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I could not help but to show the natural striking color combinations of billbergia inflorescences that we were privy to at that the last CBS meeting as demonstrated by Pepe Donayre, another time. Although the blooms are relatively short lived by bromeliad standards, they by far make up for it by the intensity and mass of colors many of them display. As an extra, their form during and after blooming (note the various configurations of the petals in the flowers in the picture on the mailing page of this issue) are bizarre. Photos by Larry Giroux.



# THE CALOOSA HATCHEE BROMELIAD SOCIETY

**TIME AND PLACE OF OUR OCTOBER MEETING**  
**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**  
***October Meeting Sunday October 17th 2010***

**MEMBERSHIP SALES WILL BE PERMITTED**

**at the October Meeting.**

## **October Program**

**(Will start after our refreshment break)**

**“Botany of the Galapagos (Including Bromeliads)”**

**By Dr Lynne Feiber**

Dr. Lynne Feiber is an Associate Professor of Marine Biology at the Rosenstiel School of the University of Miami. She teaches Marine Science and Terrestrial Biological Adaptation. Although her research focuses on Sea Hares, Ms. Fieber will be giving us a distillation of her Field Course: Botany of the Galapagos, which she teaches to students on-site in the Galapagos Islands. And yes there are native bromeliads growing on the Islands.

Her pictures and discussion promise to be amazing. I've been to the Galapagos Islands and I hope for the CBS members and your friends, you will find the time to attend this program about one of the most unique spots on the Earth from an expert on the local, its biology and botany.

**The Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society is an active Affililate of:**



**FM-LCGC**



**Cryptanthus  
Society**



**Bromeliad Society  
International**



**FCBS**

# October Workshop

(starts at 1:15PM)

## Neoregelia cruenta - Its Cultivars and Hybrids

By Dave and Geri Prall

We are still waiting for some of our members to come forward and share their knowledge with others. In the mean time the Pralls have again agreed to discuss *Neoregelia cruenta* and related plants in their collection. Should they have time, they will also discuss other sun tolerant bromeliads for the landscape. We have not been disappointed with any of their previous programs and expect their approach to this topic will be as interesting as their other presentations.



*Neoregelia cruenta* 'Jaline' photographed at Michael's Bromeliads a few years ago. Still a relatively rare plant, the price has come down. It is a beautiful full sun yard plant deserving of a place in the landscape. Photo by Larry Giroux

## Society News

### Our August Program

Billbergias have all the attributes for which we collect bromeliads - color form, varieties, ease of cultivation, availability and exceptional inflorescences. Many thanks to Pepe Donayre for his program and review of the detailed aspects of this popular Genus.

We here in Southwest Florida are extremely fortunate to have had two of the premier grower and hybridizers of billbergia as members - Don Beadle and Jim Irvin. In addition we have local sources for their plants from members at our sales and several outstanding nurseries including Michael's Bromeliads in Venice,

Tropiflora in Sarasota and Buddy's Bromeliads in North Fort Myers. There is no excuse not to be able to include several of the species and hybrids, which Pepe demonstrated to us in his program.

## Our September Workshop

It is always nice to see our members interacting and learning from each other, that is the benefit of such organizations like the Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society.

The Pralls again need to be thanked for taking their valuable time to bring in so many plants and for discussing them with us.

The patterned vrieseas and yard sized alcantereas have come into their own as landscape and collector's plants in the last decade. The Pralls not only showed us the varieties that we can include in our gardens, but that we don't have to be fearful of their care. There are many local and mail order sources for these interesting group of plants. So start enjoying some soon.

## Upcoming Events in SW Florida

A few years ago I attended a **Bonsai Show** at our meeting hall. I was absolutely blown away with the exhibits; I couldn't take enough pictures of these "miniature trees". The Bonsai Society of Southwest Florida is having their Annual Bonsai Show and 2010 Sale, November 20th and 21st from 10 AM to 5 PM at the Hilton Garden Inn, 16410 Corporate Commerce Way, Fort Myers, FL 33913. Check out the poster attached to your e-mail version of this Newsletter.

**The SW Florida Yard and Garden Show** will again be held in Collier County at the Collier County University Extension Office at 14700 Immokalee Road, Naples, Florida, Oct 30th and 31st. See attached poster for all the details.

## Bromeliad Expose By Larry Giroux

Several members of the CBS and other Bromeliad Societies in Florida attended the WBC- "Bromeliads in the Big Easy" held in New Orleans Louisiana. Included here are pictures from that event.



