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Aechmea mariae-reginae

By Penrith Goff, S.E. Michigan Bromeliad Society



Male Flower



Female Flower

Aechmea mariae-reginae, is a large plant over four feet in diameter and three feet high in bloom. The flowers are white with a tinge of blue at the petal tips, changing to red when the flower dies. Most bromeliad flowers are equipped with both pistils and stamens (monoecious). This plant is either female or male (dioecious). The flowers are small, even insignificant, but the large deep pink bracts, (there is also a red form), can be seen from a considerable distance. This is indeed a regal plant.

Photos courtesy of The Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies, www.fcbs.org

Next Meeting: Monday, April 26

6:30 PM Refreshments

7:00 PM Meeting Starts

Where: Leu Gardens,
1920 N. Forest Avenue, Orlando, Fl

Program: Mothers Day Show Plant Preparation
Workshop

Speaker: Karen Andreas and Pam Flesher

About our program: Everything you need to know
about preparing award winning bromeliads.

Refreshments

Last names beginning with T -B

Raffle Plants

All members

Door Prizes

All members

President's Message

The Leu Gardens sale was a success for us this year, thanks to all our members who brought bromeliads to sell and who volunteered their time to help. Thank you, Eloise Beach, for chairing this event, and Betsy McCrory, for assisting in the coordination. Thank you to all the sellers and volunteers!

It's time to look forward to the Mothers Day Show and Sale next month. At our meeting, Pam Flesher and I will be demonstrating how to clean and groom your bromeliads for the show and sale. This will be a workshop, so we want you to share your techniques and experience. The Mothers Day Show and Sale is a great event for our society each year, a chance to talk bromeliads for three whole days, meet new people and spend time with each other. Please mark that weekend on your calendar and come spend some time with your fellow bromeliad friends.

This month marks the first time members will be able to sell their bromeliads at our meeting.

Look for the rules in this months Newsletter. Thank you, Bob Stevens, for setting up this opportunity.

Don't forget that we have quite an extensive library whose books can be borrowed by members. Sudi Hipsley and Phyllis Baumer are our librarians, and they will be glad to assist you before the meeting begins. Thank you, Sudi and Phyllis!

Remember our newsletters are now on-line at <http://fcbs.org> > Member Societies > Bromeliad Society of Central Florida. There you will also find our Bylaws and Standing Rules for your reference.

Karen Andreas

Member Market Sales Begin This Month

Starting with the April 26th meeting the Society will allow members to bring in bromeliads for sale or trade at the meeting. One of our biggest concerns is that the sales corner does not interfere with the meeting. If it proves to be a problem then we will cancel the Market. Here are the rules. The Market will take place from 6:30 until 6:55, strictly. **No sales after the meeting start.** A member can only bring twelve (12) plants for sale or trade. Sellers should bring a plant or plants to donate to the raffle table. Plants should be pest free and labeled. The Member Market will **only** be conducted on meeting nights where the speaker is not selling plants so watch your newsletter for notice. Questions or recommendations should be submitted to Bob Stevens.



Minutes of Meeting Bromeliad Society of Central Florida March 22, 2004

The meeting was called to order by President Karen Andreas at 7:02 p.m.

Karen Andreas welcomed new members Gary Delaquila and John Moxley, as well as visitor Bob Bray from England.

Bob Stevens, Grant Groves and Karen Andreas led members in presenting their Show and Tell items.

Bob Stevens introduced guest speaker Dennis Cathcart of Tropiflora, who presented a slide show and discussion of "Terrestrials – Earthbound Bromeliads".

After a 10 minute break, the meeting resumed with
Old Business:

Minutes – After discussion of the Minutes of the previous meeting, Leroy Weaver moved that the Minutes be approved; Ed Hall seconded the motion; The minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report – Betsy McCrory reported that the month of February BSCF received \$368.00 and disbursed \$969.35, for a remainder of \$125.78 in the checking account. The Wachovia Money Market Account contains \$14,622.42, and Cash on Hand is \$35.00.

Leu Gardens Sale – Eloise Beach asked members to pick up a map showing BSCF's location at this year's sale, and asked that those who have not yet signed up to work please do so.

Bylaws Committee – Suggested changes are being reviewed and will be presented for a vote at the next meeting.

