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**Newsletter of the
Bromeliad Society of Central Florida**
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Next meeting: January 19, 2022

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

Happy Holidays and a Happy 2022 to all. Wishing you and your families the very best. As a reminder, we are not having a meeting this month as Leu Gardens is using the building for an event.

We had a great meeting last month. Marilyn planned a wonderful Christmas gathering. Hats off to Marilyn. Fabulous. Thanks to all that brought food. Everything was delicious. Thanks to those members selling plants and to all those that participated in the secret gift exchange. Was a fun time. And there were a lot of beautiful bromeliads that found new homes.

A reminder that we are participating in the Leu Gardens plant sale on March 12 and 13. All members can bring plants for BSCF to sell. Just remember the need to be clean and pest free. More will be discussed at the January and February meetings.

Hard to believe I have been lucky to have served as your president for 5 years. We have grown since we came back to Leu Gardens for our meetings. Thanks to all our members for participating and making it a fun time. Will be a nice change to sit in the back during the meetings.

I want to send a special thank you to my vice president for the past 5 years. Marilyn Howser. You did a fantastic job. We had a lot of great speakers and presentations. BSCF wouldn't not have prospered without your hard work and support and significant contributions. You made my job easy. Thank you so very much.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mike



Vice President's Comments

Dues are due January 1st and are delinquent February 1st. We have several new members. If you have become a new member since September 2021 you are exempt from paying 2022 dues. A membership form is attached. Marilyn will be taking your membership form along with payment. We accept cash or checks. Credit cards or bank cards will not be accepted,

I hope you all had a nice Thanksgiving. I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a very blessed 2022.

See you in January 2022.

Marilyn Howser 🍍

Upcoming Events

March 12 & 13, 2022, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Free Admission all Weekend!

Shop Leu Gardens' Annual Spring Plant Sale! Over 50 growers and vendors selling a variety of plants and outdoor accessories to enhance your landscape and home. Bring a wagon or plant cart for your purchases. All vendors take cash and most take credit cards.

Leu Gardens' Members shop early on Saturday, March 12 at 8:00 a.m., please show your membership card and photo ID to be admitted early. Guest(s) of members will be able to enter at 9:00 a.m. Guest Passes and AHS Reciprocals are not accepted during the Leu Members' early shopping hour.

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.

We are expecting to have a very successful WBC 2022. With Florida for many weeks now continuing to rank as one of the states with the lowest pandemic rates and with most former international travel restrictions no longer in place, we expect to have our international speakers present as scheduled for the conference.

The easiest way to register for WBC 2022 is to do it online at <https://www.bsi.org/new/world-bromeliad-conference-registration/>). Information can be found at the **WBC Menu** at <https://www.bsi.org/> where there is also a detailed [WBC 2022 Time Schedule](#).

Only WBC 2022 Registrants will be able to:

- Attend the Official Conference Opening, Reception & Welcome Address,
- Gain early admission to the Plant Show,
- Have special early access to the Plant Sale which will include spectacular rarely seen Bromeliads,
- Sign up for two optional bus tours with special access to two world class bromeliad nurseries and local garden visits,
- Take a bus tour to Marie Selby Botanical Gardens with behind-the-scenes access,
- Attend eight different presentations by renown speakers (including five international speakers),
- Attend the conference banquet with our keynote speaker Elton Leme, and
- Stay at the conference hotel with special rates.