**A small portion of the Rare Plant Auction audience. Among the bidders were Gary Nelson, Linda Cathcart and Betty Ann Prevatt.**





**Hobbyist Mulford B. Foster Best in Show Award - *Vriesea correia-araujoi***

**Exhibitor - Terry Coulthard**

**Commercial Mulford B. Foster Best in Show Award - *Guzmania claviformis***

**Exhibitor - Grant Groves**

**Morris Henry Hobbs Best Artistic Entry in Show- "Let the Good Times Roll"**

**Exhibitor - Jackie Johnson**

**Best of Div V - Best Artistic Arrangement - "The Crescent City"**

**Exhibitor - Jackie Johnson**



**Best Div IV SecB- Horticultural Display**  
**Best Cryptanthus Horticultural Display**  
***Cryptanthus* 'Fat Man' - Larry Giroux**

**Commercial- Best Single Specimen**  
***Neoregelia* 'Red Tiger' - Grant Groves**

**Best Div III- Horticultural Display- Single**  
***Aechmea orlandiana* 'Black Bands'**  
**Larry Giroux**

**Commercial- Best Multiple Specimen**  
***Billbergia* 'Hallelujah' - Grant Groves**

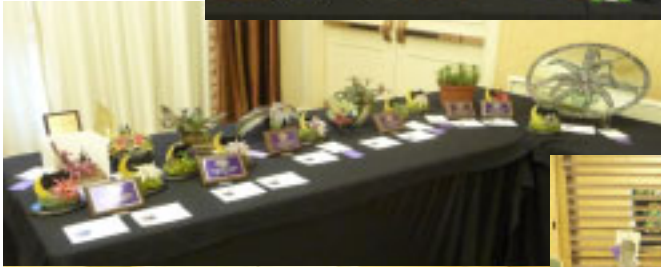
**Best Div V SecB - Artistic Arrangement**  
**The Michael Young Award - Best Overall**  
***Cryptanthus* Artistic Entry**  
**Larry Giroux**



**Photos by Larry Giroux**



**Head table  
plants and  
their awards.**



**V i c k y  
Chirnside being  
checked out  
from the Sale by  
S h a r o n  
Peterson of  
Oahu, Hawaii;  
while Michael  
Kiehl is helped  
at his booth by  
Shane Zaghini  
of Queensland  
Australia.  
Photos by  
Larry Giroux.**







**The Warren Loose Best  
Cryptanthus Hybrid  
Award**

*Cryptanthus*  
**‘Kaledoscope’**

**Exhibitor  
Calandra Thurrott**



**Div VI (Decorative Container) Winner  
Best Cryptanthus Decorative Container  
*Cryptanthus* ‘Eruption’ Larry Giroux**

**Div VII Judges Challenge  
*Tillandsia ehlersia* Margo Racca**

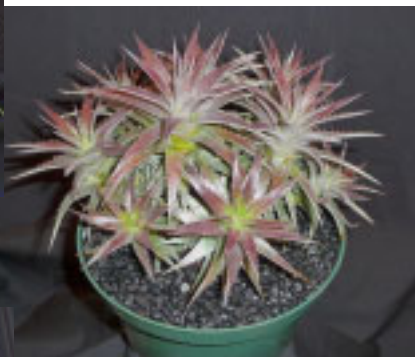


**Division VII Sec A Winner (Original Art) Bromeliad Quilt Michael Young  
Posed here is Michael with Bonnie Boutwell, Conference Coordinator**



**Div I Sec A Winner**  
**(Blooming Single Specimen)**  
*Tillandsia flabellata x fasciculata*  
**Exhibitor: Paul Wingert**

**Div II Winner (Multiple Specimen)**  
*xDycohnia 'June'*  
**Exhibitor: Bryan Windham**



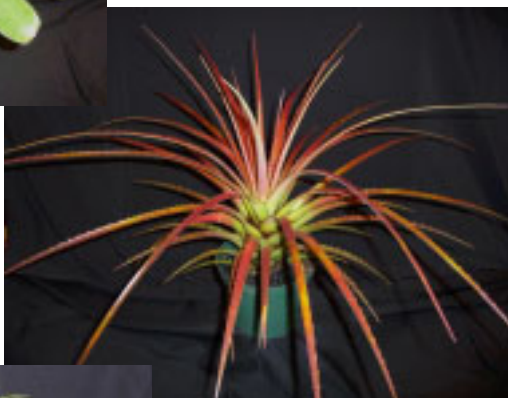
**Div I Sec B Winner**  
**(Non-blooming Single Specimen)**  
*Vriesea hieroglyphica x fosteriana*  
**Exhibitor: Tim Calamari**