Mother's Day Show and Sale – In place of Betsy McCrory (who had to leave the meeting), Karen Andreas reported that Magali Groves has agreed to serve as Awards Chair. Donations are needed to sponsor awards. Pam Flesher, Publicity Chair, asked everyone to take two posters and hang them in appropriate places in the community.

Bromeliad Sources – Karen Andreas announced that sources of bromeliads in the Central Florida area will be printed in the newsletter as space allows.

New Business:

World Bromeliad Conference Donations – Karen Andreas presented the Board's proposals for donations as follows: \$45 ad in the program, \$150 for Taxonomy Seminar, and \$150 to sponsor awards. After discussion, Ed Hall moved that the donations be approved, Michael Andreas seconded the motion, and the members unanimously approved the above donations to the Conference.

Leu Gardens Donation – Karen Andreas presented the Board's proposal that the BSCF donate \$1,500 to Leu Gardens for new shelving, as suggested by Robert Bowden. After discussion, Ed Hall moved that the donation to Leu Gardens be approved, Phyllis Baumer seconded the motion, and the members unanimously approved the donation to Leu Gardens in the amount of \$1,500.

Upcoming Program – Bob Stevens announced our next program will be "How to Get Your Bromeliads Ready for Sale" in preparation for the Mother's Day Sale.

Helen Kwiat announced that the Native Plant Society Conference will be in Orlando this year. Information was available on the back table.

Eloise Beach announced that the Nehrling Project has experienced some delays due to deed restrictions. Eloise will let members know when this has been rectified and the project resumed.

Bob Stevens announced that the April meeting will be our first member plant sale and trade event, from 6:30 pm until 6:55 pm only. Members may bring up to 12 clean, pest-free plants for sale or trade, and must also donate at least one plant to the raffle table.

The evening's silent auction results were announced, door prizes were awarded and raffle tickets were drawn and prizes distributed.

There being no further business to come before the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Betty Salvas, Secretary

Thank You Grant Groves *Araeococcus goeldianus*



Photo, courtesy of Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies

If you took one of the bromeliads that Grant Groves brought to the March meeting, but missed the name, it is *Araeococcus goeldianus*.

Thank you very much Grant, for sharing this plant with the society members.

BSCF Supply Store

Each month at the meeting, our society sells plastic pots, plant labels, plant hangers and Nutricote fertilizer.

Plastic Pots

3 inch – 33 pots \$1.00 4 inch – 20 pots \$1.00
5 inch – 16 pots \$1.00 6 inch – 14 pots \$1.00
8 inch – 4 pots \$1.00

Labels – 5 inch plastic, 100 for \$3.00

Fertilizer

NUTRICOTE 13-13-13 with minors, slow release (180 days), 2 lbs. \$3
DYNA-GRO 7-9-5 liquid concentrate, 8 oz \$4.00

Pot Hangers – designed for 6-inch pots, adjustable Diameter galvanized 12-gauge steel. 6 inches wide by 17 inches tall

For large orders contact John Boardman, before the meeting at 407.957.5477 or jboard55@yahoo.com

Mark Your Calendar

April 24 & 25

Apopka Foliage Festival

Hours: 9 am to 5 pm
Kit Land Nelson Park
Between Park Ave. and Forest Ave.
Free Admission. Beautiful plants and art show!
Plant sitting is available while you browse the art show.

May 1 & 2

Bromeliad Society of South Florida Annual Bromeliad Show

Fairchild Tropical Garden
10901 Old Cutter Rd.
Coral Gables, FL
Sat. & Sun. 9:30 am – 4:30 pm
(305) 667-1651, www.fibg.org

May 7 - 9

Bromeliad Society of Central Florida Annual Mothers Day Show and Sale

Florida Mall

June 25 – 27

Sarasota Bromeliad Society 24th Annual Show

Selby Botanical Gardens
911 S. Palm, Sarasota, FL
Sale only on the 25th
Sale & Show on the 26th & 27th

August 10 -15, 2004

Sixteenth World Bromeliad Conference

Chicago, Illinois
<http://bsi.org/events/chicago2004.html>
Contact: Jack Reilly, Phone: 217.486.5874 or
E-mail: jar56@one-eleven.net.

