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Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society Founded 1980



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The Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society was founded in 1980, mostly through the efforts and persistence of Gene McKenzie. The photo on the front cover was taken, I believe, when the Society moved into the Fort Myers/ Lee County Garden Council Building in front of Lee Memorial Hospital on Cleveland Ave. 2nd and 3rd from the right in the top row are Peggy and Joe Bailey, Charter members. Peggy Bailey passed away on January 30th. In this issue is a tribute to this couple who gave so much to the CBS. On the back cover is *Neoregelia* 'Peggy's Peach', a Grant Groves cultivar named to honor Peggy's contributions to the bromeliad world. This plant was actually named in 1987.



THE CALOOSA HATCHEE BROMELIAD SOCIETY

ST. JOHN the APOSTLE CHURCH 3049 McGREGOR Ave. FT. MYERS.
DOORS WILL BE OPEN AT 12:30 FOR SETUP.

Please come early and help with setup
Friendship plants, Raffle items are always welcome.

There will be a Door Prize and Show and Tell

February Meeting Sunday February 20th 2011

MEMBERSHIP SALES WILL NOT BE PERMITTED at the February
Meeting (Terrie Bert will be bringing plants to sell).

Our February Program

(Will start after 2:15PM. Please note change in time.)

“Best Buy Bromeliads”

By Terrie Bert

After selling thousands of plants over the past 20+ years, I've observed the buying practices of many people and interacted with them to find the best plants for them. I've also seen people pass over great bargains and plants many times. Watching people shop for bromeliads and buying bromeliads myself has given me ideas about how a bromelophile can find the best bromeliads for his or her desires and needs, for the best prices. I'd like to share those ideas; so, in a “live” presentation (no PowerPoint), I'll share my thoughts about buying bromeliads and then open the program up to the audience to hear their ideas and questions. This program will be particularly helpful to newer bromeliad society members and, being interactive, should be fun!

February Workshop

(starts at 1:15PM)

Our new Workshop Chair, Catherine Peterson wishes to reintroduce some of the basics at the Workshops this year. Since Spring is approaching, we will be looking at our potting media for the various genera. We are asking several of you to bring in baggies full of your growing media for your terrestrials and epiphytes, which you grow in pots. If you start with a basic mix, please bring that in separately with the individual additives. Try to recall your “sources” of the mixes and additives you use. For future Workshops bring in your ideas and give them to Catherine; we hope to have a great learning year.

The Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society is an active Affililate of:



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January Program

Bruce McAlpin moderated a debate about Programs for 2011. Many thanks to Bruce and the audience participation. Now if we can get the speakers to present the desired topics, we will be golden in 2011.

Our February Speaker

Dr. Terrie Bert is a long-standing member of the Sarasota Bromeliad Society (SBS) and the Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society and has held multiple offices in the SBS. She also served the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies (FCBS) as a representative and officer for eight years. For the Bromeliad Society International, she has been a Florida Director and chaired several international committees. She currently is Librarian, Curator of the Wally Berg Award of Excellence, and an internationally accredited Master Judge. She's given over 100 presentations on bromeliads to numerous U.S. and international bromeliad societies and other groups. She has authored articles for the BSI Journal and the FCBS newsletter. She cultivates approximately 2,000 different bromeliads in 24 genera. She's won multiple top awards in local bromeliad shows and BSI world conferences and is a volunteer for and contributor to the BSI Bromeliad Identification Center. Terrie has a Ph.D. in marine biology and is a research scientist for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. She also makes quilts and SCUBA dives.

MAJOR CHANGES IN THE MEETING SCHEDULE

A comment we hear so often from old and new members is that our meetings are so long. This is always tempered by praise the quality of the meetings' content. At the CBS Board meeting following the January meeting, we again addressed this issue - How to balance quality with quantity. Our first attempt to make our meetings more "friendly" for both members and speakers will address the order of activities. Starting with the February meeting we will try to stay to the following schedule--

1:15PM - 1:45PM Workshop. There will be a 30 min break between the end of the Workshop and the start of the Program to give members time to socialize and buy plants.