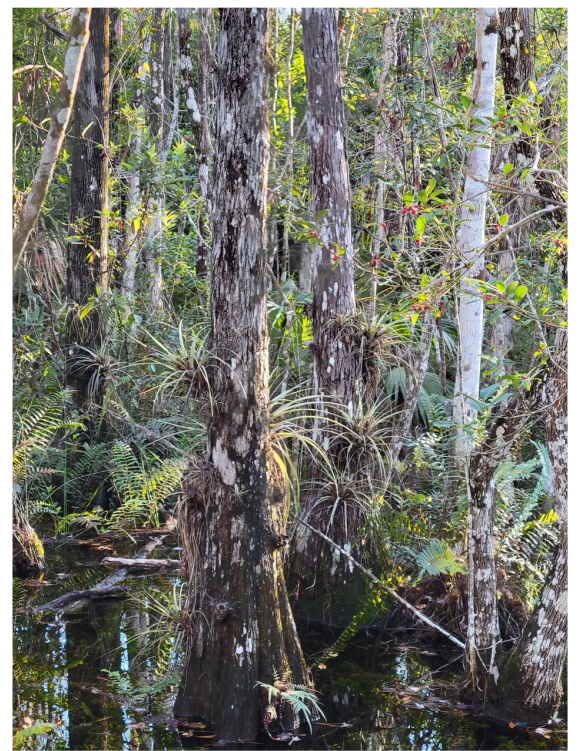
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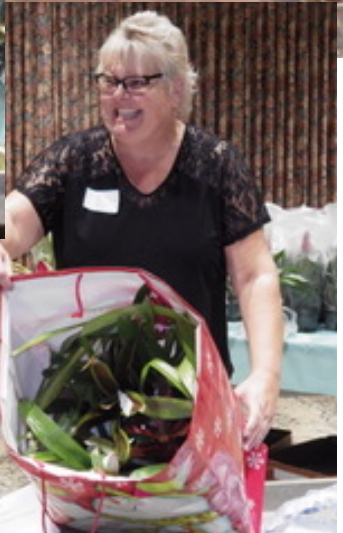
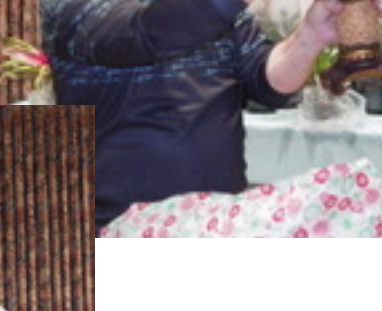
John Boardman recently judged the Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society show December 3, 4, and 5th. John won the Judge's challenge with Neoregelia 'Hypershock'. This was held in Ft Myers at the Ford and Edison property located on the beautiful Caloosahatchee River.

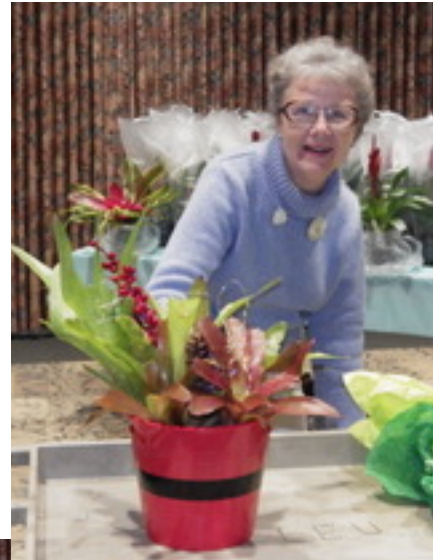


John was also recently in the Everglades and hiked the Fakahatchee Strand. He saw many of our native Bromeliads growing in the swamps off the trails.



Happy Brom Faces





Photos courtesy of:

Marty Folk



2022 Bromeliad Society of Central Florida MEMBERSHIP FORM

_____ NEW MEMBER _____ RENEWAL

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City, State Zip +4 _____

Phone /Email _____

\$15 for one member, plus \$5 for each additional family member at the same address.

Name Tags are optional. The price for a name tag is \$7 per member.

If so desired please insert number ordered _____ \$ _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____ Make checks payable to BSCF

Either **bring payment to the next meeting.** OR If mailing please send to:

Bromeliad Society of Central Florida, PO Box 536961 Orlando, FL 32853-6961.

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 monthly newsletter. Please come join us!

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Tillandsia x smalliana is native to Florida. It is a natural hybrid of *T. fasciculata* and *T. balbisiana*. (That's why the 'x' is used.) A small form is widespread in warmer sections of the state. The large form pictured is found in isolated populations in south Florida.

Mike McMahon

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