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**Newsletter of the
Bromeliad Society of Central Florida**
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Next meeting: August 18, 2021

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

Meeting officially begins at 7:00 pm

The August meeting will be a pizza social meeting. Do not bring food. There will be a members market.

Please bring 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 the Bromeliad Society of Central Florida Website at:
www.bromeliadsorlando.com

You will find an activities page that lists our speakers for upcoming meetings, 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 President's Message

An awesome August to all. Has certainly been a hot month so far.

We had a great meeting last month. Thanks to Katherine, Althea, Teresa and Gail for filling in for Marilyn and getting everything set up for the July meeting. The Society decided to designate Mike McMahon as a Life Member for his many years of significant contributions to BSCF. Congrats Mike. Well deserved.

I received a lovely card from Calandra Thurrott thanking BSCF for it's donation to the Jay Thurrott Memorial Fund. I will bring it to the meeting. She designed and created the card herself.

We will be playing bingo at our August meeting. Yes, there will be prizes. And our Society will be providing pizzas for everyone. Marilyn will be bringing salad. We will also be having a members market. All can sell clean and pest free bromeliads. Each member keeps the proceeds from the sale of their bromeliads. Should be a fun night.

Have a wonderful rest of the month. See you on August 18.

Mike



MIKE MCMAHON - LIFETIME MEMBER

May Minutes

Bromeliad Society of Central Florida Meeting Minutes Wed. July 21, 2021

Program: President Mike introduced the program speaker, BSCF member, Mike McMahon. Mike's program was on Tillandsias. He said he had a passion for Tillandsias and had been growing them for many years. He brought in some of his plants for members to see and shared cultivation tips and tricks that he had learned over the years. Members really enjoyed his program. He also had many beautiful Tillies for sale.

Business Meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm by President Mike Saunders. He thanked our speaker, Mike for his wonderful and informative program on Tillandsias. He also thanked everyone who brought in plants for the door prize and raffle tables and food for the refreshment table.

Minutes: The minutes of the June 16, 2021 meeting were published in the newsletter. There being no corrections, they stand approved as printed.

Vice President's Report: Pres. Mike advised that our August speaker canceled on us. Marilyn searched for a replacement, but couldn't find any on short notice. It was decided to do a Bingo & Pizza night for the August meeting. It will also be a member's market. Any member can bring any clean and pest free broms to sell.

Secretary's Report: We welcomed the following guests: Thely Vo, guest of Telka diFate and John Vecchitto; Nina Petrillo, guest of Thai Nguyen.

Treasurer's Report: Pres. Mike reported for our treasurer, Leanne, that the sales tax from recent sales has been paid. He also reported our checking and money market balances.

President's Report: If you have pictures of your plants that you would like to share, especially blooming plants, please send to our newsletter editor, John Vecchitto, at lordvec54@gmail.com

Also any articles or pictures for the Florida Council of Bromeliads (FCBS) please send to Carol Wolfe at BromStudio@hotmail.com

Elections of officers for next year is coming up. We need a nominating committee of three people. Interested members please contact Pres. Mike. We need members to volunteer to serve on the nominating committee and as officers for 2022.

Our website: bromeliadorslando.com

Old Business: None

New Business: A memorial fund to honor Jay Thurrott has been formed by the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies. Several societies have made donations. Pres. Mike asked that our Society make a donation. Member Phil Wright made a motion that a donation of \$500 be made to the Jay Thurrott Memorial Fund, which was seconded by Greg Kolojeski. FCBS indicated that any donation can be directed to either the FCBS Weevil Fund or the Harry Luther Research, Conservation and Education Fund or both. After discussion it was agreed to split the \$500 donation equally between those two funds. The motion passed.

