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Next meeting: Wednesday, February 20, 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 February!

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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Visit our new Bromeliad Society of Central Florida Website!

www.bromeliadorslando.com

You will find an activities page that lists our speakers for upcoming meetings – including a link to 2019 Extravaganza information, downloadable copies of newsletters, plant photos, a map to Leu Gardens, and more! This is a great place for the public to find out about our Society or send us a message. Check it out!

The link for Extravaganza information can also be accessed directly at www.BromeliadX.com

2019 Bromeliad Extravaganza in Orlando Be sure to put September 20–22, 2019 on your calendar for the Bromeliad Extravaganza. Hotel rooms may be reserved now for only \$85. per night.

For more information just go to www.BromeliadX.com. We recommend that you book rooms now.

The President's Message

Good day and happy summer to everyone. At least it is feeling like summer this past weekend. Hopefully we have seen the last of the cold weather, but I know how winter likes to have a last hurrah in March. I hope everyone's plants have survived the chilly weather we have had this winter.

Our big sale is coming up in a couple weeks. We will be selling at the huge Leu Garden plant sale on Saturday, March 9 and Sunday, March 10. Good news as it looks like we will have the same great location we have had the last two years. This is a great plant sale with over 50 growers and vendors. And you get free admission to Leu Gardens. So hope to see everyone there.

Please email me at presbyter64@gmail.com, if you plan on selling. You will need to bring your own table. The plan is for all sellers to meet on Friday at 10 am so that Evan McCrory can transport everything over in one truck for setup at Leu Gardens. Evan plans to be at Wednesday's meeting and we will discuss the meeting place. Remember, if you plan to sell you will need to have a removable tag with the price and your member number. The sale is from 9 am–5 pm on both days. Leu Gardens opens up an hour early at 8 am on Saturday for Leu Gardens members, so sales will start at 8 am on Saturday.

If you haven't paid your 2019 dues, please do so at the meeting. You have to be current on your dues to sell at Leu Gardens. Thanks.

Make sure you check out our new webpage: www.bromeliadorslando.com and invite your friends to check it out also. The Bromeliad Extravaganza is September 20 and 21, 2019. Our society is hosting the event this year. All the information is on our webpage, or you can go to www.bromeliadX.com and that will take you to all the information including a link for hotel registration. The hotel is one building with two connected halves, SpringHill Suites and TownePlace Suites; both are Marriott properties. SpringHill is a traditional hotel room and TownePlace is an efficiency room.

See you at the meeting and Leu Gardens.

mike



A beautiful Guzmania inflorescence from the 2018 Leu Garden's Plant Sale



Lots of beautiful blooms out there this month!

This month's speaker is Jay Thurrott.

Jay's presentation will be on the Bromeliad Society International's 2016 Bromeliad World Conference that was held in San Diego, California. Expect a taste of what a world conference is all about!

Jay Thurrott is a retired environmental chemist and worked in the public service sector for over 30 years. He grows over 800 varieties of bromeliads at his home in Port Orange, Florida and been growing bromeliads since the 70's. A lifetime member of the Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society (FECBS), Jay is their newsletter editor and has served as secretary, vice president, and president of that organization. He has served as his club's representative to the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies (FCBS) for many years and as well as Chairman of that organization at least twice. Also active in local garden club activities, he is a past president of the Halifax Council of Garden Clubs (a consortium of 7 garden clubs in the Daytona Beach area). He recently completed his second three year term as president of the Bromeliad Society International (BSI) after having served as a director and vice-president of the organization. Jay is also a BSI accredited master judge and has judged bromeliad shows in and out of the USA.

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



Jay also works with the Save Florida's Bromeliads Conservation Project, helping to research ways to propagate and grow seeds from our native Tillandsias. You can find out about the project on the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies website: fcb.org



I have a *Tillandsia utriculata* saved from a construction site years ago and it is now putting out an inflorescence! I went to the FCBS website to check on Teresa Cooper's work and to see how to participate in the Save Florida's Bromeliads Conservation Project seed collection effort.

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Bromeliad Society of Central Florida — January 16, 2019

The October meeting featured speaker Alton Lee who spoke on Nidularium, which he feels are a bit underappreciated!

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

Vice President's Report:

- February's meeting will be the ABC's of Bromeliads with Jay Thurrott.
- March will be Bob Smedly speaking on Mounting Alternatives for Bromeliads.
- In April John Boardman and Pam "Vanna White" Flesher will be showing us how to get ready for our 2019 Mother's Day Show which is coming up this May.
- June brings us Marty Folk with a presentation on Bromeliads in the Landscape.
- July we will be mounting bromeliads on grapevine with Steven Wagner-Young.

