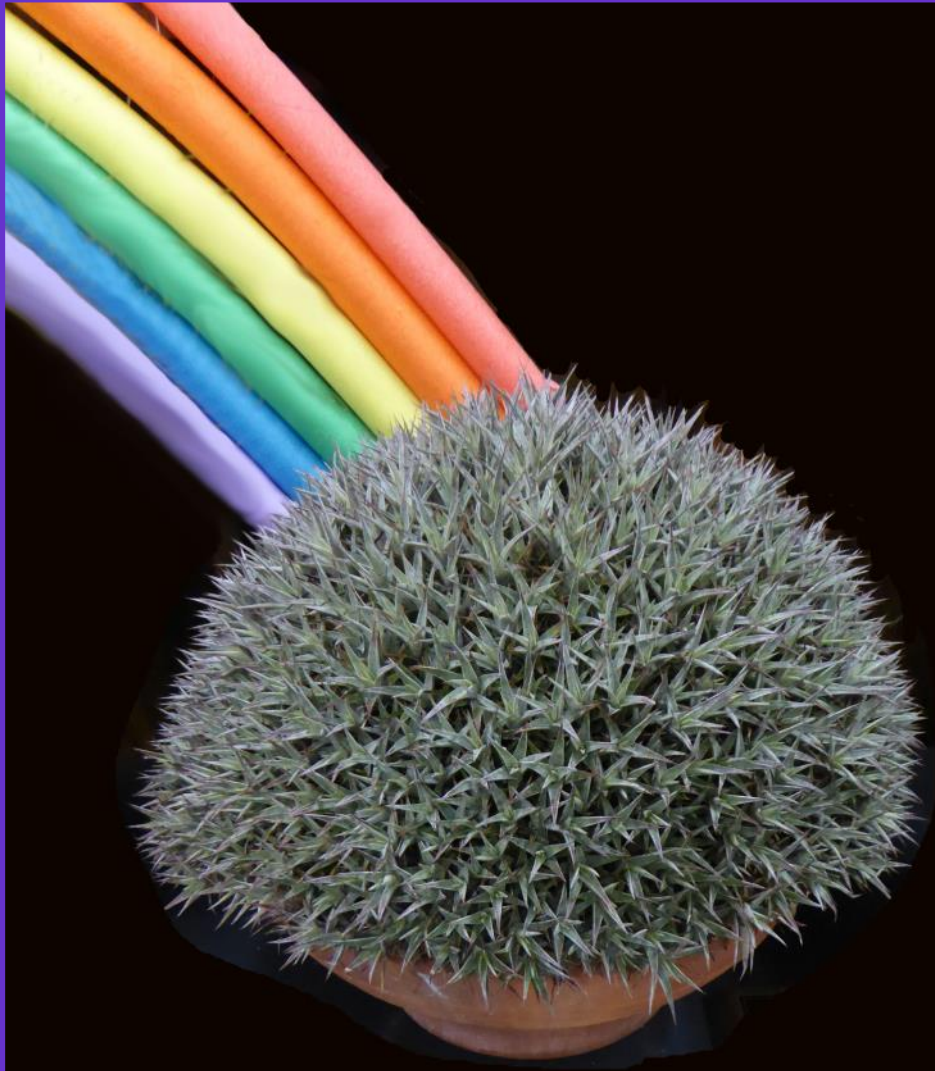




THE CALOOSAHATCHEE BROMELIAD SOCIETY'S MERISTEM

January-February 2016



BEST OF SHOW

M.B.Foster Best Horticultural Award

Exhibitor: Bruce McAlpin

Deuterocohnia lorentziana

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THE CALOOSAHATCHEE BROMELIAD SOCIETY

Jan. Meeting— Sunday, Jan 17th 2016

Feb. Meeting— Sunday , Feb 21st 2016

Covenant Presbyterian Church

The church facility is located near downtown Fort Myers, Florida, at 2439 McGregor Blvd., just one block south of the Edison Home parking lot and about 1 1/2 miles north of our previous meeting location— St. John the Apostle Church. The facility is approximately 2.5 miles north of the intersection of Colonial Blvd. and McGregor Blvd.

