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

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Next meeting: Wednesday, October 16, 2019

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

6:30 –7:00 is pre-meeting time for purchasing plants at our Member Market.

Meeting officially begins at 7:00 pm

47th Anniversary Celebration and Member Market in October!

We'll be celebrating our 47th Anniversary and your officers will be bringing the food!

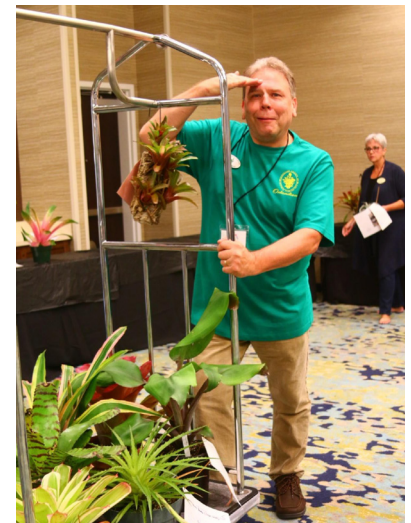
Please bring raffle/door prize plants, and show & tell plants to the meeting.

Come and show off your *Aechmea orlandiana* plants,
the namesake plant of our city and our Society newsletter!

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A special thanks to Cheryl Gagnon Reynolds for taking so many great photos at the 2019 Bromeliad Extravaganza. Here's one of my favorites!



**Visit the Bromeliad Society of Central Florida Website!
www.bromeliadorslando.com**

You will find an activities page that lists our speakers for upcoming meetings – including 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

Hope you all are having an outstanding October. The slightly lower temperatures have been nice.

The 2019 Extravaganza is one for the history books. It was a great success. And there has been a lot of praise and no complaints. Very nice. I want to thank everyone in the Society for helping out, showing up and being great ambassadors for BSCF and feeding your addiction. A magnificent job. Thanks Marilyn for the great commemoration that you put together. Fantastic.

So I would like to send out some special kudos to some of our society members that really made the Extravaganza a well received and spectacular event.

Phil was the point person as we began this journey over a year ago. He found the fantastic property for our event and negotiated a great deal. Just a beautiful venue for our affair. Thanks Phil.

Next we had to get the message out about the Extravaganza. So thank you Karen for those wonderful postcards and flyers. And registration forms. And mailings. And gift bags. And lining up the speakers. And being the clearing house for all the raffle baskets. And all the signs. I can't thank Karen enough for all of her beautiful designs. Fantastic.

Thanks to Katherine for heading up the registrations, emailing all of the attendees, and running a flawless registration table and raffle at the event. Getting all of the gift bags organized and stuffed with goodies for everyone. Impressive job.

Thanks to Georgia for heading up the plant sales. We had 18 vendors selling. The room was packed with so many beautiful bromeliads. I certainly added to my collection. Fabulous.

Thanks to Leanne, Karen, and everyone else that worked on the raffle baskets. Over 47 items offered for raffle. Thanks again Leanne for writing all of the basket descriptions. Thanks to Kenny for donating a bucket load of supplies for the raffle baskets. Very generous. His donation led to 8+ raffle baskets. And I was lucky enough to win one with a hanging wooden basket, 10 plastic pots in 3 different sizes, fertilizer, and name tags.

Thanks to Julia and Karen for a great job on the publicity. Thanks to Bob for setting up two great tours. Thanks to John and Lisa for hosting one tour and Georgia for hosting the other tour. Super job by all in getting everything ready for the tours, your sweat and hard work really paid off beautifully.

Thanks to Greg K for a fantastic website and constantly updating it. Thanks to Marilyn and Craig for the beautiful centerpieces for the Saturday night dinner. Thanks Craig for the many, many, beautiful bromeliads you donated to make the centerpieces happen.



Thanks to Cathy and Dave for heading up the volunteers for the plant sale. And thanks to Teresa and Pat N. for helping on the committee, the baskets, the registration table and wherever else they were needed.

And a special thanks to Betsy as the co-chair and treasurer for the Extravaganza and a guiding light in all the planning and execution.

Thanks again to everyone who showed up and made this a success.

On November 1 and 2 we will be selling at the GROWvember event at Mead Botanical Garden. Marilyn will be heading this sale up as I will be out of town. She will talk about the sale at the meeting. All members are welcome to sell. Here is the url for the event:

<https://www.meadgarden.org/activities/growvember-plant-sale/>

We will also be discussing officers for 2020. We are a month behind on the process. If you are interested in serving as President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer, please let me know. Will work on having a slate to present at the November meeting.

A long message. At least this will be the last one talking about Extravaganza business. :-)

Look forward to seeing you at the meeting and celebrating BSCF's anniversary.

mike



Monthly Meeting Minutes

Bromeliad Society of Central Florida — August 21, 2019

Our August speaker was Kenneth Stokes who presented "Reading Bromeliads". In Kenneth's presentation he used many sample plants to show differences in plant leaves: edges, texture, thickness, etc. to use as clues to their cultural preferences. He stressed observing your plants and trying to understand what they are telling us. Great presentation!