Avoid Copper with Bromeliad Production

Bromeliads are sensitive to copper in any form, so avoid copper fungicides, copper wood preservatives or trace element mixes containing copper, said Thomas Blessington, professor at Central Maryland Research and Education Center, University of Maryland. However, the small amount of copper found in soluble fertilizer is acceptable, he said.

From, Greenhouse Management Pro, March 2004

Leu Gardens Plant Sale By Eloise Beach

The weather was perfect for the annual Leu Gardens Plant Sale held March 27-28. The BSCF sale this year was the most successful ever. After expenses, our club should net around \$1,400. Our Treasurer, Betsy McCrory, will have a report this month.

The new location for BSCF was spacious and very accessible for our customers. We have many repeat customers who look for us every year. Nine households from our club brought plants to sell and worked many hours: Grant & Magali Groves, Matilda Morabito, George Aldrich, John Boardman, Eloise Beach & Jim Pearce, Betsy McCrory, Butch & Quyles Force, Steven Wagner & Shawn Shamrock and Bob Stevens. There was an exciting variety of colorful and unusual bromeliads at reasonable prices for enjoying indoors and planting in the landscape, as well.

Special thanks to George Aldrich for providing two tents to block the sun. Many BSCF members came to work throughout the weekend. According to the work sign-up sheets: Phyllis Baumer, Brigitte Lowe, Julie Akyol, Kathy Phinney, Pam Flesher, Betty Salvas, Ed & Nancy Hall, Mary Ann Erikson, Joan Hibben, Allen Thorn, Sudi Hipsley, Melissa Taylor, Carmen Sayago & Carmen Blanco, Bob Steel, Lee Osborn, June Pulliam, John Hiatt and Mark Crowder. Many thanks to everyone who took the time to work in our booth and buy plants, too. It was a very successful event and a fun weekend.

Next year the Leu Gardens Plant Sale will be moving to March 5 & 6 rather than the end of the month.

Space Saving Tip

Sharply cutting back the leaves, (almost to the center of the plant), of plants being held for pup production, will save much space and greatly increase the amount of light the pups receive.

Share Your Garden

Orlandiana wants your garden story, and pictures if possible. Please email articles and pictures to the editor, TDWAMMER@cfl.rr.com.

Advertise in Orlandiana

Advertising space is now available in Orlandiana. The price for a business card advertisement is \$10.00 per month or \$100 for 12 months if paid in advance.

Florida Council Report April 10, 2004, Quarterly Meeting

Michael Andreas has finished scanning 1800 pictures from the Carol and Geoff Johnson slide and photograph collection. They will be posted on the Council web site soon. The webmaster now monitors Ebay each day for bromeliad auctions that are using pictures from the Council website without permission. The use of pictures from the Council's web site for commercial purposes is strictly prohibited and violators are reported to Ebay, which will remove the auction item.

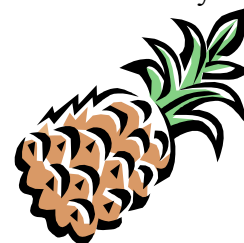
The Florida Council survey is now complete and the results indicate support for the Council's four main activities – the newsletter, the web site, the Extravaganza and the weevil project.

Bill Frazel announced that there will be another Judges School in May or June. Student judges may judge at shows (as student judges) after completing two of the five schools. Most student judges will meet this prerequisite before the World Conference in August.

Vicky Chirside needs clerks to assist the judges at World Conference show. Contact her for information at 941-493-5825 or vickychir@aol.com.

Welcome New Members

Gary & Sherry Luing
Gary Dellaquila
John R. Moxley



Bromeliad Basics By, Karen Andreas

In order to survive and thrive, bromeliads need just a few basics – air circulation, water and light.

Bromeliads are divided into two groups, the terrestrials and the epiphytes. Terrestrials such as the pineapple (*Ananas comosus*) and *Cryptanthus* must be grown in soil. However, most of the epiphytic, or air plant, bromeliads can be adapted to growing in soil or other potting media. The one exception is the grayish-leaf *Tillandsia* which does best when mounted and not planted.

Air circulation is one of the key elements for healthy bromeliads. They need to be in areas with good airflow and grown with some room around them. Bromeliads grown up against each other will not thrive and such compact growing conditions encourages scale. If you are growing indoors, keep your bromeliads away from heating and air conditioning vents. That kind of direct airflow will dry out your bromeliads too quickly.