**Doors open at 12:30PM for Meeting Setup
The Combined Workshop & Program begins at
1:15PM**

**Please bring food, Raffle and Show and Tell Plants
Membership Sales are not permitted at the Jan meeting
Brian Weber will bring plants for sale. He has an
exceptional collection of plants.**

The Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society is an active Affiliate of:



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January 2016 Program

“Plant Naming Clinic and New Bromeliad Offerings Behind the Scenes Gossip About Bromeliads” By Brian Weber

Brian Weber, chief grower at Tropiflora will moderate a discussion about the naming of your plants. For those of you who participated in the CBS Sale and Show, you now understand how important it is to label your plants with their correct names. In addition, Brian is in the front row when it comes to new introductions of bromeliads. He is going to give us information about these plants, where you can obtain them and which ones are worth your effort to collect them. I’ve been told that Brian has behind scenes information about hybridizers, collectors and hobbyists in the bromeliad world...should be some interesting news.

Brian will be bringing plants for sale, so get there early to indulge yourself with some post Holiday presents.

February 2016 Program

“Bromel Program or Travelogue on Plants in Columbia” By Guillermo Rivera

Regardless of which topic Guillermo decides to discuss, I can vouch for its quality and interest. Guillermo Rivera is the owner and operator of South America Nature Tours. Initially he offered a series of Bromeliad/Cactus tours with-

in South America; today he has expanded his areas of interests to include Africa. His on hands nature adventures are carefully orchestrated to include the best of each region he and his guests are exploring. He will adapt the tours to the particular likes of his visitors and will include a specialist to help better involve the travelers. Either the Bromel Program or the in depth Travelogue of Columbia will be made more enjoyable by Guillermo's mastery of the camera. Plan on attending this program.

Holiday Party

Sunday, December 20th 2015

If the Holiday Party felt in part like déjà vu, it was because again we were blessed by perfect weather, great food, fantastic raffle plants, fun games, availability to splurge on new plants for our collections and great hospitality and camaraderie from Michael and Donna Kiehl, their staff and the CBS membership. Didn't think that the Birthday Party in April could be out done, but I was proven wrong.

Many thanks to our hosts and to the organizers.

January and February Workshops

We are working on these and will let you know prior to the meeting.

New CBS Officers for 2016
President– Pete Diamond
Vice-President---Dale Kammerlohr
Co-Secretaries--- Sharalee Dias, and Carly Sushil
Treasurer---Betty Ann Prevatt

Winners of the 2015 CBS Bromeliad Show

“Bromeliads at the End of the Rainbow”



Sweepstakes Winner—Terrie Bert

Representative plant: *Pitcairnia pseudoundulata* X *sanguinea*



Division I Winner

**Exhibitor:
Brian Weber**

***Dyckia burle marxii*
x
*Encholiarium
horridum***

**Division I Sec A
Winner**

**Exhibitor:
Grant Groves**

Vriesea
'Snows of Mauna Kea'
X
fosteriana



**Division I Sec B
Winner**

**Exhibitor:
Michael Kiehl**

Neoregelia carolinae
X
Orthophytum navioides



Division II Winner

Exhibitor: Bruce McAlpin *Neoregelia wilsoniana*



**Division II Sec A
Winner**

**Exhibitor:
Michael Kiehl**

Dyckia goehringii

**Division II Sec B
Winner**

**Exhibitor:
Terrie Bert**

Vriesea 'Komet'



**Division III
Winner &
The Gene McKenzie
Best Tillandsia
Award Winner
(Donated by
Mary McKenzie)**

**Exhibitor:
Bruce McAlpin**

*Tillandsia
funkiana*



Division III Sec A Winner

Exhibitor: Terrie Bert

*Tillandsia
arequitae x duratii*



Division IV Sec A Winner

**Exhibitor:
Bruce McAlpin**

*Tillandsia tricholepsis
In a Glass*



Division III Sec B Winner

**Exhibitor:
Elizabeth Migliore**

*Quesnelia marmorata
'Tim Plowman'*



Division IV Sec B Winner

**Exhibitor:
Elizabeth Migliore**

**"Starry Night"
Various Orthophytums**



Division VI Sec A Best Judges' Entry Winner
Exhibitor: John Boardman *Neoregelia* 'Scarface'



Division VI Sec B Best Novice Entry
Exhibitor: Terri Lazar *Cryptanthus* 'Richard Lum' in a bowl

**Division VI Sec C
Best Cut Inflorescence Winner**

Exhibitor: Bruce McAlpin

Aechmea 'Blue Tango'



Division VI Sec E Best Artistic Expression Entry
Exhibitor: Carol Sweat Photo of *Vriesea gigantea* 'Nova'
(Apologies for the reflective light blemishes on the photo.)