2:15PM - 3:15PM Program. Our speakers will be asked to limit their presentation to 45minutes, so we should finish earlier than in the time allotted.

30 minute Break--We can enjoy refreshments, talk to our guest speaker, buy plants and review the Bulletin Board for upcoming events and notices.

We will try to shorten the Business Meeting by providing a Bulletin Board that will be available during the meeting.

Our normal Show and Tell will continue and immediately following we will finish up with the Raffle.

Bromeliad Expose By Larry Giroux

With the passing of Peggy Bailey, on January 30th in Kingwood, Texas, another major chapter of the Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society's history and Fort Myer's Bromeliad notoriety closes.

Peggy and her husband, Joe Bailey, who passed away several years ago, will be remembered as colorful and enthusiastic contributors to everything that is good about the bromeliad hobby.

Peggy allowed Joe to be the alpha rooster for the CBS. He provided protection and escorted all the ladies to out of town functions, while Peggy with her organizational skills, cultivation talents and knowledge, was always there when the Society needed her. As a Charter member of the CBS, she was involved with all of the facets of the organization she loved. She served in various Offices and on Committees both for the Society and at our Sales and Shows. She also served as a BSI Director from Florida from 1995-2000.

Their home in Buckingham, in East Fort Myers, served as their modest nursery and the venue for numerous CBS parties and open house events. Under the shade cloth, the couple grew mostly neoregelias, while in the surrounding trees they grew bromeliads au natural. Joe was particularly proud of his specimen plants of *Neophytum* 'Galactic Warrior'. He was not shy about revealing his secret of how he got them to mature to their enormous size..."pile on the Osmocote". At every Sale, he would sell offsets and we would buy them hoping that they would turn out a big Show winner just like many of their plants did.

Peggy became a BSI Judge at one of the first schools offered and used her training at every opportunity she got; whether at a local Florida Show, at a Louisiana Society or in Texas, which she called her second home. Prior to her retirement from bromeliads, I recall her judging nearly all the World Bromeliad Conferences, which I attended and remember Peggy winning Judges' Challenges on many occasions. And then there was the sisterhood of Peggy, Hattie Lou Smith,

Gene McKenzie, Rosemary Fleming, Betty Ann Prevatt and Eleanor Kinzie. They would attend Shows together and could



In the 1990's one of the CBS Show's theme was Bromeliad Hoedown. In those days we were still at the Garden Council Building in front of Lee Memorial Hospital. Joe and Peggy Bailey are seen here in full costume standing near one of the displays provided for the large public turnout. Our Society went all out to create a successful and fun sale and show event. Photo from CBS Archives.

Whether it was TLC or the weather factors, at shows and on the sales bench, the Baileys displayed exquisite neoregelias and other specimen bromeliads. Here is an R.L.Frazier hybrid called *Neoregelia* 'Milagro' photographed by Anne Collings and cultivated by the Baileys.

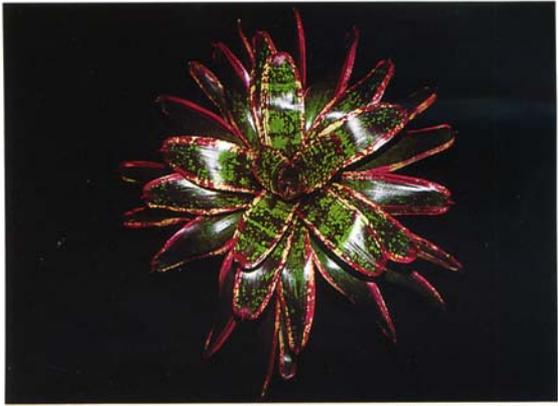


Figure 1. Photograph by Anne Collings

Neoregelia 'Milagro', a cultivar registered by R. L. Frasier. Pictured plant from the collection of Joe and Peggy Bailey.



