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

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Next meeting: October 20, 2021

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

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 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 outstanding October to everyone. Great to have a little drop in the temperature. Almost a hint of fall. Still early for us here in Central Florida, I know. But we can dream. :)

A reminder to all that our Society will be selling at the Growvember at Mead Garden on Friday, November 5 (2-5 pm) and Saturday, November 6 (8 am - 4 pm). Hope to see everyone there. A great way to feed the addiction and expand your collection. Currently we have 6 members that have signed up to sell. All members can sell bromeliads at our spot during Growvember. Please email me at presbyter64@gmail.com if you are interested in selling. Your plants need to be clean and pest free. Deadline to sign up to sell is October 31.

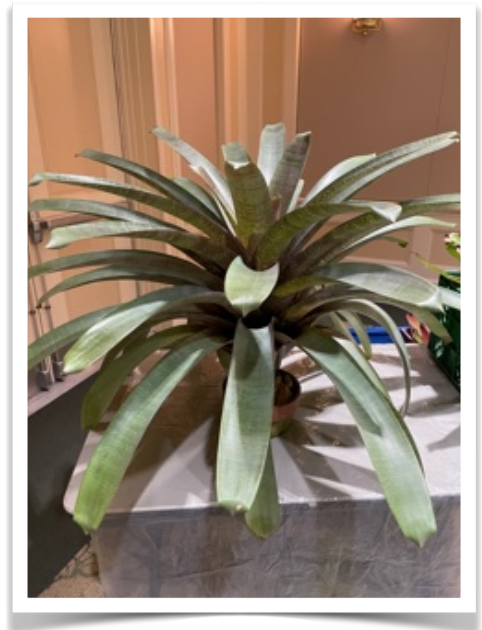
Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society is sponsoring a plant sale with bromeliads and tropical plants at the Sanford Garden Club on Saturday, October 30 (9 am - 5 pm). Their sale will feature commercial vendors with sellers coming from Miami, Sarasota, Eustis, Sanford and Orlando. See <http://bromeliads.club> or <https://sanfordgardenclub.com> for information.

At our October meeting we will be electing our 2022 officers. The Nominating Committee of Mike McMahon (chairman), John Boardman and Bob Smedley will present a slate of one member for each office. Nominations may be made from the floor, provided the consent of the proposed candidate has been obtained. Many thanks to Mike, John and Bob for their time in finding officers for 2022.

Hope to see everyone at our October meeting. Calandra Thurrott will be our speaker. Looking forward to her presentation.

Have a great rest of the month.

Mike



Vriesea Egyptian sage

September Minutes

Bromeliad Society of Central Florida Meeting Minutes Wed Sept 15, 2021, 7 - 9pm

Program: Mike Saunders introduced speaker Dr. Terrie Bert, who took us on a tour of her incredible bromeliad collection using actual plants. Terrie paid special attention to genera that are less known and gave lots of tips on growing them in Florida. Best of all, they were for sale at inviting prices. Members quickly grabbed them after her talk, stripping her display bare as if it were a Black Friday sale.

Business Meeting was called to Order by President Mike Saunders at 8:05 pm. He thanked Terrie, as well as all who brought plants for the door prize and raffle tables and food for the refreshments table. The minutes of the August, 2021 meeting were published in the *Orlandiana*. There being no corrections, they stand approved as filed.

Secretary's report: We welcomed four new member and three guest/visitors:
New members: Tania Harmon, Betsy Garrison and Joseph Vutura and Dan Sawyer.
Guests joining us from the Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society: Kathy and Jack Dunlop from Daytona Beach and Calandra Thurrott of Port Orange.

Treasurer's report: We are in great shape. The complete report will be filed for audit.

VP Report: Marilyn Howser announced that next month's meeting will be held Wed, October 20th. Speaker Calandra Thurrott will take us on a tour of New Zealand and Australia.

President's Report:

Please note that our November meeting will be our popular Holiday Party and Plant Exchange, Due to a Leu Gardens event "Dazzling Nights", November 19 - January 9th, our Dec. meeting has been canceled. We snuck in before the event started in Nov. and the event will be over before our Jan. meeting. All are encouraged to participate in the Holiday plant Exchange. Please bring a beautiful plant worth in the \$15 range. If it's from your collection, it should be cleaned and pest free. Wrap it so that it will be a surprise to the person who selects the package. This is a great deal of fun and brings many "oohs and ahs."

