on attending and let’s hear your opinion on the subject!

This month’s meeting

Tom Wolfe will be visiting us this month. Tom is from Lutz in the Tampa Bay area and has been kind enough to share some of his programs with us in the past. It’s always a treat and he always brings some interesting plants for sale, so I think you will want to be there this month when he addresses our group.

The Spring Master Gardener’s Sale...

was a hectic event – even more so this year than in the past. These pictures don’t really do the crowd justice as people began lining up at the entrance gate well before it was time for the sale to begin and then swept through the sales area like a tidal wave when the gate was opened at 8. Sales were brisk and by noon our tables were looking pretty bare! Thanks to everyone who helped out – Mary and Billy for handling sales so efficiently. Alan for bringing a great selection of plants for sale and a special thanks to his friend Jane for helping throughout the morning! Thank you everyone who donated plants for this event – they sold like hotcakes!



We had a lot of great plants at great prices!



Eager buyers waiting for the gates to open



Here they come!

Congratulations to our student judges... on successfully completing school #2. I think that they all had the opportunity to judge their first bromeliad show during the weekend of the 17th (although they were all at different shows). If you get the chance, ask them about their experiences at these shows.

Clean up at the Garden Center

On Saturday, the 24th a small group of us spent the morning working on the bromeliad beds at the Garden Center where this club meets each month. In a surprisingly short time we were able to remove those bromeliads that didn't make it through the Winter and clean up those that survived to where the 'secret garden' is looking pretty nice again. Thank you Calandra, Eve, and Alan for pitching in and working together on this project! The Council of Garden Clubs doesn't meet during the Summer, but we'll

schedule another work day for some time in the Fall to keep those bromeliads looking good!

Upcoming Events:

May 7th - 9th, 2010

Bromeliad Society of Central Florida

Mothers Day Show and Sale at the Orlando Fashion Square Mall, Orlando
This is always a great event. It's a judged standard bromeliad show, it's a bromeliad sale, and it's not very far from here – what's not to like about that?!

May 17th, 2010

Annual Halifax Council of Garden Clubs luncheon/business meeting. This year we will be hosting this event at Knicker's restaurant at the LPGA golf course.

July 28th – Aug. 10th, 2010

“Bromeliads in the Big Easy”

BSI World Conference in New Orleans. Not registered yet? What are you waiting for? This promises to be a party like no other! For more information, check the following web site:

http://www.gnobromeliads.com/GNOBS_WBC2010.htm