Neoregelia 'Isabel'



Neoregelia 'Bailey'



Neoregelia 'Tossed Salad'



Neoregelia 'Buckingham'



Neoregelia 'Marsala'



Neoregelia 'Las Vegas'



Neoregelia 'Chardonnay'

Some of you may recall an article I wrote in an older issue of the Meristem in which I described a dinner meeting of Dean Fairchild and Craig Allen, dear friends of the Baileys, and Peggy and Joe at the Bailey's home. As they scrutinized 7 cultivars of the Grex produced at Bullis Nursery: 'Dexter's Pride' X 'Fantastic Gardens', they improvised names, many of which derived from the dinner items in front of them. Pictured above are these 7 cultivars. Photo credits: 'Isabel', 'Las Vegas' - Larry Giroux; 'Marsala', 'Chardonnay' - Harvey Bullis, 'Bailey' - Anne Collings, all courtesy of www.fcbs.org; 'Buckingham', 'Tossed Salad' - Dennis Cathcart, courtesy of www.tropiflora.com.

create the most beautiful displays at WBC's.

Peggy was as generous with her knowledge as she was with her plants. There are very few members and their friends, when Peggy was active with the CBS, who didn't get plants from the Baileys to add to their collections. And of course, I only had to give her a ring, even when she moved back to Texas, to remind her of an upcoming Show and a check was in the mail; usually sponsoring the "Best Neoregelia" in the Show.

While doing some research about Peggy, I uncovered an interesting story. About 1977, Joe and Peggy acquired a unique neoregelia from a nursery in California. In 1991 when CBS member and Fort Myers horticultural artist, Kiti Wenzel was asked to create a poster for the 1992 WBC "Bromeliad Safari", to be held in Tampa Florida, Peggy provided a picture of the *Neoregelia* 'Big Bands' (also known as Oeser hybrid #100) as the model for the poster. It was reported in the JBS, May-June 1992, No.3, that this plant was the only one of its kind and at that time was felt to no longer be in existence. Actually this is not true; today *Neoregelia* 'Big Bands' exists in many collections, at least in Florida gardens; and this is again due to the generosity of the Baileys. Another inconsistency I discovered in my studies is in the color of the banding. A photograph posted on www.fcb.org from Peggy Bailey shows gold/yellow banding as is the plant depicted in the poster by Kiti. Moreover, the original drawing of *Neoregelia* 'Big Bands' is more consistent with the description given to Don Beadle by Peggy Bailey for the 1998 edition of the Bromeliad Cultivar Registry - "Dark, rich red spotted and banded with chartreuse - irregular very distinct bands to half the upper leaves evident even in small offsets...those that have this plant need to check it out and see which color version you have.

Included in this newsletter are photographs of some of the bromeliads that were either introduced into cultivation or grown and exhibited by Joe and Peggy Bailey. Fortunately we have these as well as so many other pleasant memories of this couple who provided us with their best during their three decades of involvement with bromeliads.



Photograph by Carol Wolfe

Officers and Directors of the BSI tour Longwood Gardens along with host Rolfe Smith.

SEATED, L to R: Doris D. Bundy, Peggy Bailey, Hattie Lou Smith.

STANDING, L. to R.: Harvey Beltz, Rick Richtmeyer, Clyde Jackson, Jack Reilly, Chet Blackburn, Joyce Brehm, Bill Soerries, Tom Wolfe, and host Rolfe Smith.

Pardon the quality of the picture, but it was taken several years ago with a low resolution camera. The photo shows just one of the many headtable winning plants of the Bailey's. This of course is one of Joe's blooming *Neophytum* 'Galactic Warrior' in full spectacular color and form.



Summary of the CBS Board Meeting - January 16th

President Vicky Chirnside opened the meeting. Board Members present: Vicky Chirnside, President; Larry Giroux, Editor; Marsha Crawford, Vice-President; MaryLynn Murphy, Secretary; Dave & Geri Prall, Sale Chairs; Bruce McAlpin, Program; Cate Peterson, Workshop; Betty Ann Prevatt, Treasurer; Mary McKenzie, Hospitality.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Audit Committee will be formed and an Audit will be conducted. Due to high cost of rent and lower income, alternative locations were discussed. Search will continue.