Elections will be next month at our October meeting. The Nominating Committee is chaired by Mike McMahon. John Boardman and Bob Smedley are the other two members of the committee. Mike McMahon advised the members of the committee's efforts to fill the four

officer positions for 2022. He stressed the need for members to volunteer to serve as officers for 2022. Our Society needs members to fill these leadership positions.

Send photos or articles to John Vecchitto at <lordvec54@gmail.com>, our *Orlandiana* editor. Also, you can send photos or articles to Carol Wolfe for the Florida Council newsletter at fcbs.org

Our website: bromeliadorslando.com

Old Business: None

New Business: President Mike Saunders raised the question of not holding a Judged Show as part of our Mother's Day Sale, since we are not getting enough entries to justify the effort. Phil Wright made a motion to not hold the Show in 2022. Tim Dreggors seconded it. Discussion included whether Fashion Square would allow us to sell plants without a Show. It was agreed we could instead include an educational display about Bromeliads. It was also pointed out that statewide members who are in Judging School need opportunities to work on their skills. The motion passed to not hold a Show in 2022. The Mother's Day bromeliad sale will still happen.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 20

Show and Tell: Mike McMahon displayed a giant Vriesia from Hawaii and John Boardman showed two big sister Neoregelias with very different coloration. He demonstrated how to remove a bloom. This encourages the mother plant to pup more quickly and profusely.

Door Prize and Raffle: The meeting concluded with our ever-popular Door Prize and Raffle ticket drawing for plants donated by members.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Vaccaro

Upcoming Events

World Bromeliad Conference 2022

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:

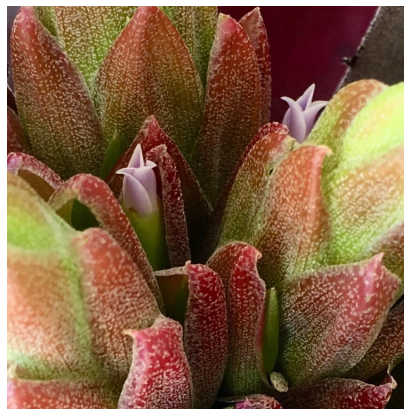
<https://www.bsi.org/wbc>.

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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 24th 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

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.bromeliadorslando.com/activities>.

Mead Garden Growvember

Friday, Nov. 5 | 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Saturday, Nov. 6 | 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Shoppers will find a wide selection of beautiful plants including annuals, perennials, house plants, vegetables, native plants that attract hummingbirds and pollinators, bromeliads, herbs, succulents, ferns, orchids, medicinal plants and many other specialty plants.



Mead Botanical Garden is located at 1300 S. Denning Drive, Winter Park, near the intersection of State Road 17-92 and Orange Ave. Proceeds from GROWvember Fall Plant Sale support the revitalization of Mead Botanical Garden and its programs.

Vice Presidents Comments

Hi all,

Just a reminder the next Bromeliad Society of Central FL meeting will be Oct. 20th, Please bring clean bromeliads for the door prize table and for the raffle table. If there is water in your brom please dump it out, thank you. 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.

Attached is a simple example on how to get your bromeliads ready for a sale. Mead Gardens Growvember will be Nov. 5th & 6th and every member is invited to sell. As we get more info on the sale from Mead we will pass it on to you.

Everyone who is a member of the Bromeliad Society of Central FL can sell/is encouraged to sell bromeliads at our booth at the Mead Gardens plant sale and at the Leu Gardens plant sale. The rules don't vary that much and preparing your plants is always the same.

You can sell just a few plants or a lot of plants. If you will be selling at Mead please email me

Each plant must have 2 tags. One tag (probably a white tag) will have the name of the plant. This tag will stay with the plant. The other tag will have the price of the plant (even dollar amounts only please) along with your member number. If you don't know your member number please let me know. This tag will go into the tag box to be sorted later. These tags will be returned to you at a later date. Marty paper clips the tags to the plants - great idea Marty. Also if the plant is not in bloom a picture of the bloom sure will help sell the plant.



The people that sort the tags like to have members choose a color tag with the price of the plant on the top of the tag and down a bit lower the member number.

All plants must be clean - not show clean - but hosed out real good to get rid of frogs, bugs dirt and other debris. If you choose to pot your plants choose a clean pot that is the right size for the plant. I like to line the bottom of the pot with a coffee liner to keep the dirt from coming out of the drainage hole in the bottom of the pot.

