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**Newsletter of the  
Bromeliad Society of Central Florida**

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## August 2019

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, August 21, 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 August!

**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](http://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](http://www.BromeliadX.com)**

**2019 Bromeliad Extravaganza in Orlando** Be sure to put September 20–22, 2019 on your calendar for the Bromeliad Extravaganza. For more information just go to **[www.BromeliadX.com](http://www.BromeliadX.com)**.

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## The President's Message

An awesome August to everyone. We are only a month away from the 2019 Bromeliad Extravaganza that our Society is hosting. Thank you to the few of you that have already registered. I would really like to see most of our members, if not everyone, registering and attending the Extravaganza. Remember, our Society will receive a portion of monies from the plant sale, and all the monies from raffles or silent auction (excluding the rare plant auction). So this is potentially very good financially for BSCF. So please think of registering for the Extravaganza. Betsy will have the Square at the meeting so you can pay with your credit card.

The \$100 registration includes the Friday BBQ buffet dinner and the Saturday Italian buffet banquet & rare plant auction. Also, all those who register will get special early access to the plant sale room on Friday night. This exclusive sale is for registrants only. There are also 4 workshops on Saturday for registrants. And a beautiful gift bag! Please think about registering and attending.

We will need a lot of volunteers that weekend, whether you register or do not want to spend the money to register. We will need people to assist Katherine with registration on Friday and with the plant sale on Friday evening and all day Saturday. We will have signup sheets at the meeting. If you can't attend please email myself, Marilyn, Karen, or Betsy to let us know when you can help out. Remember, our Society will benefit financially with the Extravaganza. So it is important to have volunteers out at the hotel.

There will be a raffle basket making get-together this Saturday, August 24 and a gift bag/raffle basket making get-together on Saturday, September 14. Karen will send out the information.

Please help out by volunteering and/or registering for the Extravaganza.

Thanks for your help.

mike



Top: Neoregelia 'Royal Flush' from McCrory's Bromeliads

Bottom: assorted bromeliads from Karen's "chaise bench".



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## **This month's speaker is Kenneth Stokes**

Kenneth is a life-long Floridian. He was born in Melbourne, moved to Miami as young man, and was then transferred to Tampa by his employer to open a new business. He eventually started his own furniture manufacturing business, selling to the national interior design trade. He continues in the same field today doing antique restoration and operating a gallery of art, architectural, and interior furnishings.



Following in the footsteps of his grandmother and mother, he has always been interested in plants. He began collecting wild plants as a child to put in their large rural garden. He now has an extensive collection of tropical plants in his south Tampa garden.

He has been involved in many plant societies and joined the BGTB in 1995. He has also been a member of the Sarasota Bromeliad Society and has served in a number of positions in both. He has been doing public speaking for most of his life in business, religious, and social organizations. He is also the author of four literary novels. He uses the skills he developed over the years to pull together fresh presentations, utilizing real examples to illustrate what is being said.

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## **July's speaker was Dave Johnston, hope you caught his presentation!**

Dave spoke on New Species and New Hybrids, we all got to see photos of some exciting new plants.

Dave Johnston is from Pinellas Park FL. Dave has been growing Bromeliads for over 33 years and is the owner of Bromeliads Galore a collector's nursery in Pinellas Park.

Dave has served as president of the Tampa Guild 5 times and the West Coast Society twice. He has pretty much served in every capacity of the clubs including Florida Council rep.

Dave's birthday was July 18th and he spoke to us last year on his 60th birthday. We wished him a happy birthday this year also!



Marilyn Howser presenting Dave with a birthday cake on his 60th last year!



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## Monthly Meeting Minutes

### Bromeliad Society of Central Florida — June 19, 2019

Our June speaker was Marty Folk who presented on Landscaping with Bromeliads. Great photo examples from both large and small gardens and a good question & answer discussion also. Thanks Marty!

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

##### **Vice President's Report:**

- In July Dave Johnston will be speaking on "New Species and New Hybrids".
- In August Kenneth Stokes will be speaking on "How to Read Your Bromeliads".
- Steven Wagner is having a plant sale this Saturday, the 22nd unless his flu prohibits!

##### **Secretaries Report:**

New Members: Teresa Eddy and Paula Edwards. Guest: Haden, Pam Marion's grandson! Welcome!

**Treasurer's Report:** Betsy gave the financial report for May 2019 and it will be filed for audit. Betsy also gave some 2019 Mother's Day Sale financial info – we did really well, not quite as well as last year though.

##### **President's Report:**

- Please send Carole Wolf photos and stories for the FCBS Newsletter
- May minutes were approved.
- July 17th is the next meeting

##### **Extravaganza Specific:**

- Still planning, only 3 months left. We still need volunteers and some speakers.
- Not doing pre-sale raffle tickets Friday evening.
- Everyone please do as much PR as possible on your personal Facebook pages, at garden clubs, etc.
- Lots of good vendors coming, spread the word.
- Grant Groves wants to sell mounting driftwood.
- Info sent to FL Council reps – any member can sell at the event.
- Register!
- All societies have to supply 5 plants/items for the rare plant auction. Cash bar beforehand.
- Needed: raffle basket and silent auction items, Grant Groves gave some historical bromeliad posters, etc. They can be bromeliad related items or really any item that we can raffle!
- Sunday bus tours: 2 tours, \$20. each. We need a new chairperson for the bus tours. Bob Smedley has made all of the tour arrangements. We need volunteers.
- \$40. for each guest meal at the event
- Registration: Katherine Vaccaro is chairperson.
- Georgia Orser is the Plant Sales chairperson, she has 10 vendors so far but nobody for member sales. There is a good variety of vendor types/specialities.

