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**Newsletter of the  
Bromeliad Society of Central Florida**  
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## September 2021

**Next meeting: September 15th**

**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**

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**Visit the Bromeliad Society of Central FL website at: [www.bromeliadorlando.com](http://www.bromeliadorlando.com) You will find an activities page that lists our speakers for upcoming meetings, down loadable 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!**

President Mike Saunders

A super September to all. Hard to believe that we are in the final third of 2021. We have only three meetings left this year since Leu Gardens will not be open in December for meetings. As you can see in the August minutes (thanks Pam for taking the minutes), we decided to do our Christmas celebration at the November meeting. So plan on bringing a nice, clean and pest free bromeliad for the gift exchange. We will talk about it at the next two meetings.

Dr. Terrie Bert will be our speaker at the September meeting. She is a great speaker and is very experienced with bromeliads. And she is a bromeliad judge. She will also have plants for sale.

At the September meeting we will be discussing next year's Mother's Day Show and Sale. Since we didn't have many members put entries in the show, we need to talk about whether to have the show annually or maybe every other year. Another topic will be whether to require those members selling to put plants in the show. So keep that in mind.

We will be participating in GrowVember on Friday, 11/5 (2-6 pm) and Saturday, 11-6 (8 am - 4 pm). Looks like we will have the same location and are paying for the extra space. All members are eligible to sell bromeliads, and only bromeliads (clean and pest free). Our Society gets 20% of the marked price, and you get the other 80%. Please email me, [presbyter64@gmail.com](mailto:presbyter64@gmail.com), if you are interested in selling.

See you all at the September meeting. Reminder that elections will be at the October meeting.

Bromeliad Society of Central Florida  
Meeting Minutes  
Wed. August 18, 2021

President Mike Saunders called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. In lieu of a program the members enjoyed pizza, salad, dessert, and beverages. We played bingo with the prizes being bromeliads. We also had a members market. A good time was had by all. Thank you Pres. Mike & Vice Pres. Marilyn for putting it all together.

**Business Meeting** was called to order at 7:59 pm by Pres. Mike Saunders. He thanked everyone who brought in plants for the door prize and raffle tables, Marilyn for the food, and members who brought in plants for the members market.

**Vice Presidents report:** Marilyn reported that our September speaker will be Dr. Terrie Bert. Her program will be on "How to Grow Bromeliads in Central Florida". She will have 2 tables of plants for her program that will be for sale after she is finished. Please be respectful of these tables until after her program.

In October our speaker will be Calandra Thurrott.

The December meeting was cancelled due to Leu Gardens hosting a holiday festival, "Dazzling Nights", between November 19 to January 1.

We will have our holiday party in November instead of a program, with members bringing in wrapped plants for the gift exchange.

A new name tag and BSCF life membership certificate was presented to our newest life member, Mike McMahon.

**Welcome guests:**

Debi Oliver, guest of member, Robin Norton.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the July 21, 2021 meeting were published in the newsletter. There being no corrections, they stand approved as filed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Pres. Mike reported for our treasurer, Leanne.

Calandra Thurrott sent the Society a thank you card from her and her family for our donation to the Jay Thurrott Memorial Fund.

At our September meeting we will discuss the Mother's Day Show and Sale. Should we have it every year or every other year?

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](mailto:lordvec54@gmail.com)

If you would like to submit articles or pictures for the Florida Council of Bromeliads (FCBS) please send to Carol Wolfe at [BromStudio@hotmail.com](mailto:BromStudio@hotmail.com)

**Our website:** [bromeliadsorlando.com](http://bromeliadsorlando.com)

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

The Society elections for new officers will be in October. Mike McMahon has agreed to serve as Chair of the Nominating Committee. We need two more volunteers to serve on the committee.

The Mead Garden "GrowVember" Sale will be  
Friday, Nov. 5, from 2:00 pm-6:00 pm  
Saturday, Nov. 6, from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm  
More to follow on this next month.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, September 15, 2021.

Please bring clean, labeled plants for the door prize and raffle tables and a food item for the refreshment table.

**Show and Tell:**

John Boardman brought in *Guzmania sanguinea* 'Tricolor'  
*Guzmania sanguinea* is a species found in Trinidad, Tobago, Costa Rica, Panama, Columbia, Venezuela, Ecuador, and Northern Brazil. A beautiful plant that grows green until it comes into bloom which the leaves then turn red.

The plant likes to be grown in low light.

Door prize and raffle tickets were drawn.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pam Marion

Dr. Terrie Bert will be our speaker for the Sept. 15th meeting. She will be talking about "How to grow Bromeliads in Central FL". Terrie will be selling broms. She will have 2 tables of broms for sale before her talk and 2 other tables of broms which she will be using for her talk and will be for sale after her talk.



#### “Growing Beautiful Bromeliads in Central Florida”

Terrie Bert will bring about 200 bromeliads from many different genera and talk about growing them in central Florida. These plants will also be for sale, so you'll have the opportunity to purchase your favorites. Terrie will also include information on the ecology and history of the various genera, as well as humorous stories about growing bromeliads.