You can take bare root plants. If they have a root ball wrap it in a plastic bag or I like to wrap with Glad Press and Seal.

For small plants like *Aechmea gamosepala*, some *Billbergias* or an assortment of broms you can put 5 to 10 plants in a nice looking plastic bag and ask \$10 or \$15 for the bag. People love that. The BSCF pays the fee for the sale space. The society charges 20% for each sale to cover expenses and hopefully make some money for the society. Buyers pay the sales tax which is calculated at the time of check out. A receipts is given to the buyer.

When I get info from Mead Gardens concerning their rules I will email the out immediately.

Give it a try. It is a very fun way to get to know other members. And don't forget to bring lunch and nonalcoholic drinks for yourself. There won't be any food trucks this year due to Covid.

Marilyn

It is never too soon to start preparing your broms. It doesn't matter how many you bring. The brom society will keep 20% of the sales to help pay for expenses.

We need to take our own tables. I have 3 - 4ft fold up tables I got at Walmart. **OR** you can also display your broms on the ground especially if they are large broms. I put the large broms around the bottom of my tables.

So take a few minutes to look at how to prepare your plants for a sale.

Mead Gardens is a very laid back sale and it is my favorite. So give it a try.

Hope to see you all then

Marilyn Howser 🍍

Guest Speaker

The speaker for Oct. is Calandra Thurrott who was one of the judges at the BSCF Mother's Day Show and Sale. Calandra Thurrott grows bromeliads in Port Orange, Florida. She serves as the Membership Chair for the Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society (FECBS) and has served as Secretary for many years. Calandra has been given the FECBS Lifetime Member Award for her long time dedication to her home Society.

Her interest in bromeliads is evident in her jewelry, appliqué, and quilt designs. Among her interests besides growing bromeliads are fiber art, sewing and photography; she is a longtime member of ArtsEtc, a fiber arts group.

She is currently a representative for FECBS to the Florida Council of Bromeliad Society (FCBS) and serves as a Copy Editor for the FCBS Newsletter.

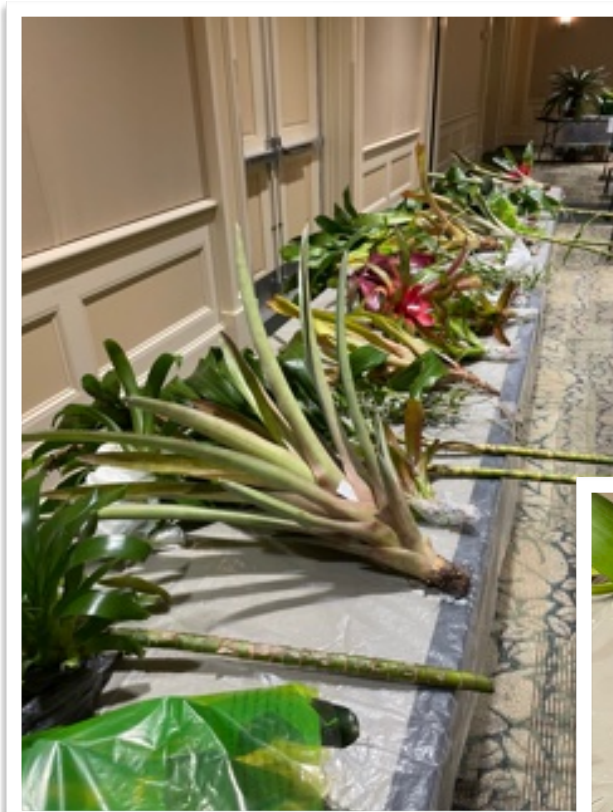
She is a BSI Accredited Bromeliad Judge and Student Judge Instructor. One of her duties is as an Administrator for the BSI Website (www.BSI.org).

She is currently an Eastern Regional Cryptanthus Society Director, member of San Francisco Bromeliad Society and recently joined the Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society.



Calandra's program revolving around the "Bromeliads Downunder 18th World Conference in Cairns, Australia." will be a PowerPoint presentation: "**Australia and New Zealand a Photo Journal**". This is a two part program with travel photos in Australia and NZ—part one will be the topic for Oct. 20th 2021.. Part two is tropical plants, the World Conference will be the topic for the February 2022 meeting.

September Photos



Aechmea romero



Cryptanthus pink star



Tillandsiabeutelspacheri



Hohenbergia edmundoi

2021 Bromeliad Society of Central Florida MEMBERSHIP FORM

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City, State Zip +4 _____

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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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