

Final Minutes  
**MINUTES OF THE FLORIDA COUNCIL OF BROMELIAD SOCIETIES**  
**June 22, 2019**

**Opening:**

Mike Saunders thanked the Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society for arranging the tasty Asian buffet at the home of Debbie McPhail, 3596 McGregor Blvd, Ft. Myers, 33901. Fellow hostesses: Betty Ann and Myra, kept our glasses filled and thirsts quenched. Council members thoroughly enjoyed the garden full of bromeliads, orchids and most all the pink flamingo in the pool!

The meeting started promptly at 1pm.

**FCBS Member Representatives Present:**

Bromeliad Society of Central Florida: Betsy McCrory & Mike Saunders; Bromeliad Society of South Florida: Patty Gonzalez & Mike Michalski; Bromeliad Society of the Palm Beaches: Nick Bethmann & Tom Ramiccio; Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society: Jack Dunlop, Calandra Thurrott; Gainesville Bromeliad Society: Sandy Burnett; Sarasota Bromeliad Society: Marian Kennell & Nancy Abramson; Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society: Greg Kolojeski; Treasure Coast Bromeliad Society: Lynn Marino; Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society: Linda Sheetz & Richard Poole; Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society: Vicky Chirnside & Larry Giroux; Weevil Committee: Jay Thurrott and Dr. Howard Frank

Absent Members: Webmaster Mike Andreas, Bromeliad Guild of Tampa: Tom & Carol Wolfe, Treasurer: Sudi Hipsley,

Guests: Steven Provost, BSI Archives; Dennis Giardina, and Mark Kennell.

**Officers Reports:**

**Minutes of February 23, 2019 meeting**: Sandy Burnett, Secretary, submitted this report four weeks after the meeting and representatives had two weeks to respond. Minutes were approved.

**Treasurer Report**: was accepted. Betsy McCrory says the audit has been done and all looks good.

**Committee Reports:**

**Webmaster**—Michael Andreas submitted the following June Web Report:

**Web Report for June 22, 2019 Meeting**

Information about the Bromeliad Society of the Palm Beaches was added to the Member Societies page. There are now eleven member societies of the FCBS listed.

Posted photos of new hybrids by Lisa Vinzant; also posted photos by Kosit Kaewkangwal, Chris Nguyen, Stephen Seal, Wanda Swenson, Michelle Cameron and Rob Smythe.

Posted the May issue of the FCBS Newsletter.

Added advertising for the upcoming Extravaganza to the Home page of the FCBS site and also added the poster to the rotating photos on the mobile version of the web site. There is a link to the registration form right off the home page.

Michael Andreas, Webmaster

**FCBS Newsletter Report:** Carol Wolfe did another Great Job with the FCBS newsletter! Thank you, Carol!

**Weevil Committee:** Jay Thurrott advised that there is one vacancy on the 3-member committee. Dr. Howard Frank gave a current status of the Weevil Program. Challenges are the lack of trained personnel and lab equipment to perform genetic analysis. See the following report on page 3.

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1) The Honduran tachinid fly did not establish in Florida despite all our efforts, probably because its preferred climate is cloud forest - Florida gets too hot for it.

2) We did not find an alternative parasitoid or predator (you know we tried!).

3) What we did find in Belize was the suspicion of host-plant resistance.

4) Teresa Cooper demonstrated at Ft. Pierce that the resistance is real. Although so far she has not published this work, she gave a talk about it at the 2014 Florida Entomological Society Annual Meeting.

5) That gives a good chance of the "Florida panther approach" in which we get seed of Belizean *Tillandsia utriculata* and (a) distribute it in the wild, or (b) cross pollen with Florida *T. utriculata*, get seed and distribute the hybrid.

6) We need genetic confirmation of the conspecificity of Florida and Belize strains, not just the opinion of bromeliad morphologists. So, I then spent time finding botanists who can do DNA analysis of bromeliads. However, two groups of them let me down and eventually confiscated our bromeliad leaf samples.

6) Bruce Holst of Selby Gardens said in an email that he does not believe in using the Belizean strain - so it seems he will block this approach and perhaps has asked the other botanists to go along with his viewpoint. I asked him to debate me on this subject, but he did not reply.

