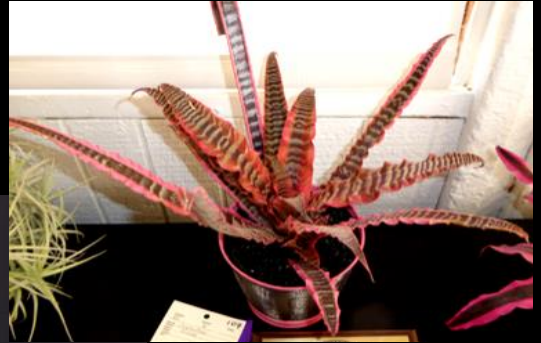




# THE CALOOSAHATCHEE BROMELIAD SOCIETY'S

## MERISTEM

July-Aug 2022



**Best Artistic Arrangement Div VIII**  
Exhibitor: Bob Stickney

**Best Decorative Container**  
Div VII Sec A and **Best Decorative**  
Container with *Cryptanthus*  
*bivittatus*  
Exhibitor: Terrance Hoffman

**Best Decorative Container DivVII**  
and **Bob Whitman Best Crypt Sp.**  
*Cryptanthus fosterianus* 'Elaine'  
Exhibitor: Catherine Windham

**Best AA with Cryptanthus Award**  
*Cryptanthus* Faux Menescal  
Exhibitor: Dr Larry Giroux

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# THE CALOOSAHATCHEE BROMELIAD SOCIETY

**July Meeting: Sunday, July 17th 2022**  
**August Meeting: Sunday, August 21st 2022**

**Our Meetings have returned to the Ft. Myers– Lee County Garden Council Building  
2166 Virginia Ave. Fort Myers.**

The facility is north of the Edison Gardens parking lot and about 1/2 miles north of our previous meeting location— Covenant Presbyterian Church. Virginia Ave is approximately 3 miles north of the intersection of Colonial Blvd. and McGregor Blvd. and is the 2nd Street north of the Edison Gardens

**Our July Meeting will feature Dr Larry Giroux highlighting “The 2022 BSI World Bromeliad Conference”**  
**(Membership sales are allowed at the July meeting.)**

**The August Meeting is TBA**

The CBS Board has established a more structured schedule for our meetings, which we will adapt as necessary—

**\*12:30-1:15:** Doors open, check-in, membership, distribution of door prize tickets and sale of raffle tickets, membership or speaker plant sales.

**\*1:15-1:45:** Workshop **1:45-2:00:** Break, plant sales continue

**2:00-2:15:** Business Meeting **2:15-3:00:** Program followed by door prize

**3:00-3:30:** Break for refreshments **3:30-4:00:** Show and Tell and Raffle

**4:00:** Clean up

**Please bring food, Friendship, Raffle and Show and Tell Plants**

Membership renewal fees are \$15/20 single/dual; New member dues: \$20/25, single/dual payable by check or cash at the meeting or by mail to Betty Ann Prevatt.

The Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society is an active Affiliate of:



Cryptanthus Society



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## July 2022 Program Recap of the 2022 BSI WBC *By Dr Larry Giroux*

CBS was well represented at the June 2022 Bromeliad Society International World Bromeliad Conference in Sarasota, Florida. Besides the good turnout of registered and day-attendees from our Society, we provided donations to the “Basket Raffles” created by Betty Ann Prevatt and Julie Stein; financial help to the conference; organization and instruction for the Judges School by members Betty Ann Prevatt and Vicky Chirnside, with attendance by several CBS member student judges; donations to the BSI and the Cryptanthus Society portions of the Rare Plant Auction with Dr Larry Giroux assisting in the auctioneering and many contributions of time and participation to the Bromeliad Show with major Chair positions filled by Betty Ann Prevatt and Terrie Bert; Clerk and Judge volunteers and a significant number of show exhibitors from our membership were involved.

Dr Larry Giroux will be revisiting with a Powerpoint Program some of the activities at the WBC with emphasis on the Bromeliad Show winners and entries by our own members. He encourages CBS WBC exhibitors to bring in plants they entered for us to see up close.

## Hospitality Requests

I know that we are all very glad that our Hospitality Table and Food has returned at break-time for us to enjoy. We are very grateful to everyone who have been bringing in the great snacks and many thanks to Diane Cornelison for volunteering to be our Hospitality Chair. However, you might have noticed that Diane was a little overwhelmed at the last meeting with the abundance of food items...readying everything in a short time and then cleanup, especially the washing of the dishes.

There are somethings we can do to make it easier for her. **1.** She needs a helper or two, who can assist her when we have an abundance of items or when she is unable to attend a meeting. **2.** Members should remember to bring their items as close to “table ready” as

possible to make preparation for serving easier. Also remember to pick up dishes and any other items you bring immediately after the meeting or sooner. Please don't expect Diane or her helpers to wash the dishes and pack them up. Hold on to bags or containers to bring your items home with you.