The officers of the Society recommended to honor long time member, Mike McMahon, as a Life Member. It is a special recognition of long standing and significant contributions to our Society. A Life Member will be designated on the Society roster as such and will be excused from paying dues. Mike McMahon has been a member for over 40 years and has served the Society in many positions, donated many hours of service and is a great asset to the Bromeliad Society of Central Florida. Pres. Mike asked if there was any discussion. Being none, a vote was taken and passed by acclamation.

Congratulations, Mike McMahon, BSCF's newest Life Member!

Next meeting: Wednesday, August 18, 2021. It will be "Bingo & Pizza night" and member market. Please bring clean, labeled plants for the door prize and raffle tables. No need to bring refreshment food as we will be having pizza.

Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society sale is Aug. 14 & 15.

Show and Tell:

John Boardman brought in *Tillandsia capitata* (yellow form), *Orthophytum glabrum*, *Catopsis morreniana*, *Tillandsia flexuosa* (giant form), *Aechmea 'Samurai'* and *Aechmea 'Shogun'*.

Pat Fusco brought in *Cryptanthus 'Elaine'* and a *Orthophytum*.

Pres. Mike brought in *Aechmea fasciata*.

Door prize and raffle tickets were drawn.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Marion

Upcoming Events

World Bromeliad Conference 2022

The **World Bromeliad Conference** was rescheduled from 2021 to **June 7-11, 2022**. The host hotel will be the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Sarasota. If you are unable to attend, your registration will be refunded following our



conference refund policy. Up to the year the conference is to be held you can get a 100% refund, once the year of the conference begins you get a 50% refund, and within 30 days of the conference

there is no refund. Since the date of the conference was moved by one year, you can get a 100% refund until **December 31, 2021**.

Events will include tours of two of the world's leading Bromeliad nurseries ([Michael's Bromeliads](#) and [Tropiflora](#)), a visit to the

renowned [Marie Selby Botanical Gardens](#) (with free admission for conference registrants), a number of notable speakers, an opening conference reception and welcome address, a banquet with a rare plant sale and auction, a plant sale with numerous sellers, a fantastic judged plant show, and more.

Vice Presidents Comments

I was out of town for the July meeting. Mike told everyone at the July meeting that the Aug. speaker had backed out and I was unable to find another speaker on such short notice. Mike also said we will have a pizza party and play BINGO with brom prizes for the winners.

There will be a Member Market and show and tell. Please bring in a couple of broms for the door prize table and for the raffle table. There is no need for anyone to bring any food items.

Also I hope you have been thinking about being a Bromeliad Society of Central FL officer. The time is drawing near. I sure would hate to have to be a part of closing the society.

Hope to see you in Aug.

Marilyn Howser 🍌

Due to all of the rain we have been getting the mosquitos are going crazy. One thing I have done is tip the flower pot saucers upside down.



July Pictures



Tillandsia araujei



Tillandsia stricta



Mike McMahon



Aechmea chantinii 'samurai'



Orthophytum glabrum



Cryptanthus elaine



Tillandsia capitata "yellow"

Bok Tower Gardens - Telka & John



The tower



Tillandsia 'wall' on fishing line



Aechmea gamosepala 'matchstick'



Aechmea 'Little Harv'

2021 Bromeliad Society of Central Florida MEMBERSHIP FORM

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

_____NEW MEMBER _____RENEWAL

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City, State Zip +4 _____

Phone /Email _____

\$15 for first member, plus \$5 per each additional family member at the same address. Name Badges \$7 per member, if desired. Please check _____ if you would like a name badge ordered for you.

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____ Make checks payable to BSCF MAIL TO: **Bromeliad Society of Central Florida, PO Box 536961 Orlando, FL 32853-6961. Or bring to the January meeting.**

Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of every month, from 6:30-9:00 pm (buy plants from the speaker between 6:30-7pm) at Leu Gardens, 1920 N Forest Ave, Orlando, FL 32803. You'll enjoy informative programs, Show & Tell, plant sales, refreshments, and door prizes. Members also receive a newsletter. Please come join us!

Treasurer: Date _____ Check # _____ Cash _____

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