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## January 2019

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, January 16, 2019

**Where:** Leu Gardens, 1920 N. Forest Avenue, Orlando, FL 32803

**6:30 –7:00** is pre-meeting time for purchasing plants from our guest speaker.

**Meeting officially begins at 7:00 pm**

### No Member Market in January!

**Please bring a snack, raffle/door prize plants, and show & tell plants to the meeting.**

Please try to label your raffle and door prize plants, even if you can only write something such as "unknown Aechmea hybrid", every little bit helps the members who are trying to learn about different types of bromeliads! Plants should be clean and insect free.

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**2019 Society Dues are now due!** If you became a BSCF member before July 1, 2018, it is time to renew your membership by paying dues for 2019. Please fill out the attached form and bring to the January meeting with your dues, or mail it our P. O. Box listed on the membership form. We ask that everyone fill out the 2019 Membership form so we can update our records. Anyone joining after July 1, 2018 will not pay dues until January 2020.

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## The President's Message

Happy 2019. Looking forward to a great year celebrating bromeliads with everyone. Check out our new webpage, [www.bromeliadsorlando.com](http://www.bromeliadsorlando.com). Great pics and a list of upcoming activities including the big Leu Gardens plant sale on March 9 and 10 and the 2019 Bromeliad Extravaganza that our society is hosting this September. A big thanks to Greg Kolojeski for creating the website. Fabulous.

We are encouraging any of our members to sell bromeliads at the Leu Gardens plant sale. Like at the Mead Gardens sale, all are welcome to participate. The more the merrier.

See you at our next meeting. Remember we are in the new room at Leu Gardens.

mike



A beautiful Vriesea that visited our November meeting, brought in for show and tell by Michael McMahon.

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## This month's speaker is Alton Lee.

Alton will be speaking on "Nidulariums: The Forgotten Bromeliads".

Alton is a past president of Florida West Coast Bromeliads, the oldest bromeliad society in the country (Founded 1954). As well as holding virtually every other position in the group over the years, he is also the originator of many of the programs and activities the society still continues to practice and follow to this day. Mr. Lee has written many articles for the BSI Journal as well as numerous other garden publications. He has presented a wide range of talks to most of the Florida bromeliad societies over the years as well as a variety of presentations on other plant families to local garden and plant groups. Alton lives in Gulfport with MANY tropical plants and his two very active cats, Calvin and Hobbes.

H. Alton Lee is a native North Carolinian and a lifelong writer. He has been widely published on a variety of subjects including entertainment and the arts, religion and theology and especially gardening and horticulture.

Mr Lee is the author of "Seven Feet Four and Growing," a novel for young readers and more recently the mystery novel "The Murderer Who Loved Me" both available on Amazon and Kindle. A sequel to the later book is pending.



**Alton will be bringing plants to sell so try and get to the meeting early!**



## Some shots from our October meeting!



Phil Elting of Elting's Exotic Plants gave a fun and informative talk on Quesnelia and tissue culture at our October 2018 meeting.

Tim, the Finish Plant Manager at Elting's answered all of our questions about raising seedling plants very patiently!







Kelli Ahnen checking the identity of our speaker!

Kelli gave a lovely heartfelt talk about how she and Grant Groves have appreciated the Society and everyone's friendship & support over the years. She even brought some beautiful Color Zone Tropicals Guzmania for the raffle table for everyone to enjoy!



Phil brought some seedlings that they had produced using tissue culture. . . we'll see how my little mounted Aechmea 'Perez' and Quesnelia marmorata 'Tim Plowman' progress!





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## Monthly Meeting Minutes

### Bromeliad Society of Central Florida — October 17, 2018

The October meeting featured speaker Phil Elting who spoke on Quesnelia and tissue culture. He also brought some wonderful seedlings and larger plants to sell.

#### **The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Mike Saunders.**

##### **Vice President's Report:**

- Date of November meeting is changed to November 14th, it will be an anniversary party with food provided by the officers and a \$5.00 per plant member market.
- Holiday party at Leu Gardens for December 19th meeting – appetizers and deserts, Society provides refreshments. Plant exchange, please think in the \$20. range.
- January speaker is Elton Lee speaking on Nidularium
- Field trip to Bob Smedley's home on Saturday October 20th.

##### **Secretaries Report:** None

**Treasurer's Report:** Betsy gave the Treasurer's report to Mike who let us know how we're looking financially and the report will be filed for audit.