This brings us to general cleanup following the meeting. Each Society that uses the Garden Council Building is expected to leave the room as clean as they found it. The nature of our meetings tend to produce "dirt", garbage and disruption of the furniture. There are several members who do initially help with cleanup and we thank you, but for anyone that does stay until the gate is locked, you know there are always the same very few people that stay to empty the trash in the dumpster, sweep the floors, wipe the tables, etc. Some of these same people will probably still need to stay late to lock up, but we really need at least two additional helpers to assist with final cleanup.

At the next meeting Julie, our President, will address these concerns and ask for volunteers. We realize that everyone is anxious to get home and some have a long drive, but surely for some, it wouldn't be too inconvenient to stay a little longer once or twice a year when you are able. We appreciate your help and thank you for considering volunteering.

### **Eligibility To Sell AT The 2022 CBS SALE**

**Betty Ann has confirmed with Edison/ Ford Winter Estates that they will host our 2022 Annual Bromeliad Sale on Saturday, December 3rd and Sunday, December 4th 2022. This year we will have only the Sale in the Banyan Tree area as we have had in the past. In a later issue of the Newsletter, I will publish the Rules for selling and greater details of the Sale.**

**Due to the Covid situation during the last two and a half years, we have been lenient about the sale rules and eligibility. Last year you had to be a member of CBS by July 1st to qualify to sell. If we follow this rule (this will be confirmed by the Sales Chair), new members who joined in June are eligible if they attend 2 meetings prior to the Sale in December. 2021 CBS members who are behind in your dues for 2022, please pay your dues ASAP to remain eligible to sell in December. Just because you receive the CBS Newsletter doesn't mean you are an "in good standing" member of the CBS. Check with Betty Ann Prevatt about your status.**

