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Next meeting: Wednesday, June 20, 2018

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 June!

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 Neo 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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The President's Message

A jubilant June to all. Hard to believe that the first day of summer isn't until the day after our June meeting. June is the usual hot and humid Florida weather. Ok, as well as July, August, September and sometimes October. With all the rain we have been having, everything is growing great.

Fantastic news. We have had two great sales within a three week period.

The first was our annual Mother's Day Show and Sale held at Fashion Square Mall. The plants in the show were beautiful. Thanks to John Boardman for lining up the Judges and running a superb show. Thanks to the team he put together and all their help. Would have been nice to have bought all the show plants. And a big thanks to Marilyn for the great breakfast and lunch she put on for our judges.

Thanks to our sellers that made it one of our best Mother's Day shows. We had to keep bringing in more plants on Friday afternoon, Saturday and Sunday. Huge success. Our sellers were Georgia and Evan, Grant and Kelli, Eloise and Jim, Lisa and John. And a final thanks to our show chair Betsy and our co-chair Marilyn for putting on a marvelous show and sale. Our Society really benefited from your dedication and hard work.

I understand that our booth did great at the Orchid Society sale the first weekend in June. We surpassed last year and made a little money for our Society. Thanks to Georgia and Mike Mc. for selling plants and helping to make the event a success. And hats off to Karen and Marilyn for getting things going and keeping it moving. And a thanks to all our members who helped out with set up and the sales. We certainly had a great bromeliad presence at the Orchid Society's show and sale. Sorry I missed it.

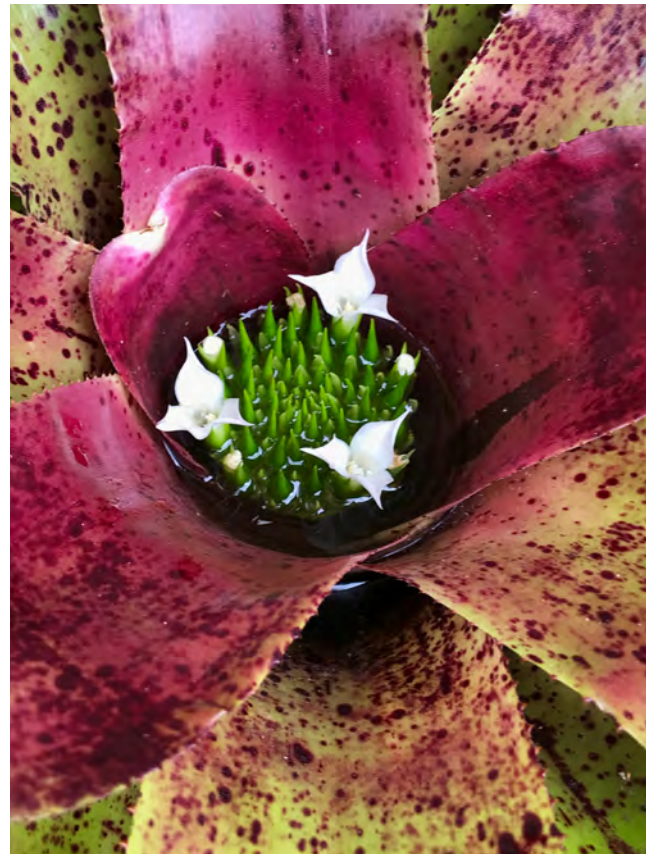
The World Bromeliad Conference in San Diego was a fantastic time. Weather in the early part of the week lived up to the locals term, May Gray. And the temperature was very cool and comfortable. Lisa, Marty, Greg K and I certainly saw some gorgeous specimens of bromeliads. And yes, I did feed my addiction and brought 7 beautiful plants back in my suitcase.

Hope to see everyone at our June meeting to hear John Boardman speak on Neos. As far as our June business meeting, I am withdrawing my motion to delete our term limits on President and VP in the bylaws. So should be a nice quick meeting.

A reminder to all of those that have not paid your dues. Please do so ASAP this month. In July we will be pruning our email list and removing those that haven't paid their 2018 dues. It's only \$15. You get our monthly newsletter, the Orlandiana, and free food at some meetings. And usually a free brom for those in attendance at our Christmas holiday gathering. Please fill out the attached form and either bring it to the June meeting or mail it in to our post office box.

Keep your bromeliads growing,

mike



Neoregelia 'Purple Star' x 'Blueberry Tart'

This month's speaker is John Boardman!

Our program this month will be on Neoregelias presented by BSCF member, John Boardman, a.k.a. Johnaneo.

John started collecting bromeliads in 1990 after winning several bromeliads on a public television auction. He joined the bromeliad society that same year and became active in showing bromeliads.

At the 2002 World Bromeliad Conference in Saint Petersburg, he won Best Neoregelia with a mounted multiple of Neoregelia 'Ronald'. Years later he became an accredited Bromeliad Society International Master Judge.

John's favorite genus is Neoregelia for the amazing colors and patterns on the foliage. He grows bromeliads in Saint Cloud under a 35' x 30' greenhouse, also growing many different genera, but his favorite is growing variegated Neoregelias.



Our Mother's Day Show and Sale wind down.

We had a pizza and wings "wind down" at our last month's meeting as it fell directly after our very successful Mother's Day Show and Sale. There were a lot of great plants on the member market table; the raffle and door prize tables were loaded down. Katherine and Robin shared their first time show & sale experiences with everyone and all members had some time to chat and talk plants.

