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

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Next meeting: November 17, 2021

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

6:30 –7:00 is pre-meeting time for purchasing plants

Meeting officially begins at 7:00 pm

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www.bromeliadorslando.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

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone. We are finally getting some fall weather. Of course it came after the massive rain on the Friday of GROWvember. Was a crazy day with lots of rain and wind. We had a couple hours of no rain before the heavens unleashed. Surprisingly, we had a very nice sales day on Friday, in spite of the nasty weather conditions. Saturday was much nicer and we saw a lot of people attending the Mead Garden plant sale. Our Society had a good weekend selling our bromeliads.

Thanks to all those members who sold and thanks to all those members who came out and added to their collection. I know I fed my addiction with some new broms. Thanks to Georgia for providing a tent for sales. Kept the cash register nice and dry.

Congratulations to our new officers for 2022; President Mike McMahon, Vice President Tim Dreggors, Secretary Lisle Haas and Treasurer Joyce Gibault. As our President-elect mentioned after last month's elections, the new officers will need a lot of folks volunteering to take on "little jobs". Please let Mike and his new Board of Directors how you can help out our Society during the coming year.

Our November meeting will be our annual Christmas Holiday gathering. Hope to see everyone there. Remember to bring a dessert or side dish to go along with the chicken that will be provided. We are also doing our Secret Santa gift exchange. If you want to participate, please bring a wrapped, clean and pest free bromeliad. We will draw numbers and those participating will be able to grab one of the wrapped presents, opening it up for all to see what beautiful brom they are adding to their collection.

Happy Thanksgiving again. And thanks for being part of the Bromeliad Society of Central Florida.

Mike

Incoming Presidents Message

Good morning, everyone.

I do not become President until January, but we need to start pulling things together before the holidays divert everyone's attention. So, here is the email I promised on volunteer opportunities. My main goal is to take all the work that keeps BSCF operating and break it down into many smaller jobs that people can readily handle. Below is a list of tasks with a brief description. Some can be split some into smaller sub-tasks. In most instances, the person who takes on a job is going to need helpers, and they will also need back-up who can cover when the person cannot be available. Even if someone has already volunteered to handle a task, you can volunteer to help them with a part of it. The most important thing to keep in mind is that we are all involved because we enjoy learning about broms, and the opportunities to acquire them that BSCF makes possible. It is OK if you do not know what a task involves. You are the perfect person to handle it if you are willing to give it a try.



Mike McMahon
(in Presidential pose)

Meeting Layout Coordinator: Initially will be handled by President until a different approach is figured out. Duties- coordinate with Leu Gardens regarding the set-up of tables, chairs, podium, audio-visual, etc. after obtaining input from (1) Vice President regarding program/speaker's requirements, (2) Hospitality Chair regarding refreshment arrangements & any 'special event' (like cake at October anniversary meeting), and (3) any other activity at monthly meeting affecting numbers of tables, room arrangement,

etc. (such as member plant sales, silent auctions, etc.). A layout must be provided to Leu Gardens in advance of each meeting, by fax or hand delivery, together with audio-visual & like requirements. Discuss with Leu staff as to any questions. Confirm proper set-up on day of meeting before 6 PM.

Meeting Hospitality Coordinator: Set-up refreshments table, drape tables (including door prize, raffles, Show & Tell, speaker, plant sales & other tables, if any); shop for table utensils, napkins, etc. as needed; arrange for drinks, ice, etc. at every meeting; arrange storage of 'stuff' between meetings. (Limited storage space in cabinet at Leu Gardens.) This job requires showing up before 6 PM (before the speaker and members arrive with plants) to get tables draped. **John Ventura** has volunteered to handle this job. I'm sure he could use some help.

Raffle Coordinator: Be at the Welcome Table to sell raffle tickets, make change, distribute door prize tickets. Occasionally shop for tickets, etc. as needed. Gather up materials at the end of meeting & store (in cabinet at Leu Gardens); get cash to Treasurer. **VACANT...** This is an easy task, but requires the person arrive by 6 PM, and spend a good part of the meeting at the table. We need one person to be responsible for it getting done, but several people can share 'table duty time' so everyone gets to enjoy the meeting. If we do not have some volunteers for this job, there will be no raffles or door prize tickets at the January meeting!!

