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Next meeting – Wednesday, June 21, 2017

Where – Leu Gardens

1920 N. Forest Ave. Orlando, FL 32803

6:30 – 7:00 is for purchasing plants from the speaker

Meeting begins at 7:00 pm

## No Member Market

Please bring snack, raffle and show and tell plants, to the meeting.

## This Month's Speaker

Carole Richtmyer will be the speaker at the Bromeliad Society of Central Florida June 21, 2017.

Carole is the Secretary of the Cryptanthus Society. She will be speaking on Cryptanthus. She will be bringing plants to sell.

There will be NO MEMBER MARKET but please bring plants for the door prize table and the raffle table.

See you at Leu Gardens June 21 between 6:30 and 7:00.

## About Carole Richtmyer

Carole first became interested in bromeliads after moving to Houston, Texas, many years ago and she and her husband, Rick, joined the local society there in 1981. Although they moved to Dallas in 1982, their interest (and collection) continued to grow, and they became active members of the Greater Dallas-Ft. Worth Bromeliad Society. It was during their years in Dallas that Rick and Carole became BSI certified bromeliad judges and Carole's interest in Cryptanthus was first born.

Upon moving back to Houston in 1996, they again became active members of BS/Houston. Carole was the Houston newsletter editor for many years, having just retired from that position in 2017. In past years she also served as Bromeliad Society/Houston President, Vice President and Director as well as Recording Secretary of the BSI. She is a BSI Accredited Master Judge and Instructor.

Her interest in Cryptanthus has encouraged her to create many new hybrids in the genus. It also led to her to serve as Secretary of the Cryptanthus Society; she was made an Honorary Trustee of that organization in recognition of her years of service. Carole has given programs across Texas and in Louisiana, Illinois, and Florida about Cryptanthus and bromeliads she has seen in her travels.

## The President's Message

Happy June to all. We have just recently concluded our 42nd Annual Mother's Day Show and Sale at Fashion Square Mall. It was a fantastic success. I hope you were able to stop by and pick up a few beautiful additions for your collection or garden. I know I added a dozen and half to my menagerie of wonderful plants.

I would like to extend a huge thank-you to our Show Chair Betsy McCrory for a fantastic job. John Boardman did an excellent job as the Chair for both the awards and the judges. We missed you Dean.

So many exquisite plants were submitted for our show. In addition to Betsy and John, I would like to thank all those involved in making the show a great success: Lisa Robinette as co-chair; Grant Groves for classification; Karen Steinberg for entries and publicity/marketing; Marilyn Howser for a great breakfast and lunch for the Judges and vendors; Georgia Orser for chairing the plant sale; Evan McCrory for show placement; Marty Folk for show photos; and Steven Wagner-Young for the show clerk. And we couldn't do the sale without our vendors: Georgia Orser and Evan McCrory; Grant and Kelli Groves; Eloise Beach & Jim Pierce; Marty Folk; Lisa Robinette and John Boardman

Just a great event and great weekend. Thanks to all those that helped out with set up, the show and the sale.

We have two sales down, and two more to go. We will have a booth at the Central Florida Orchid Show and Sale next month on June 10 & 11, 9 am- 5pm, National Guard Armory, 2809 S. Ferncreek Ave, Orlando, FL 32806. And our last sale will be Saturday, November 5 at the GROWvember, Mead Botanical Gardens.

This will be the last issue of the Orlandiana by our editor, Steven Wagner-Young who is retiring. Thanks Steven for your years in putting out our Society's exciting and informative newsletter, Orlandiana.

Hope to see you at the meeting Wednesday. Bring plants to sell or trade or donate for the raffle or auction.

Thanks again for all of your support.

