



JANUARY 13, 2020

# Bromeliad Society of Central Florida

## President's Message

**Happy New Years to  
all!**

A fantastic January and marvelous 2020 to all. We have a lot of great speakers and events coming up this year. Hope to see all of you at the January meeting and all the others.

The Leu Gardens plant sale is quickly approaching and will be March 14 and 15. Each member is allowed to sell their plants at our space. Evan McCrory is heading up our sales. If you would like to sell, please email Evan at [s15stinger@gmail.com](mailto:s15stinger@gmail.com) to let him know that you are selling. You will have to provide your own tables for your plants. Hopefully there will be sufficient tents to cover us from the sun. We will meet on Friday morning, March 13 in the 9-10 am range (details will be provided later) at Fashion Square mall so all plants can be loaded up into Evan's truck for transportation to Leu Gardens. We will discuss this at our next two meetings.

Look for some plants you would like to sell and come join us at Leu Gardens. The plant sale is a great place to feed your bromeliad (and other plants) addiction. And if you don't want to part with any of your favorites, plan to come out and spending some time with us.

2020 will be a great year for BSCF.

Mike



## November & December minutes

### BSCF Monthly Meeting Minutes December 18, 2019

There was no business meeting in December, just a great Christmas celebration with fabulous food and wonderful company. So there are no minutes for December 2019.

**Old or Unfinished Business:** none.

**New Business:** none.



## **BSCF Monthly Meeting Minutes November 20, 2019**

The meeting began with members and guests gathering for fellowship and food.

At 7pm, Vice President Marilyn Howser introduced speaker Marty Baxley of Jungle Gems in St. Petersburg. Marty had just returned from a tour of Peru. He showed photos from the trip, including numerous native bromeliads growing at high altitudes. He pointed out that different genuses occupied mountainsides, depending on whether they got morning or afternoon sun.

President Mike Saunders called the formal meeting to order at 8:05pm. Items covered included:

The December meeting will be our annual Holiday Party. Members are invited to bring appetizers and desserts. Each attendee is also encouraged to bring a wrapped gift for our surprise gift exchange. These should be a nice bromeliad or related gardening item in the \$15 range. If possible, label the plant.

Treasurer Betsy McCrory updated our finances

Guests at the meeting included new member Ann Towns of Merritt Island, as well as Ahmed Hart and Tina Salado.

President Mike mentioned upcoming activities:

He proposed we again participate in the Leu Gardens Spring Plant Sale, which will be 3/14-15/20, with setup on Friday the 13th. Phil Wright made a motion to do so, which was seconded by Paula \_\_\_\_\_

We are also again planning to hold our annual Mother's Day Plant Show and Sale, probably at Fashion Square Mall.

The World Bromeliad Conference will be held in Sarasota June 10 - 13/20. In order to register you must be a member of Bromeliad Society International. Online membership is just \$15. There is an early registration deadline for the conference of December 31, 2019, so plan for this now to save money.

The president announced the slate for 2020 officers and thanked Marilyn for recruiting candidates:

President: Mike Saunders

Vice President: Marilyn Howser

Secretary: Pat Neff

Treasurer: Leanne Burton

There were no nominations from the floor and the members present voted to accept the slate.

Note: Marilyn Howser will take on newsletter duties via email.

Members were invited to show off special plants. Mike McMahon showed the difference in two *vriesias* with the same name. One was an original specimen, the other grown from tissue culture and not nearly as colorful. Mike Saunders showed a bigeneric *sincoregelia* 'Orange sunshine' with outstanding color.

The auction and raffle of plants concluded the evening.

Respectfully submitted by Katherine Vaccaro



Holiday Party 2019:

all holiday photos courtesy Cheryl Reynolds

## Vice Presidents Comments

Hi Everyone

The next Bromeliad Society of Central FL meeting is Jan.15, 2020. Our speaker, Matt Bagley, will be bringing lots of plants to sell so there will be no member market. Please bring plants for the door prize table and for the raffle table. Also a snack to share.