On their leaves, bromeliads have specialized cells called trichomes, sometimes visible as “scurf” (white powdery dusting you see on leaves) but which often can be seen only under a microscope. It is through these cup shaped cells that water is absorbed into the bromeliad leaves. So when you water your bromeliad, make sure there is always water in the center of the plant, if its leaves form a cup shape, and be sure to let the water cascade over the leaves so your bromeliad gets a good drink.

Very few bromeliads can tolerate being grown in full shade; most will develop long and leggy leaves when grown in insufficient light. On the other hand, only a few can tolerate being grown in full sun. One key to determining your bromeliad’s light needs is the type of leaf it has. In general, the more leathery and tough the leaf, the more light it can take. Soft, paper-thin leaves indicate a lower light level is needed. In Florida, many can take morning sun but need some filter,

such as shade cloth or over story (leaves of a bush or tree), for the afternoon sun. Your *Aechmeas* and *Neoregelias* will reward you with good color in the morning sun. *Cryptanthus* can take some morning sun but do very well in filtered sunlight. *Guzmanias* and *Vrieseas* like bright filtered light.

When planting your bromeliad, make sure that the soil drains well and is not heavy or soggy. Bromeliads don’t like wet feet. Orchid bark, fern fiber, grape wood, driftwood, fern fiber slabs and cork work well as potting medium or mounting surfaces for most bromeliads. Remember to never use pressure treated wood or anything with copper in it when mounting or planting bromeliads and do not plant around areas where you bromeliads will be exposed to either material: these are toxic to bromeliads and will kill them.

Fertilizing is a matter of choice; some growers do and some don’t. Conventional wisdom suggests that you do not fertilize *Neoregelias* or *Billbergias* as this may cause them to grow long and leggy leaves, out of symmetry, and lose color. If you choose to fertilize your bromeliads, use a water-soluble fertilizer at one-quarter or less of its recommended strength. Spray on the bromeliad leaves and allow it to run into the water cup and remain for an hour or so. Then flush it out with fresh water. Do not fertilize during the heat of the day or in full sun as this may cause the leaves to burn. A time-release fertilizer in the soil works well for terrestrial bromeliads and may have some minimal benefit for the epiphytes whose roots generally are used to hold the plant in place and provide little nutrition.

Bromeliads generally are not affected by pests other than scale. Two kinds of scale are found on bromeliads. Black fly fleck scale appears as hard black dots on leaves.

White scale has a soft, cushiony appearance. Both can be treated by using Safer soap or some mild liquid soap such as Ivory. Small infestations also can be treated by using alcohol applied with Q-tips. White scale will eventually wear off; black scale does not, even when dead and so must be removed by hand.

How to do that will be discussed at this month's workshop. Fungus is rare in bromeliads and generally suggests poor cultivation conditions: either the bromeliads are being grown too closely to allow for adequate air circulation or conditions are too wet.

Remember that your best source of information can be found at the bromeliad society meetings. Talk to the members about their growing experience and let's learn from each other!

Florida Mall Show Update

By Betsy McCrory

Plans are coming together for this year's show. Everyone should be looking for and selecting their entries for the show. Remember there will be a best novice award for people who have never received a blue ribbon in a standard bromeliad show. Let's have the most entries ever this year. We still need a chairman for the Host/Hostess. This job lines up members to watch over the show area and answer questions during the show hours. If you can help please let me know.

We still need more sponsors for the awards. Please see Magali Groves or myself at the meeting. Your help will be appreciated.

We are not going to be in the same location as last year but we are in that section just the other hallway. Set up will be after 9:30pm Thursday May 6. Maps will be available at the meeting or my calling me.

If you have any questions please see me at the meeting or call after 6pm (407) 348-2139.



The BSCF Library

has a nice assortment of books that maybe borrowed by club members for one month at a time. If you borrowed a book, please don't forget to return it, at this month's meeting.