**WINNERS OF THE BSI WBC BROMELIAD SHOW  
JUNE 8th 2022 Sarasota, Florida**



**Morris Henry Hobbs Best of Show Artistic  
*Quesnelia marmorata* 'Tim Plowman'  
Exhibitor: Kathy Risley**

**Mulford B Foster  
Best of Show Hobbyist  
*Vriesea Rainbow*  
Exhibitor: David Fell**



**Div I  
*Billbergia stenopetala*  
Exhibitor: Betty Ann Prevatt**

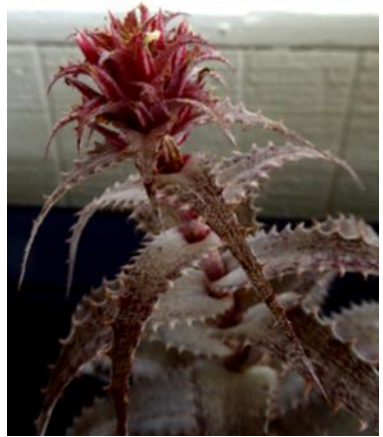


**Div I Sec A  
*Vriesea Uncle Bob* Exhibitor: David Fell**



**Div II Sec A**  
***Orthophytum Heavy Metal***  
**Exhibitor: Paul Wingert**

**Div II**  
***Neoregelia Lucky Break***  
**Exhibitor: Terrance Hoffman**



**Div XI Best Novice**  
***Neoregelia 'Yang'***  
**Exhibitor: Susan Sousa**



**Div III**  
***Rokautskyia microglazioui***  
**Exhibitor: John Boardman**



**Div III Sec A**  
***Neoregelia sarmentos #8 x Fosperior***  
**Exhibitor: Brian Windham**



**Div IV Sec A**  
***Neoregelia Shark Bait***  
**Exhibitor: Dr Terrie Bert**

**Div IV**  
***Lutheria splendide* (formerly *Vriesea*)**  
**Exhibitor: John Boardman**



**Div V**  
***Tillandsia ehlersiana***  
**Exhibitor: Dr Terrie Bert**

**Div V Sec B**      ***Tillandsia victoriana***  
**Exhibitor: Susanne Weathers**



**Div VI**  
***Tillandsia tectorum x palacea***  
**Exhibitor: Dr Terrie Bert**

**Div VI Sec B**  
***Tillandsia straminea***  
**Exhibitor: Jerry Raack**







**Div VI Sec A** *Tillandsia duratii*  
**Exhibitor: Dr Terrie Bert**



**Best of Show– Commercial**  
*Aechmea phanerophlebia*  
**Exhibitor: Michael’s Bromeliads**

**DIV XII Commercial** *Tillandsia funkiana*  
**Exhibitor: Tropiflora**



**DIV XII Sec B- Commercial**  
*Navia lactea* **Michael’s Bromeliads**



**DIV XII Sec A- Commercial**  
*Vr. Voodoo Magic* **Michael’s Bromeliads**



**DIV XII Sec C- Commercial  
*Tillandsia ehlersiana* var. *gigantesco*  
Exhibitor: Tropiflora**



**The Warren Loose  
Best Cryptanthus Hybrid Award  
*Cryptanthus* Living Colors  
Exhibitor: Michael's Bromeliads**

**Minutes of the CBS General Meeting  
Lee County Garden Council Building May 15, 2022**

**Call to order:** 1:20 by Vice- President Dale Kammerlohr

**Guests:** David Grinnell, Kathy Gale, and Jena Lewis (*plus Nugget, Vickie C.'s new pup*)

**New member:** Vickie Lowe

**In Attendance:** 27

**General Meeting:**

**Workshop:** Betty Ann Prevatt discussed the upcoming World Conference in Sarasota from June 8 – 11. She encouraged the membership to register so they can attend the presentations given by experts from all over the world, participate in several exciting field trips, and enter plants in the show. She also offered several tips on how to prepare plants for judging. Members were reminded that donated plants for the Rare Plant Auctions are needed and could be dropped off during Conference Registration. Conference details can be found by visiting [www.BSI.org](http://www.BSI.org).

**Program:** Chip Jones, owner of Jones Landscaping Nursery in Moore Haven, gave an informative talk focusing on the variegated hybrids created by Chester Skotak. Chip showed many slides of spectacular plants and told entertaining stories of how Skotak developed so many variations over the years. Even though he actually “throws away” 95% or more of what he grows, Skotak has registered over 500 hybrids he considered worthy. Chip has visited Skotak several times in Costa Rica and had several slides showing his labs and great expanses of plants under huge shade houses.

**Door Prizes:** Carol Sweat donated 2 beautiful *Canistrum aurantiacums*, and the lucky winners were Linda Ballou and Larry Giroux.

**Show & Tell:** Dale Kammerlohr and with the help of Chip Jones presented about 15 plants, of which many were Skotak's hybrids, brought in by members.

**Raffle:** Dr. Larry Giroux, assisted by Dolly Dalton, headed up this event, giving away over 20 plants.  
Meeting adjourned: 3:40  
Submitted by Alison Ackerman, CBS Secretary

## Minutes of the CBS General Meeting Lee County Garden Council Building June 19, 2022

**In attendance:** 33

**New Members:** Bob Wilk, Wanda Schmoyer, Melissa Marggraff, & Jason Mellica

**Guests:** Cindy Butler and Laurie Nelson

**Call to Order:** 1:30 by President Julie Stein

**Florida Council Meeting Report** by Vicky Chirnside.

A Dengue Fever outbreak, spread by mosquitos, has been reported in the Miami/Key West areas. The Council urges everyone to stop using Malathion and Merit in their gardens as they are highly toxic to bees. A Bromeliad Extravaganza is being planned for June 2023 on the west coast of Florida. Discussions are underway with the hope that in 2024, the next World Conference will be held on the east coast of FL between Miami and Ft. Lauderdale. The BSI keeps a huge seed bank and welcomes all donations, especially those from species plants. Seeds can also be purchased. Go to BSI.org for more information.

**Program:** Ray Lemieux of the Sarasota Bromeliad Society, brought many terrestrial bromeliads which were pot bound, and demonstrated how to cut them apart, trim the leaves, and make new individual plants, all without gloves! A few interesting tidbits:

\*He uses a "light" mix for his Hectias, Dyckias and other terrestrials: 75% perlite, 25% soil. He also uses a fired clay product called Turface, which provides excellent drainage with sufficient water retention.

\*Dyckias come from Brazil, and need more water than Hechtias, which originate mostly from Mexico.

\*Many Dyckias are also cold hardy, especially if grown in the ground. If in pots, however, they will need protection from extended freezes. This he learned the hard way.

\*After separating clumps into individual plants, wait a couple of days before planting, to "harden off" the base.

Jason Mellica, also a member of the Sarasota Bromeliad Society, came with Ray, and brought many beautiful plants to sell. He also donated to our Raffle table.

**Announcement:** Diane Cornelison reported that there will be an Arts Emporium held on Saturday, July 23, from 12:00 to 4:00 at 481 Marsh Avenue. We are invited to bring plants and yard art to sell.

**Door Prizes:** Rick Batt donated 3 beautiful *Aechmea mexicana albamarginata* plants. He reported that they will all grow 2-3 feet across when mature.

**Show & Tell:** Jason Mellica helped showcase about 10 beautiful plants brought in by members.

**Raffle:** Dr. Larry Giroux, assisted by Dolly Dalton, headed up this event, giving away about 12 gorgeous plants.

**Donation:** Ann Miller brought 2 BSI WBC T-shirts, Youth Medium, to give away.

Meeting adjourned: 3:40 PM

Respectfully submitted by Alison Ackerman



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**Div XIII Artistic Expression**  
**Exhibitor: Stephen Littlefield**  
**Div XIII Sec B Artistic Expression**  
**Exhibitor: Stephen Littlefield**