**Old or Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** None

##### **Announcements:**

- Leanne Burton and Mike Saunders have passed their first class in Judges School. Congrats!
- If you're not receiving email please let Marilyn Howser know.

**Show & Tell:** Pam Marion brought a *Gusmania* 'Denise' (variegated), a beauty! Mike McMahon shared a *Viresea maizemesi* in bloom – he warns that this plant may be reclassified!. Thanks to all – beautiful plants!

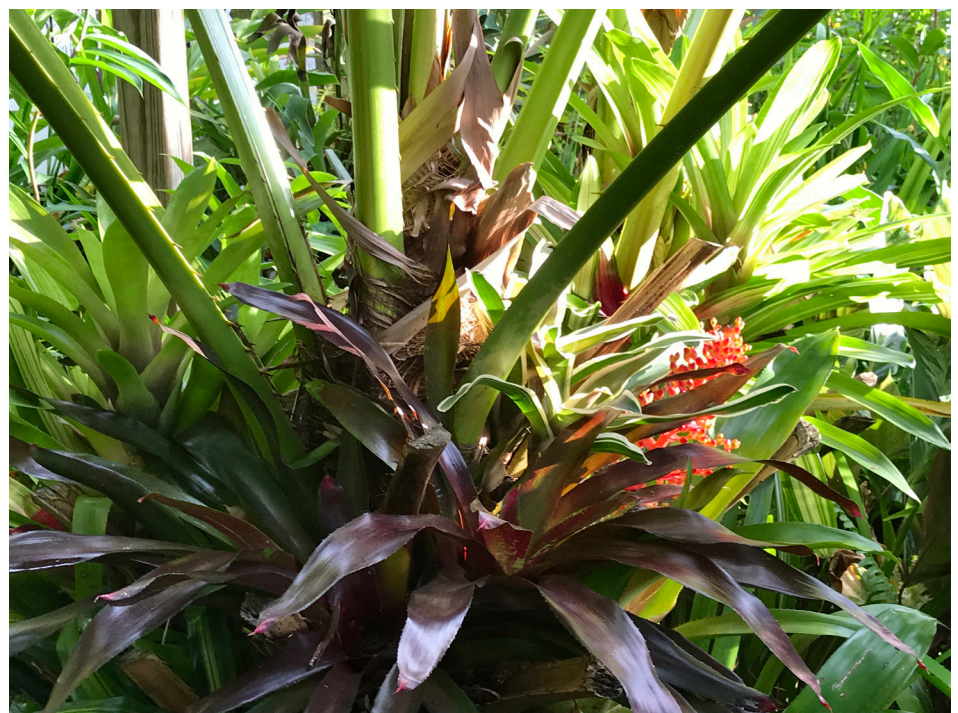
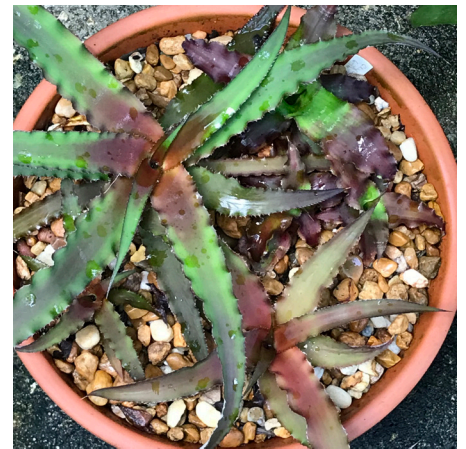
**Door Prizes and Raffle tickets were drawn.**

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



Here is what happens with left over plant sale Cryptanthus! I've decided that I like them potted up with a few types per larger pot –it helps control my small pot insanity.

Bottom: My Chinese Fan Palms work as raffle table plant holders.





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## Monthly Meeting Minutes

### Bromeliad Society of Central Florida — July 17, 2019

Our July speaker was Dave Johnston who presented on New Species and New Hybrids. He showed some new species that we may not have been aware of and also shared photos of some beautiful new hybrids. Thanks to Dave!

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

#### **Vice President's Report: (Marilyn Howser was absent, Mike Saunders gave the VP report)**

- In August Kenneth Stokes will be speaking on "How to Read Your Bromeliads".
- Next meeting is August 21st

**Secretaries Report:** No New Members or Guests

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

#### **President's Report:**

- Please send Carole Wolf photos and stories for the FCBS Newsletter
- June minutes will be approved in August.
- Please email Marilyn Howser if you are interested in a nametag – we have a new name tag vendor and can order any quantity, small or large.

#### **Extravaganza Specific:**

- Mike gave an extensive run down on what is included in the registration fee.
- Everyone please do as much PR as possible on your personal Facebook pages, at garden clubs, etc.
- A request was made for plants for the rare plant auction.
- We are finalizing the schedule on this coming Saturday, the 20th.
- We are hoping to have the vendor tables set up by noon on Friday the 20th so that the vendors can get in and set up their plants.

**Old or Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** None

#### **Announcements:**

- If you're not receiving email please let Marilyn Howser know.

**Show & Tell:** Mike McMahon brought in foliage Vriesea 'Tokyo Dawn', beautiful! Thanks Mike!

Eloise Beach shared Aechmea cylindrata. She had us look at the inflorescence and the width of the leaves, noting the differences between cylindrata and gamosepala. She also brought in some Skotak hybrids: Neogegelia 'Tigerama', Neoregelia 'Snake Charmer', and a Neoregelia "work in progress" that isn't registered yet, explaining a bit about the process of trialing a plant and getting it registered. Thanks Eloise!

#### **Door Prizes and Raffle tickets were drawn.**

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