Members discussed the length of the monthly meetings. The consensus is that the meetings are too long . It was suggested that in lieu of a general meeting we have a bulletin board with upcoming events at the meeting. In addition, all upcoming events would appear in the Meristem. The meeting schedule would change to the following: 1:15-1:45 Workshop; 2:15-3:15 Speaker (who would be asked to limit their talk to 45 minutes); 30 Minute Break; Brief Meeting, Look at Bulletin Board; Show & Tell; Raffle
The Board agreed to try this new schedule for the February Meeting .

Program Chair, Bruce McAlpin informed us that the CBS Speaker's fee is \$100.00. Other societies have increased their fee. It was agreed that during this economic climate, our fee would remain the same. We would be agreeable to giving a fuel surcharge. Editor, Larry Giroux provided the following formula for the fuel surcharge: \$20.00 for up to 100 miles, \$40.00 for 200 miles, \$60.00 for 300 miles, \$80.00 for more that 300 miles (these miles are for roundtrips).

2011 donations will remain the same as 2010.

BSI and The Cryptanthus Society would receive \$200.00 each; Six Mile Cypress, Friends of Fakahatchee and The Naples Botanic Garden would receive \$100.00 each. . A vote of the membership will be taken at the next General meeting. Auction money would stay the same as last year.

Vice-President, Marsha Crawford volunteered to be Co-Chair for the 2011 Show.

President, Vicky Chirnside adjourned the meeting at 5:30pm

Respectfully submitted, MaryLynn Murphy, Secretary

MEXICAN BROMELIAD WEEVIL REPORT

OCTOBER -DECEMBER 2010

Ronald D. Cave¹, Teresa M. Cooper¹, and J. Howard Frank² ¹Indian River Research & Education Center, UF, Ft. Pierce, FL ²Entomology & Nematology Department, UF, Gainesville, FL

Average weekly production of *Lixadmontiafranki* pupae was 121, with a maximum of 164 and a minimum of 82. In October, 536 pupae were produced, in August 526 pupae, and in September 610 pupae. The trimestral total was 1,571 pupae.

Two shipments of fly pupae were received from Honduras. On 1 December 2010, 53 pupae and on 10 December, 23 fly pupae were received. Adult flies emerged from about 70% of the pupae. Of these adults, 17 females have mated and are at an age to be larvipositing. The females are being supplied with weevil infested pineapple tops on which to larviposit.

From 29 October to 8 November, Howard Frank, Dennis G. Afdlna, Tim Andrus and Erwin Williams traveled to the coastal lowlands of Belize to search for alternative biological control agents to control the Mexican bromeliad weevil. 187 weevils, all *M. callizona*, were collected (mainly in *T. utriculata*) and carried to the quarantine facility at IRREC and monitored for parasitism. All larvae have pupated or reached adulthood. No weevils were parasitized. Adult weevils have been mated and paired. Eggs are being collected from mated females. Resulting adults will be added to our laboratory Mexican bromeliad weevil colony.

A fly release was made at the Oxbow Eco Center on 14 October 2010 (25 female and 18 male flies) and at Big Cypress National Preserve on 26 October 2010 (22 females and 20 males). No fly recoveries were made from either release.

The weevil temperature study (comparing the developmental time of the weevil from egg to pupa and from pupa to adult at different temperatures) has been completed at 3 temperatures (20, 25, and 30°C). Eggs are being collected to test at 15 and 35 °C.

Publications: No new publications.

Presentations: FCBS Sanford Meeting, 9 October 2010. Controlling the Mexican Bromeliad Weevil. T. M. Cooper.

Potential Invasive Pests Workshop, 11 October 2010. Bromeliad-eating Weevils as Pests of Bromeliads. T. M. Cooper.

Big Cypress Research Symposium, 10 November 2010. Controlling the Mexican Bromeliad Weevil in the Everglades. T. M. Cooper.