Speaker Helper: At many meetings we have a speaker who brings plants to discuss and to sell. They have often driven for an hour or three through rush hour traffic and arrive at Leu Gardens (usually around 5:30 – 6:00 pm) needing to carry several trays & boxes of plants, set up their sales table, their presentation, etc. They may never have been to Leu Gardens before, and have no idea how our meetings go. It would be good to have someone present to greet them, hold doors open for them, help carry their stuff, help them figure out audio-visual connections and the like. A side benefit is getting first look at what they have brought to sell. **VACANT**

Meeting Breakdown Coordinator: We must be fully out of the meeting room by 9 PM. The Breakdown Coordinator has the task of making sure we are. This involves un-draping all tables, wiping things down, picking up any trash left by members, cleaning up any messes, seeing that all items not belonging to Leu Gardens are removed from the room. There is often just 10-15 minutes to get the room cleared. **Pam Marion** has volunteered to handle this task. She will definitely need help.

Librarian : This person is responsible for making BSCF's books available to members and seeing that they get returned. BSCF has an extensive collection stored in a cabinet in a side room at Leu Gardens. People do not take advantage of it nearly enough. When Pam served in this role, she would pull out a couple of books at each meeting that matched or related to the topic of the speaker. I would like to see someone do similar, and perhaps highlight a book or two each month. **VACANT.**

Newsletter Editor: Gather material, minutes, photos, articles, etc.; prepare newsletter; email newsletter to all members and designated recipients. **John Vecchitto** has volunteered to continue in this role. It would be great if a couple of people would take on the roles of being 'reporters', supplying John with photos, news blurbs and/or articles. I would like to have a knowledgeable volunteer be a **Newsletter Proofreader**, especially for botanical names and terms used in the newsletter. Since this is BSCF's official publication and gets sent to other societies, we should make sure we comply with the technical standards for what gets capitalized, what doesn't, what is put in quotes, etc. Many of us make technical errors. A set of knowledgeable eyes would be good to catch any little oversights before the newsletter goes out.

Membership Secretary: Many organizations have a Recording Secretary who deals with the minutes and official records, and a Membership Secretary who deals with keeping membership records, receiving new member applications and the like. The BSCF By-laws make the Secretary responsible for both roles. When Liesl Haas was recruited to be on the Nominating Committee's slate for the office of Secretary, she was assured that her only responsibility would be as a Recording Secretary. Since **Marilyn Howser** already has all the membership rolls on her computer, she has volunteered to perform the Membership Secretary role..... We have relied on Marilyn to do so much for so long. But, we can't have our energizer bunny with no job to do! ...We may end up considering a By-law amendment to formally create a Membership Secretary position.

PLANT SALES - Each year, BSCF participates in the Leu Gardens Spring Plant Sale (March 12-13, 2022), the Mead Gardens Fall Plant Sale (first weekend in November), and holds its own plant sale over Mother's Day weekend (May 7-9, 2022). We need to have someone chair our participation in each of these. I think it would be good to have different Chairs for each sale. It is particularly important that someone step up to Chair our participation in the Leu Gardens Spring Plant Sale. (I have a prior commitment and will not be around that week.) The job entails coordinating with the venue; identifying/recruiting members to sell; communicating with those selling about venue regulations/requirements; coordinating set-up and breakdown; arranging/recruiting/training people

to operate check-out; coordinating publicity; arranging for the calculation of monies due to participating members, coordinating with the Treasurer on the issuance checks and donation letters to participants (& returning their 'price sticks'); handling whatever pops up. Those regularly participating in the sales are familiar with what to do, but there has to be someone in charge or things can get confused. Imagine if nobody showed up who knew how to process credit cards!

Plant Sale Chair for Leu Gardens Spring Plant Sale: VACANT. Helpers needed to work check-out, help pull 'price sticks' and the like.

Plant Sale Chair for BSCF Mother's Day Celebration: VACANT. Helpers needed to work check-out, help pull 'price sticks' and the like.

Plant Sale Chair for Mead Gardens GROWvember Fall Plant Sale: VACANT. Helpers needed to work check-out, help pull 'price sticks' and the like.