##### **President's Report:**

- Thanks to Phil Elting and Finish Plant Manager Tim from Elting's Exotic Plants!
- The September 2018 meeting minutes were approved.
- GROWvember Festival at Mead Gardens. Mike explained the tagging system (80/20) and other parameters such as taxes, etc.
- The 2019 Bromeliad Extravaganza. Phil has been researching and negotiating rates with Hotels. Mike went over the basic structure of the event, which will be one of the last 2 weeks in September 2019. The event runs from Friday –Sunday. Friday: dinner and pre-sale from 8–10. Saturday: speakers and plant sale during the day, then an evening banquet and rare plant auction. Sunday: possible bus tours to member gardens/ greenhouses. The BSI will also have a board meeting at the Extravaganza, so a room is needed for their meeting.
- Send Carole Wolfe articles and photos for the FCBS newsletter

##### **Old or Unfinished Business:**

- Orlandiana Newsletter Editor needed – if interested please let one of the officers know!
- Society officer term limits/change to by-laws: Maxine Wright explained the nominating committee and gave a report on their findings. There was a vote, motion carried: term limits will be changed in by-laws.
- There was a motion to participate in the Leu Gardens sale in 2019, motion carried, we will participate.
- Nominating committee reported that the slate for elections is the existing slate.

##### **New Business:** None

**A special Announcement:** Kelli Ahnen thanked everyone for their friendship and support over the years! She and husband Grant Groves close Color Zone Tropicals soon and head to the beach to live!

**Show & Tell:** Thanks to all who brought plants to share!

##### **Door Prizes and Raffle tickets were drawn.**

The meeting concluded at 9:00 pm. Minutes respectfully submitted and ammended by Karen Steinberg



## November Anniversary meeting photos!



November we celebrated our Society's 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

We had good food & drink, a 5 dollar member market, informative show & tell, raffle table and door prizes. . . and got to chat a bit about the upcoming 2019 Bromeliad Extravaganza.

Show & Tell – Mike McMahon and his stunning *Pepinia cuatrecasana*, Jim Boardman and his beautiful *Aechmea* whose name I neglected to write down, sorry Jim!







Everyone had a good time celebrating; here's to another 26 years!



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## Monthly Meeting Minutes

### Bromeliad Society of Central Florida — November 14, 2018

The November meeting was our 26th Anniversary celebration!

#### **The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Mike Saunders.**

##### **Vice President's Report:**

- Starting next month we will be meeting in the larger Camellia Room at Leu Gardens
- In December at the Holiday party the food is up to the members to bring: appetizers and deserts
- Elton Lee is speaking in January on Nidularium
- We will be focusing on the 2019 Extravaganza next year at our meetings, we will go over committees in depth and have someone show how to clean and mount plants.

##### **Secretaries Report:**

Our new members introduced themselves: Kathy and Dave Schubert, Julia Jensen, and Tracy Kochmann

**Treasurer's Report:** Betsy gave the Treasurer's report and it will be filed for audit. We didn't do as well financially at the Mead Gardens GROWvember sale as last year, but we did better than our first year.

##### **President's Report:**

- Sales next year:
  - Leu Gardens: Participate! Grant won't be selling so there is extra space for new plant sellers
  - Mother's Day: We think it will be at Fashion Square Mall still but we're not sure. Try entering the show!
  - Orchid Society sale in June

2019 Bromeliad Extravaganza: FCBS event hosted by us this year. Here is a brief description of the event:

- September 20–22, 2019
- Hotels: SpringHill Suites by Marriott AND TownePlace Suites by Marriott – your choice, \$85. per night with the special Extravaganza discount. Located in Disney Springs: Lake Buena Vista/Palm Parkway
- Friday night: Plant pre-sale for registrants of the event only (not open to the public)
- Saturday: All day plant sale open to the public, Speakers, Banquet and Rare Plant Auction
- Sunday: Bus tours to member gardens/greenhouses
- Possible Committees:
  - Hospitality
  - Registration
  - Plant Sale: Georgia Orser
  - Publicity
  - Website: Greg Kolojeski secured domain names and created a website for the BSCF!
  - Sunday Bus Tour
  - Speakers: No keynote speaker, an emphasis on plants and socialization. 2 speakers in am, 2 in pm
- Our Society receives the 80/20 profits from the Saturday all day plant sale.
- Proceeds from the Rare Plant Auction go to the FCBS
- We hope to make some money but it is not the only objective!