FCBS Leu Gardens Meeting, 22 November. Controlling the Mexican Bromeliad Weevil. T. M. Cooper.

Entomological Society of America Annual Meeting, 16 December 2010. Morphology of the larval stages of the weevil parasitoid *Lixadmontiafranki* (Diptera: Tachinidae). T. M. Cooper. ‘)

Garden Club of Cape Coral

presents:

***Its Third Annual
“March in the Park”
4125 SE 20th Place***

(at end of Beach Parkway)

**Cape Coral, Florida 33904
MARCH 12, 2011 9am -4pm**

A plant and garden art sale featuring 50 vendors selling plants, trees, garden art and garden related items. Speakers will be making informative presentations throughout the day. Master Gardeners will be available to answer your questions. Food, music and raffles will be available throughout the day.

Admission is free.

For information call: 239-540-7988 or
Email: Huffmom5@aol.com

Most of you know Lyle Bowen from his numerous “Open Houses” he has hosted for the CBS and his spectacular gardens. And some of you know that he is a trained artists. More recently he has been inspired to create a new portfolio of images; unfortunately they are not horticultural, but, nevertheless, they are a unique collection. Enclosed is the brochure presenting his recent Art Show in Fort Myers. Also is a link to go and see the 10 new works by this talented member of our Society.



PROUDLY PRESENTS

“MUSICAL CHAIRS”
BY LYLE BOWEN

ART EXHIBITION
AT NSSC CAMPUS, PLANTATION LOBBY

OPENING 02.02.11, 5PM MEET THE ARTIST
EXHIBITION CAN BE VIEWED UNTIL 03.04.11

LOCATION:
CHICO'S
PLANTATION LOBBY ENTRANCE

OPEN:
REGULAR WORK HOURS

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Lyle Bowen recently visited his daughter in London and toured the National Gallery where he came upon a series of gesture drawings representing Veronese's Vision of St. Helena. "They were the most beautiful drawings I've seen –simple, bold, and edgy. They took a life of their own. They were no longer Veronese's Vision of St. Helena paintings."

"Those gesture drawings inspired me to paint again. I, too, wanted to take a familiar object and give it presence. A chair just happened to be in the room and, why not, the perfect model. Everyone knows the chair." The Musical Chair Series evolved into 10 new paintings.

Lyle was born in Southern California, but he considers himself a native of Fort Myers because "my mother was born here". Edison State College awarded him an art scholarship. "While at Edison, I was fortunate to have studied with Robert Rauschenberg's printer, Robert Peterson, a big influence on my work. I love to draw with pen and ink, my favorite medium; I can't go anywhere without a sketch book."

His work is in many private collections.

Talk Magazine
USPS
Victor Ruether,
Washington, DC
Law firm of GBCRP, Fort
Myers, Florida

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CBS January 16th, 2010 Meeting Minutes