Dr. Terrie Bert is a longstanding member of the Sarasota Bromeliad Society (SBS) and the Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society and has held multiple offices in the SBS. She also served the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies (FCBS) as a representative and officer for eight years and has authored articles for the FCBS Newsletter. For the Bromeliad Society International, she has been a Florida Director, chaired several international committees, judged several shows, contributed articles to the BSI Journal, and has been an invited speaker at world conferences. Currently she is Curator of the Wally Berg Award of Excellence and a Master Judge. Terrie has given over 150 presentations on bromeliads to numerous U.S. and international bromeliad societies and other groups, including regional and international bromeliad conferences. She cultivates more than 2,500 different bromeliads in about 35 genera. She's won multiple top awards in local bromeliad shows and BSI world conferences. Terrie has a Ph.D. in marine biology and recently retired from her position as a research scientist for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Anyone interested in going to the **BSI World Bromeliad Conference** in 2022 should check out the information available at the BSI's homepage at:

[BSI | CONFERENCE CORNER](#)

which will take you right to:

<https://www.bsi.org/wbc>.

**BSI** stands for Bromeliad Society International which is made up of worldwide bromeliad societies.

**FCBS** stands for Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies. Most FL bromeliad societies belong to this group which is the society that sends out the State Roster each year. **FCBS** also has a Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/FloridaCouncilofBromeliadSocieties>.

The BSI has a **World Bromeliad Conference** in even years and the FCBS has a **Bromeliad Extravaganza** in uneven years. In 2019, the **Bromeliad Society of Central FL** (that's us) hosted the Extravaganza here in Orlando. All Bromeliad lovers are invited to attend these events.

Both the BSI World Bromeliad Conferences and the FCBS Extravaganzas have speakers, people selling bromeliads, bromeliads being judged, etc. It really is great fun. Both of these events have a day or two when the unregistered public can go purchase bromeliads.

The unregistered public are invited to attend the BSI World Conference in 2022 to take part in the plant sale and a judged plant show Friday and Saturday, June 10-11, 2022.

The **World Bromeliad Conference** will be on June 8-11, 2022. If you register by Dec. 31, 2021, you will pay the lowest registration fees. Registration forms may be found at the BSCF website at:

<https://www.bromeliadsorlando.com/activities>.

Please see the attached brochure for more info.

Thank you

Greg Kolojeski. V.P. BSI

Marilyn Howser V.P. BSCF



## **World Bromeliad Conference June 8-11, 2022 Hyatt Regency Sarasota**

### **World Bromeliad Conference 2022**

Join Bromeliad lovers from around the world at the Bromeliad Society International's 24<sup>th</sup> World Bromeliad Conference which will be held in Sarasota for the first time!

Attendees will have the opportunity to go behind the scenes at **Marie Selby Botanical Gardens** (with its collection of over 1300 Bromeliad species) and **Michael's Bromeliads** and **Tropiflora** with their collector-grade Bromeliads.

Mix and mingle with attendees from all over the world at the Hyatt Regency Sarasota with its beautiful waterfront setting and nearby fine dining, beaches, shopping, museums, and other sightseeing opportunities.

Join us for **THE BIG SHOW** at World Bromeliad Conference 2022 with this amazing opportunity to learn, grow and explore!

### **Invited Speakers:**

**Elton Leme – Brazil**  
**Eric Gouda – Netherlands**  
**Ivon Ramirez – Mexico**  
**Julián Aguirre-Santoro – Colombia**  
**Graeme Barclay – New Zealand**  
**Bruce Holst – Florida**  
**Cristy Brenner – California**  
**Jerry Raack – Ohio**

### **Events:**

**Conference Opening/Reception**  
**Judged Plant Show**  
**A Huge Plant Sale**  
**Optional Bus Tours**  
**Behind-the-Scenes visits to:**  
**Michael's Bromeliads**  
**Tropiflora**  
**Home Garden Visits**  
**Guided Behind-the-Scenes Tour**  
**Marie Selby Botanical Gardens**  
**Banquet with Keynote Speaker**  
**Rare Plant Auction**



**[www.BSI.org](http://www.BSI.org)**

As a reminder:

Members are invited to purchase plants from the speaker between 6:30 and 7:00. Speaker starts at 7:00 until about 7:45. Then a 15 minute break. 8:00 is our meeting which includes door prize and raffle tickets being called. Clean up starts at 8:45. We have to be out by 9:00.

Please bring clean bromeliads for the door prize table and for the raffle table. If you're a new member and don't have broms to bring that is fine. We'll help you build your collection. If you have a special brom please feel free to bring it for the show and tell table. Also bring a snack to share for the food table.

Hope to see you all then



Marilyn



## 2022 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.**

Please make checks payable to BSCF                      AMOUNT ENCLOSED\_\_\_\_\_

MAIL TO: **Bromeliad Society of Central Florida,  
PO Box 536961**

**Orlando, FL 32853-6961.**

**Or bring to the next meeting.**

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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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