Ae. mariae-reginae

By Dr. Henry Nehrling

(1853-1929)

Aechmea mariae-reginae is the queen of the genus. In Costa Rica, its native home, it is known as the "Flor de Santa Maria" and is used there exclusively in decorating the churches. In Europe it created a sensation when first exhibited. It is described as one of the most beautiful bromeliaceous plants ever introduced; It is a robust growing plant, the leaves being 18 inches long, arranged in a vase-like way, and bright green. The flower-scape grows two feet high, and half of its length is covered with large boat-shaped bracts, some four inches long and of an intensely rich rosy pink. The flowers, which are tipped with blue, changing to salmon color with age, are arranged compactly upon the upper portion of the spike, and materially add to the beauty of this extremely grand plant. The bracts are very persistent, retaining their rich color in full perfection for several months. This species, rare yet in this country, is perfectly at home in Florida, growing more vigorously than any of our native Bromeliads. Planted on a rough-barked post, it soon takes hold and covers it almost completely in a few years. It is a fine plant for naturalizing in South Florida, as it is much more gorgeous than any Orchid known.



From, an article by Derek Butcher at <http://fcbs.org>

Grooming Plants for Show

By, Odean Head

Cleaning Plants

I use a water hose with a spray nozzle that will furnish a good solid stream without too much pressure to wash out dirt, tree leaves and other debris. After the first wash, look deep into the leaves for leaves and dirt that did not come out. Be careful about digging too much with your fingers because you may break or tear a leaf. It is best to use some long tweezers or a surgical hemostat to pull out the debris. You can loosen stubborn dirt inside the base of the outer leaves with a small artist brush. Rinse the plant again to remove loosened dirt and debris. Clean the surfaces of leaves individually. The cleaning intensity will vary from plant to plant depending on how delicate the leaf is and whether it has scurf or not. If it has scurf, be careful not to remove any of it because it will not regenerate and will be obvious to the judges. On most of my plants I will suds each leaf with ivory soap and a heavy artist brush. If the leaves are not too treacherous I will pull each leaf through my fingers to loosen the more stubborn dirt. This should also remove any dead scale that might be attached to the leaf. If the scale does not rub right off it may still be alive and the plant should be treated with Safer Soap. **Scale on show plants is a big NO.** Next I rinse the plant with clean water again using the spray nozzle.

Repotting

It is usually easier to repot than it is to clean the pot. This is also a good time to select a pot size that is in proper proportion to the plant. Also be aware of what constitutes a standard pot. A pretty pot will probably be classified as decorative and be placed in the Artistic, Decorative Container Division under a different set of judging rules (if you have pretty or unusual pots, you should consider entering this division).

Repot the plant at the proper depth. Quite often this means putting the plant into a slightly larger pot if the root ball is so big that the caudex which has been exposed from the removal of lower leaves cannot be covered in the new pot. If the plant has to go back into the same size pot, the root ball can be trimmed to allow the plant to sit at

the right level. Do not pot it too deep unless you have something to hide because the judges may assume you are hiding something and take off accordingly. Be sure to center the plant in the pot as near as possible (you may need a larger pot in order to this) and check to be sure it is upright. It is very important for the plant to be sitting straight. Set the plant down and look at its conformation both from the top and from the side. Straighten the plant if needed and firm the soil around it so that it will stay straight. Be sure the mix on top is neat. Some use a special top dressing, but I don't think it is necessary so long as it is neat.

Trimming Leaves

Leaf damage is a common cultural problem in growing bromeliads and you can bet money that the judges will see any that exists. They can usually see where you have trimmed. If you have done a good trimming job they may not take off any points at all unless too much was required. Before you start cutting, try to visualize what effect the cut will have on the plants appearance. If you have to cut a leaf tip back too far it could change the overall shape of the leaf as well as its conformation. Normally you should trim a leaf tip to its natural shape. But, how should you treat a fingernail tip? Analyze the damage and the effect of the trim before you act. You may want to only trim the brown, changing its shape rather than take off the color. You may decide not to trim it at all if it will do more harm than good. In those cases the judges can usually see your dilemma and be lenient if there is little else wrong with the plant. Some trimming of leaf edges close to the base can also be done where there are no spines but try to keep a smooth edge.

Final Evaluation for Show Entry

Look at the overall appearance of the plant. Does it appear healthy and well grown? Does its foliage have the good sheen or scurf appropriate for the plant? Are the colors rich and the markings clear? How about its symmetry, is it appropriate? Is the size close to maturity? Check leaf damage. Is it too severe? Does it need more grooming? Caution-Do not be over critical. You can expect to be short in one or more of these areas since there are few if any perfect plants.