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

Vice President's Report:

- Wear your green shirts and nametags at the Extravaganza.
- Order a name tag if you don't already have one.
- Sept. 18th is a pre-Extravaganza party with member market.
- October we're having an Anniversary celebration, our 47th year!
- November meeting will have Marty Baxley speaking about his trip to Peru.

Secretaries Report:

New Members: Tim Dreggors. Guests: Gail Padgett, Prissy Padgett. Welcome!

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

President's Report:

- Please send Carole Wolf photos and stories for the FCBS Newsletter
- May minutes were approved, June and July will be approved at the September meeting.
- September 18th is the next meeting.

Extravaganza Specific:

- Register! Mike explained what is covered by the \$100. registration fee.
- Rare Plant Auction proceeds go to the FCBS. It will be Saturday after the meal.
- Everyone please do as much PR as possible on your personal Facebook pages, at garden clubs, etc.
- Cathy and Dave Schubert are organizing the plant tag pullers.
- Discussed the registration name tags/lanyards.
- Karen needs to make and send the 8 page Extravaganza document to Mike to send to the FCBS for a mailing.
- Karen to double check with Tom MacCubbin about a radio interview with Mike.

Old or Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Announcements: Please let Marilyn or Karen know if you are not receiving email!

Show & Tell: Pam Marion shared a plant that Craig Allen brought, a Vriesea Hazel Quillhut. (sorry, I probably got that name wrong) Mike McMahon shared a plant of Marilyn's that she got at a plant dig, Vriesea Carlsbad, now reclassified because it is a bigeneric of a Lutheria and a Vriesea. It has an unusual reproductive habit – look it up! Thanks to all, they are beautiful plants.

Door Prizes and Raffle tickets were drawn.

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

Blooming Tillandsia!

Robin Norton purchased both of these Tillandsia from Eloise at the 2018 Mother's Day Show and Sale and this September they beautifully bloomed!

Top: **Tillandsia aff capitata**

Bottom: **Tillandsia 'Enchanted'**

The top Tillandsia has the abbreviation **aff** in the name, an abbreviation which we both were unfamiliar about and so we looked it up!

The term **affinis** (or **sp. aff = species affinis**) is used when the identity of a distinct biological species is unknown but it has a striking similarity or close relation with a known species.

If you do a bit of research you can find out more on how and when this term is used, very interesting!!

Thanks for sharing Robin, they are beauties!



Tillandsia aff capitata

Our Backyard Florist is having Holiday Workshops.

If you missed our member Teresa Eddy's great presentation at the Extravaganza, you have another chance to see her in action!

Teresa is a florist that likes to stress that arrangements can be fun and easy using plant material that is available "in your backyard". (or maybe your neighbor's backyard, ha!)

Her workshops this November are at Leu Gardens and she's got 2 interactive classes that are hands-on; everyone will be making arrangements.

The Backyard Florist Holiday Workshop

Saturday, November 2, 2019

Two time choices for classes:

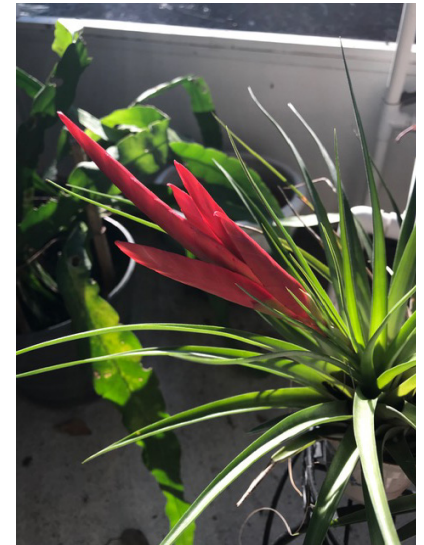
10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

Both classes are held at Harry P. Leu Gardens, 1920 N. Forest Ave., Orlando, FL

You can register online: leugardens.org

or call: 407-246-2620



Tillandsia 'Enchanted'



Teresa with her arrangements for all seasons at the 2019 Extravaganza.

Upcoming Events

October 18–20, 2019

Florals Fantastica
Sanford Garden Club
200 Fairmont Drive, Sanford, FL 32773
9–5 each day, \$5. admission fee (fund raiser!!)
www.floralsfantastica.com

October 25–27, 2019

Tropiflora Fall Festival
3530 Tallevast Rd, Sarasota, FL
8040 Palm Parkway, Orlando, FL 34243
<https://tropiflora.com/pages/events>

November 1–2, 2019

GROWvember Fall Plant Sale
Mead Botanical Garden
1300 S. Denning Drive, Winter Park, FL 32789
Friday: 2–6 p.m., Saturday: 8 a.m.–4 p.m.



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: November 20th, 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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Donations to this society are tax deductible in accordance with IRS regulations.

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