Secretaries Report: New members: Joyce Gibault and Pat Neff

Treasurer's Report: Betsy gave the financial report for November and December 2018 and also went over the 2018 year P&L. These reports will be filed for audit.

President's Report:

- Thanks to Alton Lee!
- The October and November 2018 meeting minutes were approved.
- Remember that our May Mother's Day event is a sale but also a show. . . try it! Lots of opportunities for everyone to join in and participate.
- The 2019 Bromeliad Extravaganza: The board is meeting every month to review various Extravaganza items. Please look at the new BSCF website: www.bromeliadsorlando.com and the Extravaganza specific site: www.bromeliadsX.com. There is a link to the bromeliadsX site on the regular BSCF site to take everyone right to the Extravaganza information. Mike spoke about how wonderful the hotels are – they are brand new Marriott suite properties. These are adjoining hotels with common lobby and gathering spaces, either one is \$85. per night. The BSI will also have a board meeting at the Extravaganza.
- The BSCF membership forms and 2019 dues are due! Please fill out and pay dues.
- Send Carole Wolfe articles and photos for the FCBS newsletter
- The next meeting is Wednesday, February 20th.

Old or Unfinished Business:

- Orlandiana Newsletter Editor needed – if interested please let one of the officers know!

New Business: None

Announcements:

- Betsy announced that Mark Swanson needs a dollar figure for his plants that were damaged by a landscape accident. If anyone would like to help him evaluate, please let Betsy know.
- Greg Kolojeski announced that the next BSI World Conference will be held in 2020 in Sarasota, Florida. Mark June 10–13 on your calendars! The event will be held at the Hyatt downtown. More info to come.

Show & Tell: Thanks to Mike McMahan and Marty Folk who brought plants to share!

Door Prizes and Raffle tickets were drawn.

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

BSCF Board Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2019 – Keke's Breakfast Cafe, Conway Plaza

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

The Meeting was called to order at 10:15 am by President Mike Saunders.

- There is a FCBS meeting at the end of February and we would like to take a 2019 Extravaganza registration form, a postcard, and possibly a sheet about the hotels or a basic schedule of events.
- It was discussed that we should mention the new BSCF website and the BromeliadX site on the first page of the Orlandiana newsletter. Photos can be left out of the newsletter.

A general discussion was held about the 2019 Extravaganza event and preparations currently being made/items that are needed.

- Hotel Info Sheet – the hotel information sheet needs to be very understandable because the concept of “two adjoining suite style hotels” that share common lobby and meeting areas is confusing if not described well or seen/experienced. This can be a tri-fold or rack sort of thing that can be mailed. We could also email a pdf version.
- Extravaganza Registration Form – Betsy to work on this and then send the MS Word file to Karen to add logo, etc.
- Extravaganza Schedule of Events – Betsy to work on this and then send the MS Word file to Karen to add logo, etc.
 - Friday evening BBQ Buffet 6-7:30 Casual. No cash bar on Friday evening, we will use the hotel bar. Pre-sale plant sales for Registrants only at 8:00; not open to the public.
 - Saturday 9-4 regular plant sales, rare plants auction at 7:00 – both open to the public
 - Saturday: speakers and banquet for registrants
 - Sunday: optional bus tours for registrants for an additional fee.
- Save the Date cards/card to be used at upcoming shows and also possibly sent out with the FCBS rosters:
 - (1) 4/c front, 1/c back with USPS approved mailing space. Basic hotel info on 1/c side.
 - (2) 4/c front, 4/c back with info on both plant sales that are open to the public.
- Registration Gift Bags:
 - Bags will be horizontal format, heavy cotton canvas with 1 color logo, green
 - Karen to prepare a 1/c logo.
- Some Extravaganza logo ideas were reviewed, the concept of adopting a logo that can be used with interchangeable icons or reversed out of photos was approved. It was discussed that we'd be utilizing a medium green (kelly green) color for any of the 1/c items/logo usage. Marilyn to let Karen know what the green color is.
- 20% for the Extravaganza plant sale vendors was approved.
- Bob Smedley is the chairperson for the Bus Tours
- Georgia Orser is the chairperson for the Plant Sales
- Next Board meeting scheduled for March 2nd at 10:15 at Keke's.

The meeting concluded at 12:30 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: March 20th, 2019

The Bromeliad Society of Central Florida meetings are held the 3rd 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.

BSCF is an affiliate of the Bromeliad Society International, Inc., and a member of the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies, Inc. and the Cryptanthus Society.

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