**The Bob Whitman
Best Cryptanthus
Species Award**

**Exhibitor:
Bruce McAlpin**

*Cryptanthus
osiris*
'Rainbow Star'



**The Warren Loose
Best Cryptanthus
Hybrid Award**

**Exhibitor:
Dr. Gary Nelson**

Cryptanthus 'Thriller'

CBS Dues are due by the first CBS meeting in January. If you are a new member and paid your dues in Oct, Nov or Dec, you are good for 2016. Otherwise, please pay your dues as soon as you can. If you have not had your picture taken for the Photo Roster, please see Larry Giroux at the next meeting. If your picture was not in the last Roster and you joined before it came out, check with Dr Larry.

2016 CBS Membership Dues Renewal Form

Please give or send your renewal fee to

Betty Ann Prevatt 2902 Second St Fort Myers, Florida 33916

Even if we already have this information, please take the time and fill out this form completely and return it at or by the January Meeting

Name(s) of Single or Dual Members _____

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(is this Phone line? DSL? High Speed Cable?)

Single \$15 Dual \$20 Do you wish to receive the e-mail newsletter? _____ Exclusively? _____

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CBS Minutes for November 15th 2015

Location: Covenant Presbyterian Church at 2439 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33901

Meeting called to order at 1:27 PM. By President Dale Kammerlohr

Attendance total: 49 New members: 6, Scott Singleton, Doris Poissant, Helen and Donald Robertson, Chip Jones, Chuck Ross. Guest: 4, Doris Mock, Gil Rivera, Ken Gausselein, Margaret Sandersen.

Workshop: "Decorative Containers and Artistic Arrangements for Show Submissions" Presented by: Dr. Larry Giroux- A power point by Dr. Larry Giroux about preparing plants for a show was shown. First pick up entry forms, entry cards, and show schedule before you leave. Fill out everything completely. They will help you at the show if you have any questions. Mini artistic arrangements must fit into the 6 x 6 x 6 display case (he brought many of these for people to use for submission to our show). Some of the examples he showed were of a mini arrangement with dried bromeliad inflorescences, a full size arrangement with a magazine holder and screen with cryptanthus, and a styrofoam ball with embedded bromeliad flowers. Judges look for movement within the design and harmony within elements. Don't make it too busy like the mosaic example he showed. Tips: Group your plants in odd numbers, triangle shapes seem to be a favorite of Judges, and make sure the design shows movement. He showed an older book. 'Bromeliads for Modern Living' which has many examples of artistic arrangements, decorative containers and mounting ideas. For Decorative containers harmony or contrast between the plants and container is key. Whole plants must be used but different types or maturity doesn't matter. A decorative container is anything except a 'standard pot'. It can be natural or man-made, clay, wood, baskets, terrariums are okay. No accessories are allowed, except a hanger or a base on which to put it. * (Usually plants mounted on wood would do better in horticultural display). Also you must have owned/grown the plant for 6 months or longer. If you put the growing pot inside another pot, you must not be able to see the standard pot. Top dressing can be used to hide the pot or to enhance the entry, it should not complete with the plant. Exhibitors can place the entry themselves and the judges will view them from about 3 feet away from the front. Look at your entry and see if a little turn would show it to its best advantage. Treat it as you would an artistic arrangement making sure of harmony between the plant and container. White is normally a poor choice of container color. Judges look for uniqueness and originality, that "Wow factor". He hopes to see lots of these as entries in the show. PRESENTATION IS THE KEY!

Business Meeting called to order at 2:20 PM. by President Dale Kammerlohr
Announcements:

Dale went to the Garden Council meeting last month. They are remodeling the building and we may be able to have our meeting there. Next week is Edison's plant sale and the Garden Council Garden open house. The Council will provide us with a table and we can also sell plants. Dale will go for a while ,

Elizabeth Migliore will also go. The bromeliad section is overgrown and he will ask Lyle if he can come up with a better design for us. We also need to host the garden next month from 10-1 pm on the 8th and he is asking for volunteers. Geri Prall reminded us that the sale set-up begins Friday at 9 AM and they will probably stay till 4 PM. Vendor plants must arrive before it is open to the public. Hours Saturday 9-4 and Sunday 10-3. Pick up signs and place on Friday, take down on Sunday evening and don't put any in Cape Coral on public streets. Larry ask for any donations of nice plants for show awards. Also ask for additional clerk volunteers. Vicky C., Terri L., were among additional volunteers. Slate of officers for 2016 are as follows: President-Peter Diamond, Vice President-Dale Kammerlohr, Secretary-Carly Sushil and Sharalee Dias, Treasurer-Betty Ann Prevatt. Motions duly noted and unanimously voted for approval. Vicki Chirnside gave a report on the FBCS meeting and said that Dr. Teresa Cooper lost all weevil funding and is now accepting all donations to continue her work. Volunteers please show up Thursday for Show set-up.