Holiday Party Coordinator: The December meeting (or November) is a social meeting to celebrate the holidays and the coming new year. There is no program and no business conducted unless something cannot wait until the January meeting. There is a tradition of having a gift exchange and in recent years BSCF has purchased gift plants for attending members. BSCF has supplied a main course for a meal with members bringing a potluck assortment of side dishes and desserts. Coordinating all of this is a job in itself, especially with all the things people have to do during the holidays and year-end work responsibilities. **David and Cathy Schubert** have volunteered to be the 2022 Holiday Party Coordinators. It is more than a year away, but I'm sure they would like to know there are some folks who will volunteer to help them put on the event.It may follow the traditions of recent years, or be altogether different. That will be up to David & Cathy.

Field Trip Organizer: Pre-Covid, we would have one or two outings over the course of a year visiting bromeliad nurseries, having a casual social get-together to see a member's collection or garden, or whatever folks were interested in doing as a group. I expect that sometime during 2022 we will begin to be able to have such outings again. Do we have a volunteer to plan an outing or two? – **VACANT**

Webmaster: BSCF has 3 presences on the internet. We have our own website: www.bromeliadorslando.com . We have a Facebook society page: <https://www.facebook.com/BromeliadSocietyOfCentralFlorida/> . And, we have a Facebook discussion group we sponsor: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/263882333744906> . **Greg Kolojeski** updates the website and has volunteered to continue in that role. A half dozen people have 'administrator' status on the Facebook pages for approving postings and the like. A couple are no longer very active, but everything functions acceptably. We have no immediate need, but if someone is interested in one of these roles, let me know. The time will come when you are needed.

That covers most of what needs to be done. I've probably overlooked something. If you are willing to take on one of these tasks or help with them, email me or talk to me at the meeting next week.

Best wishes to all.

Mike

October Minutes

Bromeliad Society of Central Florida Meeting Minutes Wed October 20, 2021, 7 - 9pm

Program: Marilyn Howser introduced speaker Calandra Turrott, who shared a slide show of her and her late husband Jay's 2008 tour of New Zealand and Australia. Many beautiful plant photos were included, especially bromeliads. Calandra also brought plants for sale.

Business Meeting was called to Order by President Mike Saunders at 8:00 pm. He thanked Calandra, as well as all who brought plants for the door prize and raffle tables and food for the refreshments table.

Mike announced that the October meeting marks the 49th anniversary of the founding of BSCF. We were honored to have Founder, Life Member and first President Eloise Beach at the meeting.

We welcomed one new member:

Mary Krese

Minutes: The minutes of the September, 2021 meeting were published in the Newsletter. There being no corrections, they stand approved as filed.

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 Wed, November 17th. It will be our popular Holiday Party and Plant Exchange. The Society will bring the chicken main dish and members should bring a side dish or dessert. All are encouraged to participate in the Plant Exchange. Please bring a beautiful plant worth about \$15 retail. 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." Each individual/family will also receive a gift bromeliad from the Society. Due to an event at Leu Gardens the December meeting has been cancelled.

President's Report: Mike announced that we will participate in the **Grovember Show at Mead Gardens** on Fri and Sat Nov 5th and 6th. All members are encouraged to sell and buy.

There was discussion of our plans for the March **Leu Gardens** sale and we decided to stay in our usual location and work to improve the customer buying experience. More volunteers are needed to assure security, since last year several valuable plants were stolen. The Society voted unanimously to participate in the Leu Gardens sale and register for one space.

The June 2022 **BSI World Conference** has an early registration deadline of December 2021. This is going to be a great event, with outstanding sales, tours and lectures. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Information available at [BSI.org/conferencecorner](https://www.bsi.org/conferencecorner). All members are encouraged to submit stories and photos to Carol Wolfe for the state newsletter and to John Vecchitto for our *Orlandiana* newsletter. (Please email items to him with "Orlandiana" in the subject line).

Old Business: Mike thanked the Nominating Committee of Mike McMahon, John Boardman and Bob Smedley for their service. He read the bylaws section on elections and then had Chairman Mike McMahon present the slate of officers:

President: Open

Vice President: Tim Dreggors

Treasurer: Joyce Gibault

Secretary: Liesl Haas

Mike McMahon was nominated for the President position from the floor by Eloise Beach. He consented to the nomination.

The entire slate was then approved unanimously by the members present.