Penny brought a beautiful blooming specimen for show & tell, as did our guest Aaron Brigham. Sorry Penny but I forgot to write down what your plant was...I was just so sad that it wasn't going on the raffle table for me to win! Aaron brought a lovely Quesnelia marmorata 'Tim Plowman' that he had actually purchased last year at our Mother's Day event.

Eloise gave us some very interesting cultural information about why plants sometimes have uneven variegation or sometimes have offsets that lack enough pigmentation to thrive or even survive. She explained the process hybridizers have to go through to achieve a stable plant and the effort that it takes. Amazing, all the time and effort spent and the plants can still be purchased at reasonable rates. I believe it must be a labor of love.

Congratulations everyone on a successful 2018 Show and Sale!

Information on the awarded plants and event photos coming soon.



Some shots from our May wind down meeting!

Once again, our raffle and door prize tables saw lots of action...decisions, decisions!



Thanks again to Marilyn for organizing all the food and festivities...and we got to use those fun straws again!

Many thanks to all that contributed to a wonderful 2018 BSCF Mother's Day Show and Sale!

June Orchid Show and Sale weekend.

We had a sales table and also an educational/display table at the Central Florida Orchid Society 62nd Annual Show and Sale, "An Orchid Garden Party!" on June 2nd and 3rd, so it was a weekend of beautiful plants again! Although our display wasn't next to our sales table we were able to view orchid displays for 2 days, which is never a bad thing. Georgia, Mike, Katherine, and Will were so slammed in the sales area that they probably were only seeing plants whizzing by.

Many people were newly interested in Bromeliads and others already grow them in the same areas where they grow their orchids. Marilyn, Chad, and I manned the display table and spent a few days discussing bromeliads with folks. For the second year in a row we had people wanting to purchase the display plants!



The curly leaved beauty shown above was a big hit at the sale... I almost sold Marilyn's plant right off the display table!

Can you guess what it is?



A display of miniatures on one end of the area had a very popular little ornamental pineapple. We could have sold a bunch of them...start growing them for future plant sales! Large impressive Vrieseas flanked the display table.



Thanks for all the hard work everyone, both tables looked vibrant and wonderful!

Hard to tell from this photo but the plant in the lower right was a huge Neoregelia fireball...which was sold to another vendor.

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Bromeliad Society of Central Florida — May 16, 2018

The meeting was a “wind down” from our Mother’s Day Show and Sale, we had pizza, wings and other goodies for a nice relaxing time.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm by President Mike Saunders

Mike thanked Marilyn for the wonderful pineapple inspired get together!

April 2018 meeting minutes were approved.

Welcome! Guests: Aaron & Keri Brigham, April & Larry Morrissette

Treasurer’s Report will be next month

Vice President’s Report:

Marilyn discussed the Mother’s Day Show and Sale; Katherine, Robin, John and others shared their experiences. John presented a gift to Marilyn for doing such a wonderful job with the judges and organizing the Show & Sale.

Marilyn gave us the run down on the upcoming events and also some updates:

- Eloise is in the current BSI Journal!
- June 2 & 3 – Orchid show/sale at Armory.
- July 18th Dave Johnston is presenting “100 plants on a card table”. He’ll have mini plants for sale.
- August 15th Ray from Tropiflora is doing his “P” presentation on Portea, Pitcairnia, Puya, etc.
- Our June speaker is John Boardman, he’ll be discussing Neoregelia. He will bring plants to sell.

Announcements:

- Thanked John for the field trip and luncheon
- Thanked Mother’s Day sellers, judges, clerks, all other volunteers
- Send Carole Wolfe articles and photos for the FCBS newsletter
- June Orchid Society Show & Sale
- Judges School – sign up now!
- BSI World Conference – may be too late to register but check!

Old or Unfinished Business:

- Webmaster needed – if interested please let one of the officers know!
- Newsletter Editor needed – if interested please let one of the officers know!
- Bylaw motion to not limit the Society offices of President and Vice President to two years – information needs to go out to all members 7 days before meeting. Vote was moved to the June meeting and information will be sent out by Mike.

Show & Tell: Thanks everyone for bringing in your beautiful plants!

Door Prizes and Raffle tickets were drawn.

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

Board Meeting Minutes

Bromeliad Society of Central Florida — June 16, 2018

The meeting was held at Kekes restaurant and started at 10:15 am.

- 2019 FCBS Extravaganza was discussed: our Society typically hosts the Extravaganza in turn after Tampa and they hosted the 2017 event. It was decided that we would wait and see what the Council decides at the meeting on June 23rd.
- The motion on term limits was discussed, Mike has decided to withdraw his motion
- We discussed the FCBS intellectual property issue concerning photos on their website and the upcoming FCBS meeting.
- Discussed how to involve more members in events and volunteering.
- Discussed the idea of one meeting a year having a meeting where we review and discuss our Society's goals with members and discuss standing committees, form new committees, etc.

The meeting concluded at 12:00 pm. Minutes respectfully submitted by Karen Steinberg.



Surprise! A free pup goes to the members who can identify this species of snake!

Upcoming Events

June 23, 2018

Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies meeting
hosted by Sarasota Bromeliad Society



November 2–3, 2018

Mead Botanical Garden GROWvember Fall Plant Sale
1300 S. Denning Avenue, Winter Park, FL 32789

Our Meeting Next Month: Wednesday, July 18th, 2018

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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