Mike

## The Bromeliad Society of Central Florida would like to thank the following Award Sponsors:

**Bay Lake Bromeliads-John Boardman-Saint Cloud**  
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**Marilyn Howser-Orlando**  
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**Steven Wagner-Orlando**

**Special Thank You To: Orlando Fashion Square Mall**

**Bromeliad Society of Central Florida 42nd Annual  
Mother's Day Show & Sale May 12-14, 2017  
Award Winners**

**BEST OF SHOW-Horticulture**

Entry- *Billbergia 'Domingos Martins' x bucholtzii*  
Exhibitor-Grant Groves

**BEST OF SHOW-Artistic**

Entry-*Tillandsia gardneri*  
Exhibitor-Eloise Beach

**Sweepstakes-In Memory of Geoff Johnson**

Exhibitor-John Boardman  
Ribbons

**Division I- Individual Specimen**

Entry-*Hohenbergia 'Karla'*

Exhibitor-

**Division II-Multiples**

Entry-*Billbergia 'Domingo Martins' x 'Afterglow'*  
Exhibitor-Lisa Robinette

**Division III- Horticultural Display**

Entry-*Tillandsia duratii* (giant Argentina)  
Exhibitor-Eloise Beach

**BEST OF SECTION AWARDS:**

**Division 1A-Foliage Plants**

Entry-*Vriesea fosteriana x 'John Hirota'*  
Exhibitor-Grant Groves

**Division 1B-Blooming Plants**

Entry-*Catopsis subulata* (male)  
Exhibitor-Jim Pearce

**Division IIA-Foliage Plants**

Entry-*Neoregelia 'Zoe'*  
Exhibitor-Lisa Robinette

**Division IIB-Blooming Plants**

Entry-*Aechmea martensii*  
Exhibitor-John Boardman

**DIVISION IIIA-Single Plant**

Entry-*Tillandsia flexuosa* (Columbia)  
Exhibitor-Eloise Beach

**DIVISION IIIB-Multiple Plants**

Entry- *Tillandsia funckiana*  
Exhibitor-Jim Pearce

**DIVISION IVA-Decorative Containers**

Entry-

Exhibitor-

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**DIVISION IVB-Artistic Arrangement**

Entry - Exhibitor-Jim Pearce

**Bromeliad Society of Central Florida  
42nd Annual Mother's Day Show & Sale**

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May 12-14, 2017

## SPECIAL AWARDS

### ***Award of Cultural Excellence***

Entry-**Aechmea martensii**  
Exhibitor-John Boardman

### ***Best Cut Inflorescence***

Entry-**Bromelia balansae**  
Exhibitor-Lisa Robinette

### ***Best Mounted Tillandsia-In Memory of Dorothy McNulty***

Entry-**Tillandsia flexuosa (Columbia)**  
Exhibitor-Eloise Beach

### ***Best Neoregelia-In Memory of Audrey McCrory***

Entry-**Neoregelia cararodan 'Rainbow'**  
Exhibitor-John Boardman

### ***Best Species-In Memory of Wally Berg***

Entry-**Catopsis subulata (male)**  
Exhibitor-Eloise Beach

### ***Best Variegated Entry-Chester Skotak Award***

Entry-**Hohenbergia 'Karla'**  
Exhibitor-Jim Pearce

### ***Best Vriesea-In Memory of Dean Fairchild***

Entry-**Vriesea fosteriana x 'John Hirota'**  
Exhibitor-Grant Groves

### ***Best Cryptanthus Species***

Entry-**Cryptanthus warasii**  
Exhibitor-Jim Pearce

### ***Best Cryptanthus Hybrid***

Entry-**Cryptanthus 'Thriller'**  
Exhibitor-Lisa Robinette

### ***Best Novice Entry***

Entry-  
Exhibitor-

### ***Best Novice Sweepstakes***

Entry-  
Exhibitor-

## **2017 Mother's Day Show Report**

The 2017 Mother's Day Show & Sale is now in the record books. Compared to previous shows this one was one of the smallest but one that had excellent quality of plants. Only 61 plants were entered in the show with 36 getting awards

of merit, 16 blue ribbons and only 9 with red ribbons. We had 7 exhibitors. Sales were also down just a little bit. We had 6 sellers.

