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Next meeting: Wednesday, June 19, 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 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 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 fantastic June to all. We are only three months until the 2019 Extravaganza. We will be talking about it at our June meeting. We need everyone to help publicize the event. Please contact any other organizations you might belong to and let your family and friends know about the huge plant sale on that Saturday, from 9 am – 4 pm. It is free admission and free parking. Details can be found at www.bromeliadX.com. And don't forget to post the event on your Facebook page. Thanks for helping out.

If anyone has any pineapple items, bromeliad items, or other items that you would like to contribute to the raffle baskets we will be creating for fundraising at the 2019 Extravaganza, please bring them to the meeting. Leanne has volunteered to store all the items until we have a "basket making" meeting. So donations are greatly appreciated.

Look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting.

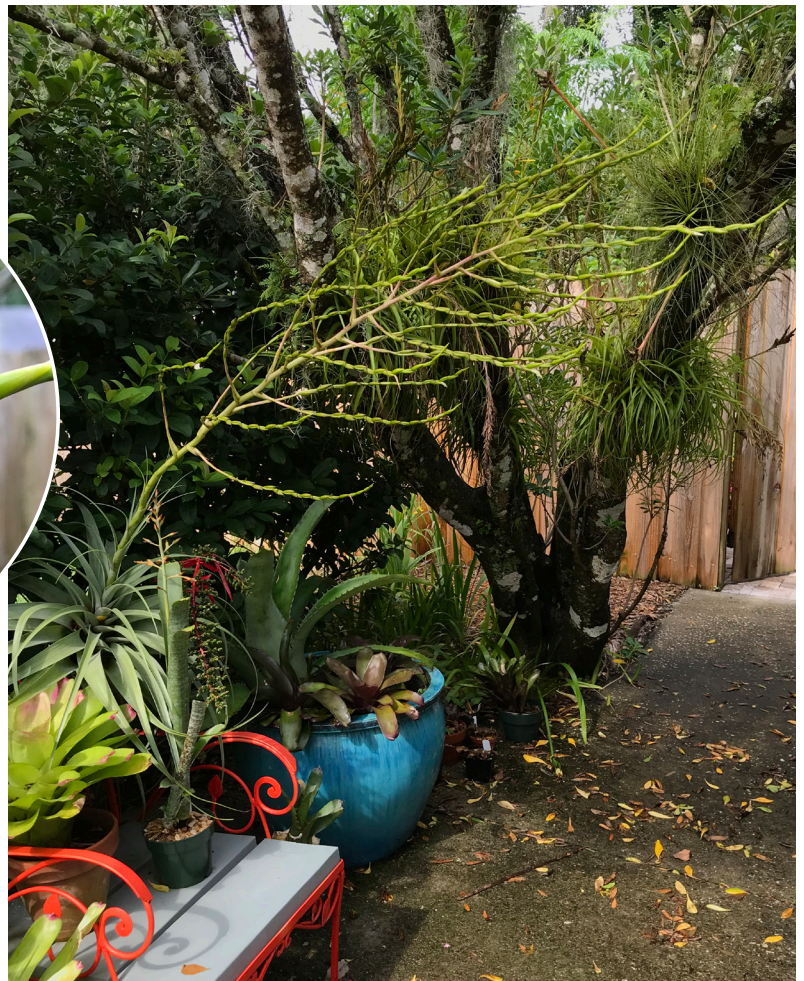
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A lovely *Neoregelia johannis* from Leanne Burton's garden!



Here is an update on the growth of my *Tillandsia utriculata* inflorescence, first shown in the February Orlandiana.



This month's speaker is Marty Folk!

Here's a little background on Marty:

My father shared a bromeliad with me 28 years ago and thus began my long-time hobby of growing these wonderful plants. I also grow other tropical plants such as orchids, gingers, and heliconias, but bromeliads are my favorite, mainly because they thrive on neglect! I am active in the Bromeliad Society of Central Florida (Orlando) and the Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society (Sanford). I'm also a member of the Bromeliad Society International and a previous board member.

Since retiring from a career in wildlife biology several years ago, I volunteer at a nearby non-profit called Give Kids the World Village, where kids with life-threatening illnesses (and their families) come from all 50 states and 75 other countries for a week-long dream vacation near the theme parks. When not at the Village, I am often working with plants. But the bottom line is that I am crazy about bromeliads and enjoy visiting with people about them!

About the talk:

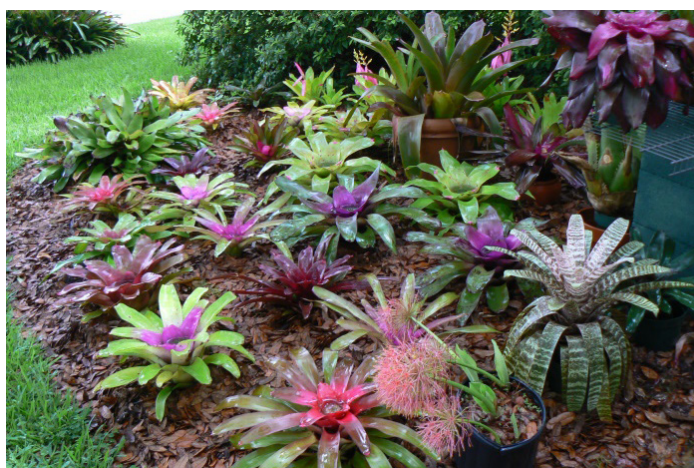
In "Bromeliads in the Landscape" I use images from a large collection of personal photos to showcase how bromeliads can be used in the landscape. Topics covered include:

- Why use bromeliads in the landscape?
- Where to use bromeliads in the landscape.
- How to install bromeliads, with options for design.
- Examples in residential and commercial applications.
- Plus a few secrets based on years of trial and error!