Information: <http://entnemdept.ufl.edu/frank/bromeliadbiota/wvbrom.htm>

About weevils in general; Weevils in Florida; A list of weevils known to eat bromeliads; Origin of the weevil *Metamasius callizona*; Biology of the weevil *Metamasius callizona*; History of *Metamasius callizona* in Florida; About biological control; Safety of classical biological control; Frequently-asked questions about biological control; Biological control of *Metamasius callizona*; About chemical control of *Metamasius callizona*; Other bromeliad-eating *Metamasius* weevils; Other bromeliad-eating weevils; Bibliography on weevils that eat bromeliads; Weevil pests of bromeliads illustrated; Florida native bromeliads illustrated.

<http://journals.fcla.edu/flaent/article/view/75750/73408> Invertebrates threatened (22 species) if *T. utriculata* is lost, of which 9 are undescribed.

**FCBS Roster:** 2019 roster came out and looks good.

**Bromeliad Judge Training School:** Vicky Chirnside announced that all 12 judge trainees passed and the second training will be November 2<sup>nd</sup>. There has been a loss of 6 judges.

**Archives:** Steven Provost, Chair, reported that BSI has received a \$2,500 grant to organize materials. Ron Schoenau donated materials collected by Carolyn.

**BSI News:** Greg Kolojeski reported that Steve Reynolds died suddenly. BSI will have a board meeting at the Extravaganza in September. The BSI WBC will have 8 speakers.

**2020 World Conference Update/Greg Kolojeski & Marian Kennell:** Hotel reservations can now be made at the Sarasota Hyatt Regency, rooms are \$149 + 12% tax. No resort fee and parking will be FREE.

Theme will be “the Big Show” as the Ringling Brothers Circus has it winter home in Sarasota.

Help is needed with poster design and also volunteers. Each FCBS affiliated society is asked to make a memorial

slide show or create a plant exhibit. Plants will also be needed for judging, so encourage FCBS members to bring plants for exhibition. They must be clean and ready to show and may come from out of state.

Perhaps the FCBS can host a “Meet ‘n Greet”? See attached handout:

**World Bromeliad Conference 2020**  
**The 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the BSI**  
**June 9-13, 2020**

Hyatt Regency Sarasota, \$149 hotel rate (no resort fees or parking fees)

Registration fee: \$295 (2019), \$335 (2020 until the conference), \$395 (at the conference)

<http://TheWBC2020.com>

Email: [TheWBC2020@gmail.com](mailto:TheWBC2020@gmail.com)

Co-Chairs:

Marian Kennell (president of the **Sarasota Bromeliad Society**)

Greg Kolojeski (BSI Director & president of the **Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society**)

The **World Bromeliad Conference 2020** will be held in Sarasota, Florida, USA from Tuesday, June 9, 2020 through Saturday, June 13, 2020 at the Hyatt Regency Sarasota. We will celebrate the **70th Anniversary of the Bromeliad Society International!** Events will include tours of two of the world's leading Bromeliad nurseries (Michael's Bromeliads and Tropiflora), a visit to the renowned Marie Selby Botanical Gardens (with free admission for conference registrants), a number of notable speakers, an opening conference reception and welcome address, a banquet with a rare plant sale and auction, a plant sale with numerous sellers, a fantastic judged plant show, and more.

**Extravaganza 2019, Sept 20—22/Mark Saunders:** Encourage folks to attend. Attendees get a pre-sale opportunity on Friday, Sept 20<sup>th</sup>, evening. Saturday, Sept 21<sup>st</sup> plant sale, 9am to 4pm, is open to ALL, there will be a rare plant auction, parking is FREE. Thus far, 10 vendors are participating including one selling driftwood, any FCBS affiliated society may have a table & sell plants. Saturday night dinner for spouse is \$40 and Sunday (optional) tours are \$20.