I would like to thank everyone who showed up on Thursday night to set up. We had a good bunch of helpers and were able to get the show put together in record time. I would also like to thank all of the chairs for the show who were gracious enough to say yes they would help. They were Lisa Robinette-Co Chair; John Boardman-both awards chair & judge's chair; Grant Groves-Classification; Clerks-Steven Wagner; Entries-Karen Steinberg; Placement-Evan McCrory; Photographer-Marty Folk; Plant Sales Georgia Orser; and all members who helped with publicity and security along with host & hostess in the show area. Mike Saunders, our president was at the show most of the time to help out. Thanks, Mike. Marilyn Howser, our vice-president did a great job with feeding the judges both breakfast & lunch and helping out wherever she was needed. We have a great bunch of great people.

Let's see if we can make next year's show even better.

Betsy McCrory  
Show Chair



**Best Artistic**



**Best Horticultural**





Thank you  
Marty Folk for  
the pictures



Thank You to Karen Steinberg for the following photos of the show set-up





**Upcoming Events:**

**August 4–6, 2017**

Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies' Extravaganza: Bromeliads by the Bay hosted by the Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay and the FCBS <http://www.fcbs.org/>  
<http://www.fcbs.org/2017-Extrava-Flyer-Clarion.pdf>

**November 3–4, 2017**

Mead Gardens GROWvember Fall Plant Sale  
Mead Botanical Gardens  
1500 S. Denning Dr., Winter Park, FL 32789  
BSCF will have a booth at the event for Plant sales.

**May 29–June 3, 2018**

BSI World Conference in San Diego, California

## **Bromeliad Society of Central Florida**

**Board Meeting held at Keke's, 10:00 am • May 27, 2017**

**In attendance: Mike Saunders, Marilyn Howser, Betsy McCrory, Karen Steinberg**

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

We had a breakfast Board meeting at Keke's restaurant to discuss some pressing matters concerning the Orchid Society sale, and some additional topics. The meeting was called to order by President Mike Saunders.

### **Items of discussion:**

#### **Central Florida Orchid Society *Out of This World Orchids Show and Sale***

We will have (3) 8 foot tables for the sale area, with the cash register in the middle on a card table. Georgia Orser is the chair for plant sales. There will be a small display area for bromeliads, it will be good to have many types represented – label them! Betsy will give the handout sheets and cash register to Marilyn, she will be on vacation at the time of the show/sale. Mike offered to send out an email to members letting them know that if they want to sell at the show they will need to contact Georgia. We are all interested to see how this show/sale goes – it seems like a good idea as many of our members and bromeliad enthusiasts also love orchids.

#### **Dean Fairchild Remembrance**

We discussed an award in honor of Dean Fairchild for the May 2018 World Conference. We will find out possibilities/talk with the BSI about the possibilities.

#### **Mother's Day Show and Sale**

The quality of the plants at the Show was high. Betsy thinks that we did pretty well financially, she is not quite done yet with the tally. She is pulling together the list of award winners to give to Steven for the newsletter.

#### **Newsletter**

We discussed the content of the BSCF newsletter and that a new member has offered to help it. Content is usually pulled from Florida Council or BSI newsletters, sometimes other Society publications. Karen will contact Eileen Bauman about the newsletter, we are super happy that someone expressed an interest!

#### **Member Markets**

We had a discussion concerning the sale of plants that are not bromeliads at our Society monthly meeting member markets. Member markets are held at our monthly meetings when we either do not have a guest speaker or have a guest speaker who is not selling plants. Mike reviewed the BSCF by-laws (ah, so nice having an attorney as our President!) and has determined that at member markets a Society member can indeed bring non-bromeliad plants to sell.

The following are guidelines for member market sales:

#### **Member Market Guidelines**

No more than a total of 15 plants/materials/supplies per member

Within the total of 15 plants, no more than 5 should be non-bromeliad plants.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Steinberg



The next World Bromeliad Conference will be held in San Diego, California. It will be held May 29 - June 3, 2018. Now is a great time to join the Bromeliad Society International as we are offering 25 discount to new memberships! [www.bsi.org](http://www.bsi.org)



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Meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month from 7-9 PM at Leu Gardens, 1920 N. Forest Ave, Orlando, FL 32803. You'll enjoy informative programs, Show & Tell, plant sales, refreshments & door prizes. Members also receive a monthly newsletter — all for only \$15 per member, plus \$5 per additional family member (no charge for full-time students). Visitors are always welcome.

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