Mike McMahon thanked Mike Saunders and Marilyn Howser on behalf of everyone for their outstanding five years of service. He announced that they had done many tasks that he now hopes to spread more evenly throughout the membership. Please volunteer for one of these jobs when he sends out the list.

Show and Tell: John Vecchitto showed us a Root Slayer tool that makes digging and cutting roots a breeze. It comes in two sizes and is available on Amazon.

John Boardman brought a stunning *Aechmea Chantinii* "Fat Boy" with a lovely orange and yellow inflorescence.

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

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

Hi all

The next Bromeliad Society of Central FL meeting is Wed. Nov. 17th. Due to an event going on at Leu Gardens our December meeting has been cancelled which is why we are having the Holiday party in November.

Here's what's going on.

There will be no door prize, no raffle.

There will be a Member Market.

The society will be providing chicken. Please bring your fav side dish or a dessert.

There will be a gift exchange. If you would like to participate please bring a nice clean wrapped bromeliad. If you don't bring a bromeliad you won't get one.

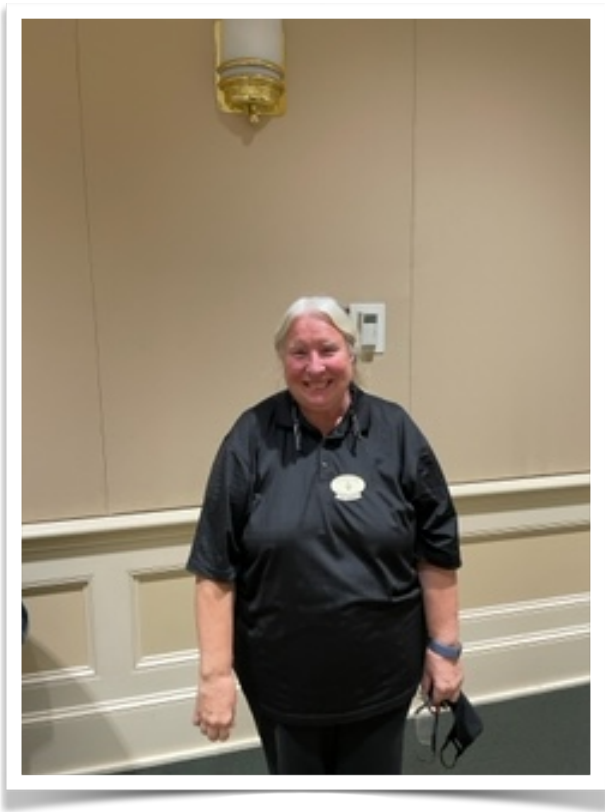
Again there will be no meeting in December. So we'll all meet again January 19, 2022.

I wish all of you a wonderful Christmas season and a very blessed 2022.



Marilyn.

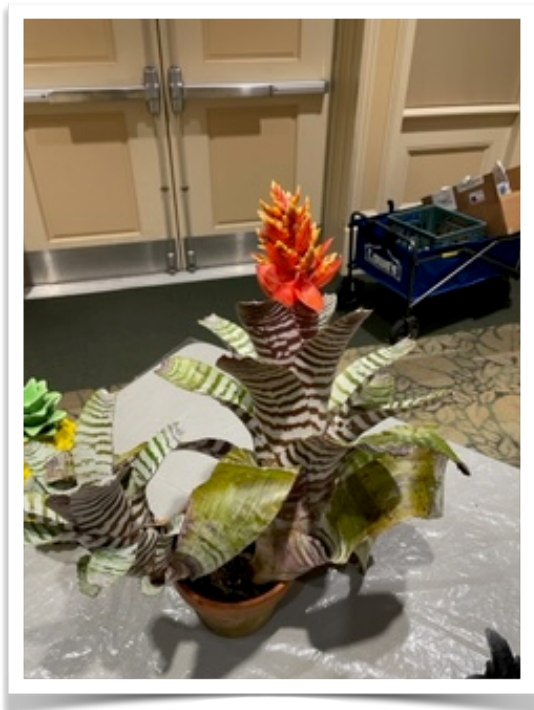
October Pictures



Eloise Beach
Founder, first president and life
member



Calandra Turrott shows her broms



Chantinii "Fat Boy"

courtesy: John Boardman

2022 Bromeliad Society of Central Florida MEMBERSHIP FORM



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Address _____

City, State Zip +4 _____

Phone /Email _____

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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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