**2019 Bromeliad EXTRAVAGANZA**  
September 20–21 in Orlando, Florida  
Held at Marriott's SpringHill and TownePlace Suites  
The Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies  
Bromeliad Society of Central Florida  
[www.BromeliadX.com](http://www.BromeliadX.com)  
For Extravaganza & hotel registration plus information

Open to the Public Saturday September 21

**Bromeliad PLANT SALE**  
Held at Marriott's SpringHill and TownePlace Suites  
8040 Palm Parkway, Orlando, FL 32836  
Many sellers! Free admission and free parking

All Day Plant Sale 9AM–4PM Sept. 21, 2019  
Rare Plants Auction at 7PM  
[www.BromeliadX.com](http://www.BromeliadX.com)



The Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies  
and The Bromeliad Society of Central Florida  
present their biggest event of the year!

# 2019 Bromeliad EXTRAVAGANZA

**Friday and Saturday September 20–21 2019**  
**with optional garden tours available Sunday, September 22**

**Registration:** \$100. per person

**After September 10, 2019:** \$110. per person

Registration fee includes the 2 meals and all listed events  
with the exception of the optional garden tours on  
Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Tour and guest speaker information will be coming soon.

- Friday night barbeque buffet
- Saturday night Italian buffet
- Raffle, Silent auction
- Seminars with guest speakers
- Rare plants auction
- Sunday: optional garden tours  
Tour price yet to be determined

**Hotel Info:** this Marriott property contains two hotels, SpringHill Suites and TownePlace Suites, under one roof. The hotels share common lobby, dining, meeting rooms, and courtyard pool area. Brand new light and airy property with plenty of room to socialize inside and outside next to the resort style pool.

**Marriott SpringHill Suites and TownePlace Suites**

8040 Palm Pkwy, Orlando, FL 32836

Ask for the Bromeliad Extravaganza 2019 rate when reserving suite.

- \$85. for Suite
- Complimentary hot breakfast
- Free parking
- Rates are guaranteed by the hotel until August 20, 2019

[www.BromeliadX.com](http://www.BromeliadX.com)  
for hotel reservations link

**For Registration please complete the following:**

Name #1 \_\_\_\_\_

Name #2 \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_ cvv \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ of Extravaganza registrations @ \$100. each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to BSCF and mail to:**

Betsy McCrory, Treasurer  
PO Box 621864 Orlando FL 32862-1864  
(407) 973-2194 after 4PM weekdays  
Email: Betsymccrory@aol.com

**For more information:**

**FCBS.org**

**BromeliadX.com**

**Chairman:**

Mike Saunders (407) 375-8364  
Email: presbyter64@gmail.com

**Shopping Bag Sponsorship:** Sample of tote bag below. Discussion of quantity to order and how to dispense.

**Gift Bag**  
**4imprint**

**Celebration Shopping Tote Bag**

12" high x 16" wide with 6" gusset, 18 inch handles

Full color/Color Magic printed, imprint area: 12" wide x 8" high

Non-Woven Polypropylene, 80 GSM

<https://www.4imprint.com/product/5938-1216-18-FC/Celebration-Shopping-Tote-12-x-16-18-Handles-Full-Color>

**Pricing:**

100 qty. .... \$4.29 per unit .... \$429.00

150 qty. .... \$4.17 per unit. .... \$625.50

200 qty. .... \$3.57 per unit .... \$714.00

250 qty. .... \$2.55 per unit .... \$637.50

300 qty. .... \$2.53 per unit .... \$759.00



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**Rare Plant Auction:** chaired by Vicky Chirnside

Each FCBS affiliated society is to provide 5 rare or semi-rare plants and or bromeliad-related items ie., raffle basket.

All items are to be delivered to the auction room on Saturday, Sept 21<sup>st</sup>, in the morning (they cannot be accepted on Friday).

**All member societies are asked to publicize the Extravaganza.**

**New Business:** none

**Updates and news from Member Societies:** each member society shared the previous 3 months of programs/speakers held at their meetings.



Next meeting will be Saturday, October 26, 2019 and will be hosted by the Bromeliad Society of the Palm Beaches.

Announcements: Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society will host their annual December Bromeliad Sale & Show: December 13, 14 and 15.<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully scribed, Sandy Burnett, FCBS secretary, [sandyojo@gmail.com](mailto:sandyojo@gmail.com) (352) 376-2040