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Next meeting: Wednesday, May 15, 2019

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

6:30 –7:00 is pre-meeting time for purchasing plants from the Member Market.

Meeting officially begins at 7:00 pm

Member Market in May!

Please also 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. plus tax per night.

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

The President's Message

A marvelous May to all. Nice to see we are starting to get some very needed May showers. Let it rain, let it rain.

We just concluded another fantastic Mother's Day Show and Sale at the Fashion Square mall. I thought it might not be as large a success as last year as we were missing Eloise & Jim, Grant & Kelli, and John as sellers. Well I think wrong (yeah, I am using made up words). Evan, Marty, Lisa, and Marilyn brought in some beautiful plants and kicked some posterior. Marty broke a personal record as to the number of sale plants he brought to sell. We were close to last year's sales, if not better. A great job and thanks to our plant sale chair, Evan. I added six beautiful broms to my collection.

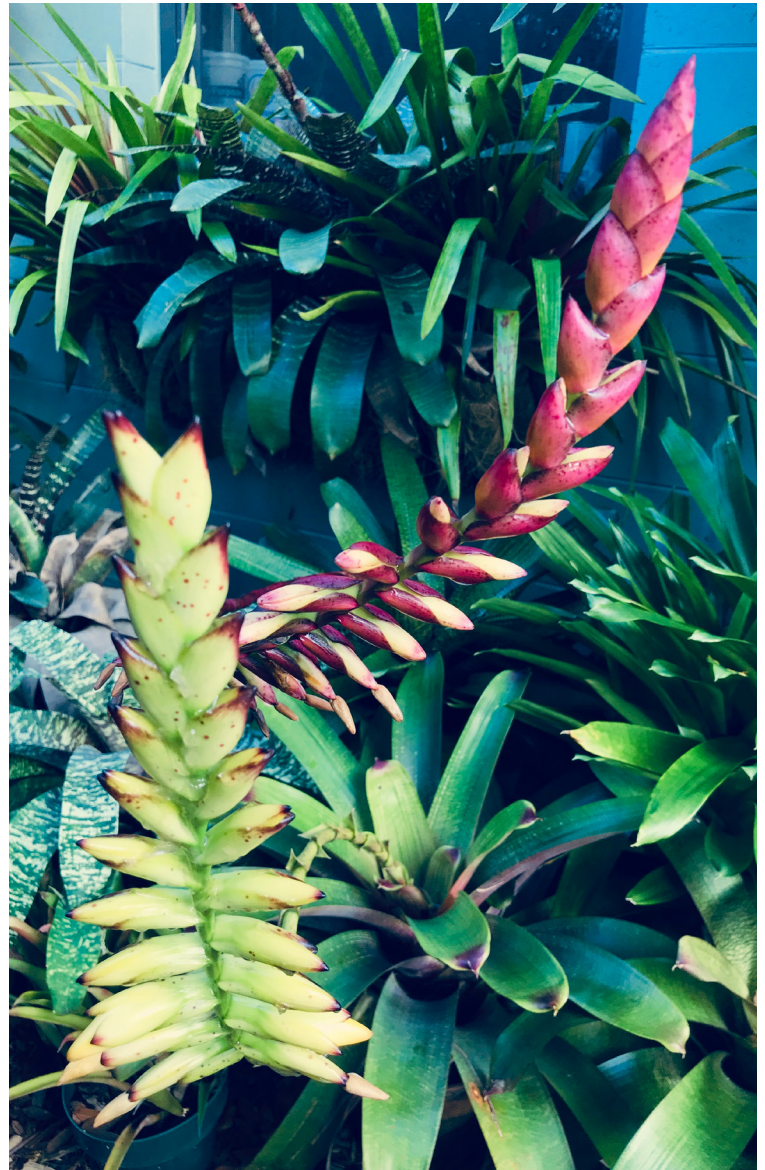
Besides a great Sale, we also had a fabulous Show. Kudos to John for getting three knowledgeable Judges and fantastic awards for the various winners. Thanks to Steven and Pam for serving as clerks during the judging of the beautiful entries. There were many blue ribbons and award of merit blue ribbons awarded. Congrats to Marilyn, Lisa, John, Marty, and Bob for all of their award winners. John won the Sweepstakes, In Memory of Geoff Johnson Award for the most blue ribbons. And Marty won the Best of Show – Horticulture, The Mulford B. Foster Award for xVriecantarea 'Seeger'. What a magnificent bromeliad. It barely fit in his van. And Bob won the Best of Show – Artistic, The Morris Henry Hobbs Award for his Orthophytum Bonsai. It was spectacular. Look for the pics to both of the Best of Show winners coming soon to an Orlandiana near you.

Marilyn did a great job as our Co-Chair and Hospitality Chair. She served a delicious breakfast for our Judges.