**SBTPS (Seminole) has scheduled a field trip to McCrory's Sunny Hill Nursery for February 16th at 2 PM. They have invited BSCF to go too!**

Matthew Bagley is a passionate horticulturalist and owner of Bonita Bromeliads, LLC. He studied organic agriculture, permaculture, and mycology at Evergreen State College in Olympia, WA. Matthew has studied plants and fungi in many states and habitats across the country for the past 20 years before moving to Florida in 2016 where he current runs his plant nursery. Matt will be speaking on soil structure.



Matt Bagley

I received a link from Betsy McCrory to an interesting video of interviews conducted by a PBS personality at the 2017 BSI World Bromeliad Conference held in San Diego. You might find it informative and you will see a few familiar faces in it. This is the link:

<https://www.pbs.org/video/the-beautiful-bromeliad-jpmzmb>

Remember 2020 dues are due. Thank you to all who have paid them.

See you then 🍍  
Marilyn

## 2020 Bromeliad Society of Central Florida MEMBERSHIP FORM

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

\_\_\_\_\_NEW MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_RENEWAL

Name(s)\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

City, State Zip +4\_\_\_\_\_

Phone /Email\_\_\_\_\_

**\$15 for first member, plus \$5 per each additional family member at the same address. Name Badges \$7 per member, if desired. Please check \_\_\_\_\_ if you would like a name badge ordered for you.**

AMOUNT ENCLOSED\_\_\_\_\_ Make checks payable to BSCF MAIL TO: **Bromeliad Society of Central Florida, PO Box 536961 Orlando, FL 32853-6961. Or bring to the January meeting.**

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Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of every month, from 6:30-9:00 pm (buy plants from the speaker between 6:30-7pm) at Leu Gardens, 1920 N Forest Ave, Orlando, FL 32803. You'll enjoy informative programs, Show & Tell, plant sales, refreshments, and door prizes. Members also receive a newsletter. Please come join us!

Treasurer: Date\_\_\_\_\_ Check #\_\_\_\_\_ Cash\_\_\_\_\_

## CHOOSING THE RIGHT BROMELIAD FOR YOUR SITUATION

Just like choosing a plant based on whether it will be placed in full sun, partial sun or shade, you may want to consider the 'cold hardiness' of your Bromeliad selections. With all the information available on the internet in this day and age, there is now substantial information on individual plant cold tolerance. You can also inquire about this information from your supplier if they specialize in Bromeliads. Large "box stores" are generally not a good place for these type of specifics. Below is a generalization of some of the more common genera:

[Aechmeas](#): Most individuals in this group are generally considered hardy to 32 degrees

[Billbergias](#): With some exceptions this group is hardy down to the low 30's.

[Cryptanthus](#): Known as "Earth Stars" it is better to provide for min. temps. Above 45 degrees.

[Guzmanias](#): This group generally are considered more tropical and do not like temps. below 45 degrees.

[Neoregelias](#): Another hardy group with most member able to withstand lows to 32 degrees.



## Upcoming Events

### February 16, 2020

Field trip to McCrory's Sunny Hill Nursery. Sponsored by SBTPS (Seminole).

### March 14 & 15, 2020, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Free Admission all Weekend!

Shop Leu Gardens' Annual Spring Plant Sale! Over 50 growers and vendors selling a variety of plants and outdoor accessories to enhance your landscape and home. Bring a wagon or plant cart for your purchases. All vendors take cash and most take credit cards.

**Leu Gardens' Members shop early** on Saturday, March 14 at 8:00 a.m., please show your membership card and photo ID to be admitted early. Guest(s) of members will be able to enter at 9:00 a.m. Guest Passes and AHS Reciprocal are not accepted during the Leu Members' early shopping hour.

### May 8-10, 2020

The BSCF's Mother's Day Show and Sale at the Fashion Square Mall. Lots of information to follow.

### June 9–14, 2020

World Bromeliad Conference 2020 Celebrating the 70th Anniversary of the Bromeliad Society International!

Hyatt Regency, 1000 Boulevard of the Arts, Sarasota, FL 34236

[www.bsi.org/new/conference-corner/](http://www.bsi.org/new/conference-corner/)

## Our Meeting Next Month: Wednesday, February 19th, 2020

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.

BSCF is a nonprofit Florida corporation recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) organization.

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

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