Wow! Last year Marty shared some photos from a Give Kids the World Village event where he dressed as Spiderman and repelled down a building!! I'm sharing a couple here so that our new members can see how far (or in this case, high!) Marty will go for something he believes in!!



Marty in full gear, repelling, and his view on the way down.



Some photos from our 2019 Mother's Day Show and Sale!



Thanks to everyone involved with the Show and Sale!
Another great success for our Society . . . and some really beautiful plants!



Monthly Meeting Minutes

Bromeliad Society of Central Florida — May 15, 2019

The May meeting was a “wind down” after the Mother’s Day Show and Sale, complete with pizza!

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

Vice President’s Report:

- In June we will have Marty Folk speaking on Bromeliads in the Landscape.
- In July Dave Johnston will be speaking on new species and hybrids.

Secretaries Report: New Members: Telka diFate and John Vecchitto. Welcome!

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

President’s Report:

- Thanks to all who participated in the Mother’s Day Show and Sale! We did really well, thanks again to all who sold plants and entered plants in the show. Mike reviewed some of the top award winners, thanks again to all that helped with the event.
- The March and April 2019 meeting minutes were approved.
- Remember that if you are registered for the Extravaganza you get to go to the plant sale Friday night before the public.
- Please send Carole Wolf photos and stories for the FCBS Newsletter
- Pay your dues if you haven’t already!
- June 19th is the next meeting

Extravaganza:

- Mike explained/reviewed the plant sale and rare plant auction.
- Georgia is the Sales chairperson, it is an 80% society/20% vendor split.
- Raffle baskets – Mike Micalski donated a few baskets to use, Karen Steinberg will keep the baskets until we can have a “basket building” meeting. We need someone to chair/be in charge of the gift baskets.
- We need a PR/Media chairperson, Karen S. can come to a start up meeting to help out once there is a chair.
- Bus Tours – Bob Smedley is chairperson.
- Speakers – Karen Steinberg is chairperson.
- Registration – Katherine Vaccaro is chairperson.
- Registration Gift Bags – Mike is checking with the FCBS about possible extra money, Karen S. to make another mock up for him to take to the FCBS meeting.
- We need a price for unregistered spouse meals at the 2 Extravaganza meals.
- Think about: Raffle tickets for getting into the plant sale Friday night before the rest of the registrants (20 were drawn at the Houston event)

Old or Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Show & Tell: Bob Smedley explained how he constructed his “bonsi” that won the Best Artistic award at the Mother’s Day Show. He also explained who Henry Hobbs was, the man the award is named for. Marilyn Howser brought in the winning Best Cryptanthus from the show; John Boardman brought a Neoregelia ‘Crazy Rabbit’, Neo. Shell Dance’, and a Neo. Grant’s Serendipity. Thanks to all – beautiful display and plants!

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

May 23, 2019 – Casa Steinberg

Attended by Mike Saunders, Betsy McCrory, Karen Steinberg, Katherine Vaccaro, Georgia Orser, Lisa Robinette, Leanne Burton, Julia Jensen, & Bob Smedley!

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

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

- The 2 bus tours are happening simultaneously, one going to John Boardman’s and Lisa Robinette’s properties and one going to the McCrory Sunny Hill Nursery. Bob has all pricing/scheduling/bus info.
- Speakers: 45 min./1hour presentations. Speakers receive one night at the hotel and event registration. Discussed possible speakers.
- Karen S. to route the Extravaganza sales rules and vendor registration forms that Betsy drafted for revisions.
- Revisions/edits were made to the welcome email that Katherine V. will send out to registered people to acknowledge their registration.
- We need a separate letter for registering for the Bus Tours. John Boardman, Lisa Robinette, and Georgia Orser to write blurbs about their properties for the letter and include possible photos. Katherine to send this letter and form out to the registrants.
- Mike to talk to Greg K. about links in the website and making it clearer.
- We need to contact Melissa at the hotel about a Sunday holding room for registrants plants (for while they are on the Bus Tours). Also Betsy to find out about guest meal pricing.
- Price for the Registration Gift Bags: \$15. per bag. Use the thinner polypropylene bag style. Karen S. to make a mock up and get pricing.
- Julia Jensen to start researching PR/social media sites, Karen S. to send her the press release from the Mother’s Day show to adapt.
- Possibly the Raffle Gift Baskets can go in the prefunction area. Mike has some posters from Grant that can be framed and raffled. Possibly 12-15 items, a container for raffle tickets is needed in front of each basket. \$1. for 1 raffle ticket/\$5. for 6 tickets/\$10. for 15 tickets possibly. Raffle to be before dinner on Saturday. Possibly raffle one of Teresa’s arrangements from her presentation/one of Bob’s also.

Our next meeting will be:

Thursday June 20th at Katherine Vaccaro’s house. 6:30 or 7:00.

The meeting concluded at 8:30 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: July 17th, 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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