**Div I Winner**  
**(Single Specimen)**

*Aechmea arenaria*

**Exhibitor: JoAnn Windham**



**Best Multiple Cryptanthus**

**The Bob Whitman Best  
Cryptanthus Species**

*Cryptanthus  
microglazioui*

**Exhibitor:  
Terry Coulthard**

**Div II Sec A Winner**  
**(Blooming Multiple Specimen)**  
*Neoregelia* 'Wee Willie'  
**Exhibitor: Terry Coulthard**



**Div IV Sec A**  
**(Bloom. Mult. Hort. Display)**  
*Tillandsia brachycaulis x exserta*  
**Exhibitor: Terry Coulthard**

**Div IV Winner (Mult. Hort. Display)**  
*Aechmea orlandiana* Bryan Windham

**Div VI Sec A Winner**  
**(Decorative Containers)**  
*Cryptanthus*  
'Cinnamon Stick' & 'Wild Cherry'  
**Exhibitor: Larry Giroux**



**Div III Winner (Horticultural Display)**  
*Aechmea orlandiana* 'Black Bands'  
**Exhibitor: Larry Giroux**







**Div VIII Winner  
(Original Art)**

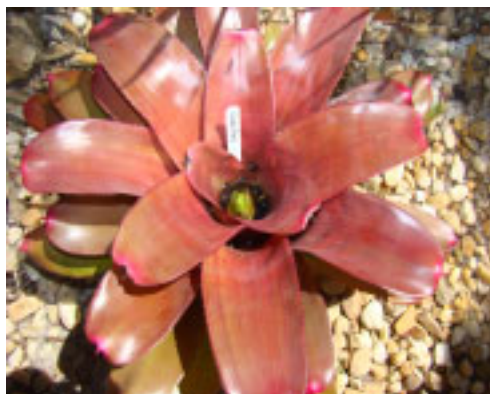
**Stain Glass  
*Cryptanthus*  
'Strawberries Flambe'**

**Exhibitor: Phil Speer**

**Div V Sec A (Artistic Arrangements)  
"When the Saints Go Marching In"  
Exhibitor: Jackie Johnson**



**Div II Sec B  
(Multiple Specimen)  
*Dyckia* ('Erwin' x 'Brittlestar')  
x 'Paylen'  
Exhibitor: Bryan Windham**



***Neoregelia* 'Code Red'. One of the many *Neoregelia cruenta* cultivars which the Pralls will be discussing at this month's Workshop. Photo by Geri Prall.**





**Betty Ann Prevatt, besides teaching the Judges School, also gave one of the Poster Sessions. Larry Giroux also presented a Poster Session about cryptanthus. Terrie Bert bids on one of 150 items at the Auction and Eleanor Kinzie and Brian Weber meet up in the Sales room.**



## CBS September 19th, 2010 Meeting Minutes

DATE: September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010 LOCATION: St. John the Apostle Church, Ft. Myers, FL. ATTENDANCE: 44 members and guests. WORKSHOP: members, Dave and Geri Prall presented a workshop entitled: "Vrieseas & Alcantareas: Close Cousins" - - The Pralls' recipe for success in growing Vrieseas and Alcantareas is a loose soil medium or preferably rock. CALL TO ORDER: President, Eleanor Kinzie called the meeting to order at 2:10pm and thanked Dave and Geri Prall for a "very special workshop". Next month the Pralls will speak on *Neoregelia cruenta*. PAST MINUTES: Upon a motion from Larry Giroux and seconded by Vicky Chirnside the minutes for July and August were accepted. COMMITTEE REPORTS: FCBS: Vicky Chirnside asked for two representatives for the October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting to be held in Seminole. Lunch is provided as well as a garden tour. Gas will be reimbursed. Please contact Vicky if you would like to volunteer. GARDEN COUNCIL: Mary McKenzie, no report. LIBRARY: Kay Janssen, no report. CBS Sale: Brian Weber announced the CBS Sale to be held on Dec. 4 & 5 and will be at the Pavilion behind the Extension Office on Palm Beach Blvd in Fort Myers, please contact him if you wish to sell. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Betty Ann Prevatt announced several upcoming events: Tropiflora's Fall Festival October 1, 2, & 3 in Sarasota; Bonsai Society Annual Show and Sale Nov. 20 & 21 @ the Hilton Garden Inn, Ft. Myers; SW FL Yard & Garden Show, Oct. 30 & 31, Naples; Edison Garden Market Nov. 26-29, Ft. Myers; Bromeliad Celebration during the month of April 2011, Edison Estates, member, Jack Kramer, will be doing a book signing for his new release, Bromeliads-Companions to Orchids; Friends of Fakahatchee are re-doing