This article is taken from The Bulletin of the Bromeliad Society/Houston Vol. 29No. 4 – April 1996

PLANT SALE RULES - FLORIDA MALL - 2004

1. The Plant Sale Chairmen are Ron & Carolyn Schoenau 352-372-6589 bsi@nersp.nerdc.ufl.edu
YOU MUST REGISTER BY APRIL 26, IF YOU WANT TO SELL BROMELIADS AT THIS EVENT.
Register with **Betsy McCrory 407-348-2139 Betsymccrory@aol.com**
Confirm your BSCF Membership/ID Number and approximate times you will be working at the sale.

SALE HOURS: Friday, May 7 10:00 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 8 10:00 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 9 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Plants will be accepted Thursday, May 6 from 10:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the Florida Mall.

2. Everyone who sells plants MUST:
 - A. Be a member in good standing of BSCF as of March 1, 2004
 - B. Abide by these Sale Rules
 - C. Place at least FIVE entries in the judged show
 - D. Work in the Sales Booth during sale hours: at least 4 HOURS (50 or fewer sale plants)
at least 8 HOURS (51 or more sale plants)(You do not have to work the entire time yourself, if you designate someone else to work for you.)

◆◆◆**ANYONE FAILING TO FULFILL REQUIREMENTS C & D
WILL FORFEIT AN ADDITIONAL 25% OF THEIR GROSS SALES**

3. Only Bromeliads may be sold by members. The bromeliads may be sold bare root, potted or mounted using decorative or non-decorative materials. Only the Society may sell books, mounting materials, pots & other items.
4. Table space is very limited and will be ASSIGNED based on the number of sellers. Any extra plants you bring should fit under your table. Use of floor space must be approved by the Sale Chairman and conform to Mall regulations. Please be courteous to others.
5. **25% of your gross sales will be deducted as a donation to BSCF.**
Florida sales tax will be collected from the customers.
6. **Plants must be priced in EVEN DOLLARS.** The minimum price shall be \$1.00. Plants should be priced & labeled BEFORE they are brought to the sale.
7. **Your BSCF Membership Number will be your seller ID number.**
8. All plants must be CLEARLY marked with two labels:
 - A. Label with PRICE and ID number on SAME side of label
 - B. Label with correct plant name (stays with plant)

Sellers are strongly urged to affix a small self-adhesive PRICE sticker to a prominent place on a leaf. Experience has shown that plants sell faster when the price is easily seen.

Top of label	Bottom
PRICE	ID
9. Plants must be clean & in good condition, free from insects or disease. Potted plants should be well rooted, and pots should be clean. You may also sell mounted or bare root plants, but labels must be secure. Bare roots with soil attached may be bagged for neatness. (Bring some empty pots or trays for displaying bare root plants.) Questionable plants will be removed from the sale by the Sale Chairman. If your plants are not already Florida State Inspected, they must be in the Sales Booth by 9 a.m. Friday morning for official inspection by the Florida Department of Agriculture.
10. **Members are encouraged to DONATE plants in good condition for the sale.**
Label them as described above and simply write "BSCF" instead of an ID number.
11. Plants not picked up by the close of show on Sunday will be considered a donation to BSCF. Reasonable care will be taken, but the Bromeliad Society of Central Florida, Inc. cannot assume responsibility for any loss or damage to your plants.

The Bromeliad Society of Central Florida, Inc. was formed in 1972 to encourage the exchange of information concerning the culture, identification and hybridization of the plant family *Bromeliaceae*; to promote & maintain public interest in bromeliads and to assist in the preservation of all bromeliads for future generations.

Meetings are held the 4th Monday of every month from 7-9 PM at Harry P. Leu Gardens, 1920 N. Forest Avenue in Orlando. For directions: 407.246.2620 or www.leugardens.org. You'll enjoy informative programs, Show & Tell, plant sales, refreshments & door prizes. Members also receive a monthly newsletter — all for only \$10 per member, plus \$2 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.

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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April 2004

Next Meeting: Monday, April 26

Time: 6:30 pm Refreshments

7:00 pm Meeting begins

Speakers: Karen Andreas & Pam Flesher

Program: Preparing plants for the upcoming show

Show & Tell: All members

Refreshments: T - B

Raffle Plants: All members