**Old or Unfinished Business: none**

**New Business: none**

**Show & Tell:** Thanks to all who brought plants to share, they were outstanding!

**Door Prizes and Raffle tickets were drawn.**

The meeting concluded at 9:00 pm. Minutes respectfully submitted by Karen Steinberg



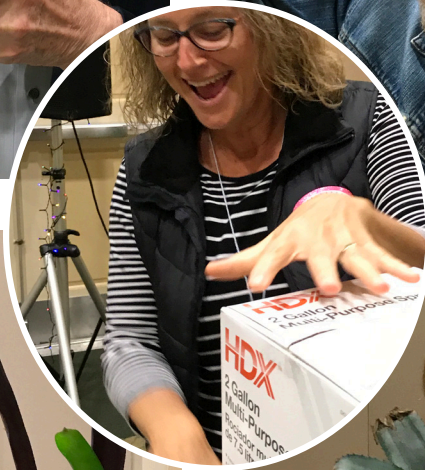
## Our 2018 December Holiday Party!



Everyone enjoyed opening their mysteriously wrapped gifts. . . there were certainly some beautiful plants under all that paper!









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## **BSCF Board Meeting Minutes**

**December 8, 2018 – Keke's Breakfast Cafe, Conway Plaza**

Attended by Mike Saunders, Marilyn Howser, Betsy McCrory, and Karen Steinberg

### **The Meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by President Mike Saunders.**

- The Board has decided that the Society dues will remain the same at \$15. per person. (\$5. additional for a family membership)
- There is a FCBS meeting at the end of February and we could have the save the Date cards ready for then.

### **A general discussion was held about the 2019 Extravaganza event and preparations currently being made.**

- The sheet on the hotels can be sent with the save the date card.
- Save the Date card:
  - Send to all people that registered for the last Extravaganza and also the Florida Council reps.
  - Tri-fold or rack brochure type of thing, it can go into an envelope and mailed if needed. Lightweight.
  - Post Card – used at all upcoming shows and electronically sent out also. Half of an 8.5" x 11" piece of paper if you want Betsy to print, Karen to design and check on printing prices.
- Registration Gift Bags:
  - Marilyn researching bags and bag contents, different custom items and pricing .
  - Cloth bag similar to the previous Extravaganza bag with logo (Karen can design logo).
  - Note pads, pens, life savers, water bottles (custom or not)
- Next Board meeting scheduled for January 5th at 10:15 at Keke's.

The meeting concluded at 11:30 am      Minutes respectfully submitted by Karen Steinberg.

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## **Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**Bromeliad Society of Central Florida — December 19, 2018**

The December meeting was our 2018 Holiday celebration!

**President Mike Saunders and Vice President Marilyn Howser thanked everyone for the great year and we are all looking forward to a wonderful 2019!**

### **Just a few announcements by VP Marilyn Howser:**

- January meeting's speaker is Elton Lee. He is speaking on Nidularium and bringing plants for sale.
- Guests: Teresa Eddy
- New Member: Cheryl Reynolds
- A huge thanks to Greg Kolojeski! Check out our new website: **[bromeliadorslando.com](http://bromeliadorslando.com)**
- Please bring your 2019 dues to the January meeting!

The meeting concluded at 9:00 pm      Minutes respectfully submitted by Karen Steinberg.



## Upcoming Events

### March 9–10, 2019

Leu Gardens Annual Plant Sale  
1920 N. Forest Avenue, Orlando, FL 32803  
Saturday and Sunday, 9am – 5 pm each day

### May 10–12, 2019

Bromeliad Society of Central Florida Annual Mother's Day Show and Sale  
Fashion Square Mall, 3201 E. Colonial Drive, Orlando, FL 32803  
Friday and Saturday: 10 am – 9 pm  
Sunday: 11 am– 6 pm

### June 2019 Date and Location yet to be announced

Central Florida Orchid Society Show and Sale

### September 20–21, 2019

2019 Bromeliad Extravaganza  
SpringHill Suites by Marriott and TownePlace Suites by Marriott  
8040 Palm Parkway, Orlando, FL 32836  
Times to be announced



## Our Meeting Next Month: February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019

The Bromeliad Society of Central Florida meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month from 7–9 PM at Leu Gardens, 1920 N. Forest Avenue, Orlando, FL 32803. Guest speaker plants are for sale before the meeting from 6:30–7:00. You'll enjoy informative programs, Show & Tell, plant sales, refreshments & door prizes. Members also receive a monthly newsletter—all for an annual membership fee of \$15 per member, plus \$5 per additional family member (no charge for full-time students). Visitors are always welcome.

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Donations to this society are tax deductible in accordance with IRS regulations.

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