And last, but certainly not least, much appreciation goes to the 44th Annual Bromeliad Show & Sale Chair, Betsy, for another outstanding event.

Now it's time to look to the Extravaganza in four months. We will need everyone's help to make this an outstanding BSCF event.

mike



A Closer Look!

Last month Leanne Burton shared her Tillandsias mounted on bamboo. This month we're taking a closer look at the same area of her front garden bed, at a Tillandsia while blooming and a beautiful Vriesea inflorescence.

Tillandsia foliosa



Vriesea warmingii x Vriesea fosteriana (right)

Leanne got this plant from society member Mike McMahon about two years ago. She planted it in the ground, then later learned from him that Vreiseas don't always root well in our soil. She did have a couple of Vreiseas that didn't seem to be doing well and she put those back into pots. However this one seems very happy in this spot!

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Bromeliad Society of Central Florida — April 17, 2019

The April meeting featured speaker John Boardman who gave a presentation on how to get plants ready for judging at a bromeliad show. He discussed key elements that judges are looking for, the different show divisions/categories, and gave a hands-on cleaning and grooming demonstration. Pam Marion assisted to help handle all the bits and make sure that everyone could see the examples, adding some extra helpful tips. Wonderful!

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

Vice President's Report:

- In May we will have a "Mother's Day Crash Party" with pizza supplied by the Society. There will be a member market.
- Come to the Mother's Day Show - there will be lots of beautiful plants.

Secretaries Report: New Member: Rebekka Allen from St. Augustine. Welcome!

Treasurer's Report: Betsy gave the financial report for March 2019 and it will be filed for audit.

President's Report:

- Thanks to John and Pam!
- The March 2019 meeting minutes to be approved at the May meeting.
- Please send Carole Wolf photos and stories for the FCBS Newsletter
- **Mothers Day Show and Sale:**
 - Location – same as last year, by the Planet Fitness entrance.
 - Set up is Thursday evening (the 9th) from about 8:45–11:30, please come and help.
 - Reviewed the rules of the sale and acknowledged Evan as the Chairperson of the plant sales. Let Evan know if you want to sell plants.
 - We're hoping to use the community conference rooms for the judges breakfast.
 - Lisa Robinette is bringing her black rack grids for hanging diplays. She will store them in the community room if she brings them early.
 - Take plant tags in case you decide that you want to participate in the show.
 - Donate for awards if you can or you can sponsor an award in someone's name.
- The first BSI Judges School session will happen the Saturday, May 4th in Fort Myers. Mike Saunders and Leanne Burton will be attending. If interested, please let Mike know.
- The BSCF 2018 Audit Report has been sent in by the Audit Committee: Sudi Hipsley and Katherine Vaccaro.
- We will cover Extravaganza information at the May meeting. Mike went over the list of events for the Extravaganza.
- Our next monthly meeting is Wednesday, May 15th.

Old or Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Show & Tell: Pam Marion brought in a Tillandsia bartramii and an Aechmea lueddemanniana with a beautiful inflorescence. Mike McMahon brought in another great Vrisea, 'Eagle's Beak'.

Door Prizes and Raffle tickets were drawn.

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

BSCF Extravaganza Committee Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2019 – Marriott SpringHill and TownePlace Suites

Attended by Mike Saunders, Betsy McCrory, Karen Steinberg, Katherine Vaccaro, Georgia Orser, & Bob Smedley

The Meeting was called to order at 9 am by President Mike Saunders

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

- We tried out the breakfast buffet and reviewed plans with our Marriott contact.
- Karen to make an Excel sheet listing all Extravaganza committee chairs and their responsibilities/basic process/members of their committies. She will route for additions/corrections.
- Karen to route the Extravaganza sales rules and vendor registration forms that Betsy drafted for revisions.
- Katherine to draft a welcome email to send out to registered people to acknowledge their registration and route for input/revisions.
- Karen will now be the chairperson for speakers. Group discussion about possible speakers and speakers that are already lined up.
- Lisa to be the gift basket raffle chairperson.
- Steven to do the table arrangements for the Saturday banquet.
- We looked at areas for the registration "station" in the lobby and discussed having bromeliad arrangements at the entrance.

Our next meeting will be:

Thursday May 23rd at Karen Steinberg's house. 6:30 or 7:00.

Invite all chairpeople and anyone who wants to get involved.

(so far: Lisa, Steven, Bob, Katherine, Georgia, Mike, Betsy)

The meeting concluded at 12:30 pm Minutes respectfully submitted by Karen Steinberg.

Upcoming Events

June 28–29, 2019

Tropiflora's Summer Sale
Tropiflora: 3630 Tallevast Rd, Sarasota, FL 34243
Friday and Saturday: 8 am – 5 pm
tropiflora.com/pages/events



September 20–22, 2019

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

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/

Our Meeting Next Month: June 19th, 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.

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