LOCATION: St. John the Apostle Church, Ft. Myers, Fl. **ATTENDANCE:** 43 members and guests. **WORKSHOP:** Presented by Geri and Dave Prall, “A Showcase of New Editions to Our Collection”. Many of the Pralls’ spectacular bromeliads were purchased at the CBS Dec. 2010 sale. If you didn’t attend the sale, you missed out on several bromeliads new to the market. **CALL TO ORDER:** President, Vicky Chirside, called the meeting to order at 2:10pm. Treasurer, Betty Ann Prevatt performed the installation of new officers: Vice-President, Marsha Crawford and Secretary, MaryLynn Murphy. Installation of President, Vicky Chirside and Treasurer, Betty Ann Prevatt took place at the December 2010 Christmas Party. **MINUTES:** Dr. Larry Giroux motioned to accept the November 21st, 2010 minutes as published online. Kay Janssen seconded the motion. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:** FCBS: Vicky Chirside commented on new research regarding the bromeliad weevil. The Bromeliad Extravaganza will be held at the Plaza Hotel and Spa, Daytona, Fl on November 4-6, 2011. There will be free parking. The World Conference in 2012 will be Florida; details have not been finalized. There will be a contest to name the World Conference during the next three months. Please contact Vicky Chirside for additional information. **DOOR PRIZE:** Terri Lazar asked the membership to please respond when contacted to bring a door prize. A sign up sheet was circulated. **TREASURER:** Betty Ann Prevatt presented the Treasurer’s Report for October, November and December 2010. Balance on hand as of December 31, 2010 was \$11,147.04. Copies of the report were made available to the membership. **FALL SALE:** Dave and Geri Prall reported a profit of \$2,393.00. The breakdown is on the Treasurer’s Report. Recommendations for next year’s sale would be additional advertising and the need for the entire memberships support. **NEW BUSINESS:** Larry Giroux reminded the membership to pay dues for 2011 if you have not already done so. It’s not too early to think about selecting plants for our CBS Auction in March. **OLD BUSINESS:** None **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Please refer to the Calendar of Bromeliad Events for upcoming events and details. **SHOW & TELL:** Conducted by Dale Kammerlohr we learned how to differentiate between *Neo. compacta* and *Neo. mcwilliamsii*. **DOOR PRIZE:** Marsha Crawford won *Aechmea* ‘Shell Dancer’. **BREAK:** A thirty minute break was held. Thank you to Mary McKinzie and volunteers for refreshments, set up and break down. **PROGRAM:** Bruce McAlpin, Program Chair, led a general membership discussion to ascertain program interests for the 2011 year. Bruce distributed a 2011 Needs Assessment survey which elicited a strong response. If you did not attend the meeting please contact Bruce with your recommendations. **RAFFLE:** Conducted by Dr. Larry Giroux and assisted by Dolly Dalton. **ADJOURNMENT:** Vicky Chirside adjourned the meeting at 4:10pm.

MaryLynn Murphy, CBS Secretary (New contact e-mail address-
MaryLynn100@me.com)

Calendar of Bromeliad Events

March 12th, 2011 Third Annual "March in the Park" 4125 SE 20th Pl Cape Coral (End of Beach Parkway) 9 AM- 4 PM. Free Admission. For info call 239-540-7988 or e-mail Huffmom5@aol.com

March 20th, 2011- Annual CBS Rare Plant Auction

ST. JOHN the APOSTLE CHURCH 3049 McGREGOR Ave. FT. MYERS.

March 26th & 27th, 2011, The Bromeliad Society of Broward County's Biennial Bromeliad Show and Sale. Sat 9-5PM & Sun 9-4PM, Volunteer Park Community Center 12050 W. Sunrise Blvd. Plantation, FL. For info call 954-530-0076 or see www.bromeliadsocietybc.com.

April 1st-3rd, 2011- Tropiflora Spring Festival

Tropiflora Nursery, 3530 Tallavast Road, Sarasota, 941-351-2267 (<http://www.tropiflora.com>)

April 9th and 10th, 2011- Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Show and Sale in conjunction with Tampa Federation of Garden Clubs Show 2629 Bayshore Boulevard, Tampa, Florida. Show hours April 9th 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM April 10th 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 PM. Bromeliad Show Chairman: Tom Wolfe (813) 961-1475 Flower Show Chairman: Kathy Echevarria (813) 877-3357.

April 17th, 2011- CBS Birthday Party

April 16th and 17th, 2011 Bromeliad Society of South Florida Show and Sale Fairchild Gardens, Miami

April 30th - May 1st, 2011 Sarasota Bromeliad Society Show and Sale Selby Gardens, Sarasota

December 2nd-4th, 2011 The CBS Bromeliad Show and Sale. Terry Park. Entries and Judging Friday, Show and Sale open to the public - Saturday 9AM-5PM and Sunday 10AM-4PM

**Unless you are new members who joined in Oct, Nov
or December your
Dues for Membership in the CBS were due by the
January Meeting.**

Please send \$15 for SINGLE and \$20 for DUAL MEMBERSHIP as well as any changes in your personal information to---

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**PLEASE SEE INSIDE FOR THE CHANGE
OF SCHEDULE OF MEETING ACTIVITIES**

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