Program: “Hybrids of Chester Skotak Works of a Bromeliad Magician”
Presented by: Chip Jones. Chip got his degree in Horticulture in Alabama and currently has a nursery in Davie Florida. A wonderful power point presentation of many Chester Skotak bromeliads were shown. Chester Skotak is an excellent grower, breeder and hybridizer and is willing to share his knowledge with others. He only keeps the very best plants himself. He has 403 registered plants and many many more not registered. He is always exploring habitats and discovering plants and currently lives in Costa Rica. His commercial success comes from hybridizing pineapples and as a breeder for Deroose (a large commercial producer of bromeliads) in Europe. A lot of his great variegated hybrids are not from tissue culture; lots of them are stable but some revert. *Alcanterea* "Skotak's Big Bang", *Neoregelia* 'Aftershock', *Neo.* 'Amigo', *Neo.* 'Artic Blast', mini *Neoregelia* 'Rumba', *Neo.* 'Dr Jeffrey Block', and *Neo.* 'Pemiento' are just some of his well-known variegated hybrids. Commonly used plants for his hybridizing were *Neoregelia carolinae* variegated, *Neo.* 'Blushing Tiger', *Neo.* 'Skotak's Tiger', *Neo.* 'Rafa', *Neo.* 'Hannibal Lector', *Neo.* 'Tiger Cub' and *Neo.* 'Norman Bates'. Now *Neoregelia* 'Bobby Hull' (seed parent *Neoregelia carcharodon* & pollen parent *Neoregelia carolinae* x *Neoregelia* 'Fairchild') is also used frequently for hybridizing. These days most of Chester's plants are going to Australia.

Show and Tell: led by Dale Kammerlohr

Refreshment Break: 3:21 - 3:57 PM. Thank you Mary McKenzie and volunteers for all the wonderful treats

Door Prize: 7 *Guzmania sanguinea* were donated by Bruce McAlpin and won by Robert Meier, Diane Cornelison, Carly Sushil, Jeff Lazar, Doris Mock, Homer Sosa, and Elsa Christin.

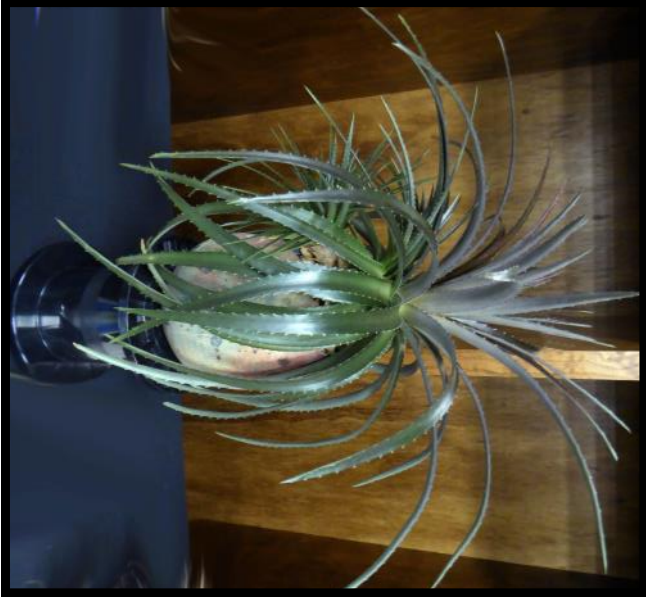
Raffle: Led by Dr. Larry Giroux, assisted by Terri Lazar and Dolly Dalton

Adjournment: 4:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Sharalee Dias Co-Secretary



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M.H. Hobbs Award Best of Show Artistic
Exhibitor: Gary Nelsen *Dyckia* 'Big Black' in a vase.

**This is your January/February Newsletter.
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