

GAINESVILLE BROMELIAD SOCIETY

Where Guests are Welcome and Members Are Encouraged!

January Meeting Details

February 2012

TIME: Sunday, February 26th - 2:00 PM

PLACE: UF Entomology/Nemotology Building, Natural Area Drive east of the Performing Arts Center on Hull Road, U of F. or the 5th left turn on Archer Road coming East from 34th Street.

PROGRAM: **The Big Show and Tell**

For the February 26th meeting please bring one of your **most favorite** bromeliads and one of your **least favorite** bromeliads and share with the group why you have chosen them.

Meeting Agenda:

- Discuss our activities at the Kanapaha Spring Garden Festival which is March 24th and 25th
- Review a draft of a GBS recruitment flyer to distribute at the Spring Garden Festival
- What should we put in a web site for the GBS?
- Discuss our role in the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies

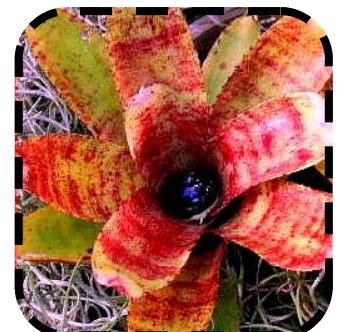
EVENTS: Door Prizes, Silent Auction and Refreshments

All of the beautiful bromeliad photos in this issue are sold on ebay through:

www.bromeliadsmycollection.blogspot.com/

Though they come from Australia, they are sold at very reasonable prices.

Unfortunately, they do not ship to the USA.



Secretary's Notes: From Last Meeting, January 22, 2012

President David Silverman called the meeting to order at 2:00. He started with a remembrance of Al Muzzel. Several people spoke of their adventures and discussions with Al. The recurring theme was his enthusiasm for bromeliads and his generous sharing of plants and expertise.

George Aldrich presented a lively, entertaining and informative slide program about his 2001 trip to Costa Rica. He was there 3 weeks and traveled coast to coast and border to border, never spending more than one night in the same place. His photos showed off the beautiful variety of not only Costa Rica's bromeliad flora, but also of many other plants, animals, ecosystems, and landscapes, as well as the Costa Rican lifestyle.

Following a break, the meeting got down to business.

Irene Aldrich announced that next month's program will be members' discussions of their most and least favorite bromeliads.

Loreen Junkin reminded us that dues are due (\$15, individual; \$20, family). Irene passed out forms for members to include with their dues payment to either confirm or update their contact information.

Loreen asked if the club wanted to sign up for the Kanapaha show, citing financial figures that reflected only modest profits. After some discussion, it was decided to be worthwhile as a potential draw for new members. The club will collect 20% of the sale price from the grower and Florida State Tax from the buyer. Ron Schoenau will look into borrowing a cash register from the FL Council.

Peggy Mixon presented ideas for a memorial marker in Al Muzzel's honor to be installed at Wilmott Gardens on the UF campus. The marker will be a 12"x12" pad with an inscription, and will cost \$140. Arrangements for a marker at Kanapaha Botanical Gardens, costing \$100, were also made. Some plants from Al's nursery will be installed at both sites, transported by Mike McCaffery .

Hjordis Owens and David presented a proposal for a club website. A website, with up to 5 pages, can be designed easily using templates from this particular web design company. Hjordis and David could upload a trial website, free for a month, for members to evaluate. The cost would be \$5 per month. Members were asked for donations as a possible source of funding for this endeavor.

Show & Tell: Nancy shared lovely specimens of *Neoregelia olens* Vulcan 696, *Canmea* "Jazz Bay", and *Tillandsia crocata* (which has fragrant yellow flowers). David shared a beautiful blooming specimen of *T. bulbosa*, successfully mounted to a piece of driftwood using the recommended product, Liquid Nails.

Door prizes were awarded and the meeting was adjourned at 4:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Wood



**September 24th - September
30th**

2012 Bromeliad Society International World Bromeliad Conference

hosted by Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies
The Caribe Royal, 8101 World Center, Orlando, FL 32821
For Hotel Reservations, see link below
Rooms starting at \$119 US

This world-class event includes outstanding sales, a Rare Plant Auction, seminars, tours, and an opportunity to meet bromeliad collectors and growers from all over the world!

Speakers include:

Harry Luther
Francisco Oliva-Esteve
Peter Bak
Dennis Cathcart

Tours include:

Color Zone Tropicals
McCrary's Sunny Hill
Russell's Bromeliads
Home Tours

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To Register: <http://www.fcbs.org/WBC12Registration.pdf>

Schedule of Events: <http://www.fcbs.org/BC12ScheduleofEvents.pdf>

Sales Rules: <http://www.fcbs.org/WBC12SalesRules.pdf>

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CURRENT TREASURY REPORT:

Balance 2/01/2012					\$1,540.97
	Transactions	Receipts	Disbursements		
Incoming	Donations	\$100.00			
	Calendar & Plant Sales	\$35.00			
	Dues	\$240.00			+\$375.00
Outgoing	Spring Garden Festival		\$150.00		
	Florida Council dues		\$91.00		-\$241.00
Balance 2/26/12					\$1,674.97

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