their boardwalk and the board of CBS has donated \$100.00; NEW BUSINESS: Dr. Larry Giroux is aware that some members aren't receiving the printed copy of the 'Meristem' and this will be remedied. Also, if you do not want to receive a printed copy, only an e-copy, please contact Dr. Larry. Dr. Larry is looking for a replacement as editor of the 'Meristem' and will continue to help the new Editor get started. Betsy Burdette is looking for a volunteer to host the CBS Christmas Party. Betty Ann Prevatt stated that Bruce McAlpin has volunteered his home. Brian Weber announced the Tropiflora's new website is up and running. Terri Lazar is looking for volunteers to donate items for the Door Prize.

DOOR PRIZE: Donna Schneider won the beautiful basket of bromeliads and assorted items donated by Vicky Chirnside. SHOW & TELL: conducted by Dale Kammerlohr mainly featuring a variety of billbergia. BREAK: A 30 minute was held. Thank you to Mary McKenzie and volunteers for the food, set up and break down, and stunning arrangements of *Billbergia pyramidalis* and Bird of Paradise. PROGRAM: "My Favorite Genus: Billbergia" presented by Dr. Jose "Pepe" Donayre. Dr. "Pepe" shared his vast knowledge of the genus *Billbergia* with a Powerpoint presentation. Dr. "Pepe" recommends Billbergias as the "perfect plant for the beginner" since this bromeliad can adapt to various light conditions and is easy to care for. RAFFLE: conducted by Dr. Larry Giroux and assisted by Luli Westra. ADJOURNMENT: Eleanor Kinzie adjourned the meeting at 4:20pm. Respectfully submitted,  
MaryLynn Murphy (filling in for CBS Secretary)

## **Calendar of Bromeliad Events**

### **October 30-31, 2010**

**SW FLORIDA YARD AND GARDEN SHOW**  
**Saturday October 30 9AM to 4 PM**  
**Sunday October 31 9 AM 3 PM**  
**Collier County University Extension Office**  
**14700 Immokalee Road Naples Fl**  
**(10 miles East of I75**  
**Call 239-353-4244 For Information**

### **November 20-21, 2010**

**ANNUAL BONSAI SHOW AND SALE 2010**  
**Saturday November 20 & 21 10AM-5PM**  
**Hilton Garden Inn**  
**16410 Corporate Commerce Way Fort Myers, Florida 33913**  
**Call Judy Gore 239-334-0673 for information**

### **November 26-29, 2010**

#### **EDISON GARDEN MARKET**

Throughout the Estates public gardens and under the Banyan Tree, south Florida vendors will be present at the 2nd Annual Edison Garden Market. Gardeners will be delighted at this one stop shopping for unique garden items including organic and rare plants, orchids, garden decor and art, flowers, supplies and much more. The Estates horticulturist will be available to answer questions, and the Estates Garden Shoppe will be open to purchase Estates historic plants and items.

**2350 McGregor Blvd.**

**Fort Myers, FL**

**info@efwefla.org**

December 4-5, 2010

**THE ANNUAL CALOOSAHATCHEE BROMELIAD SOCIETY  
BROMELIAD SALE**

**Saturday December 4th 9AM - 5 PM**

**Sunday December 5th 10AM - 4 PM**

**Terry Park**

**3410 Palm Beach Blvd Fort Myers Florida**

**For more information and to register to sell, contact  
Brian Weber @ 941-355-2847 or brianweber1b@aol.com**

**If you have any events you want advertised, please send them to me by the Monday before the first Sunday of the month. If they come in too late for publication, I will try to make an effort to send the information electronically to our on-line edition readers.**

**Read the Expanded Newsletter**

I have been asking members who have e-mail, if they can start receiving the Meristem exclusively by e-mail and I have gotten a good response from the membership. I want to remind the members that even if they can not receive the e-mail version, because they have dial-up internet service, they can still go to [www.fcbs.org](http://www.fcbs.org) and read the expanded Meristem directly online. The October issue has additional photos from the WBC in New Orleans including Show winners. Go to [www.fcbs.org](http://www.fcbs.org) to view this expanded electronic issue, if you are not already opting to receive it or let me know if you want me

**NEW EDITOR IS NEEDED FOR THE  
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**See Betty Ann Prevatt for more information.**



**Our October Speaker is Dr. Lynne Feiber**



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