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In spite of the fact that there are more tillandsias than any other bromeliad and that this Genus probably best represents the epiphytic nature of this Family of plants, we tend to overlook their beauty in lieu of the more flashy genera with large inflorescences or colorful foliage. In this issue I'm getting up close to some of the colorful tillandsia flowers we sometimes take for granted. One such is the bright red flower of *Tillandsia funckiana* as seen on the front cover. A multiple grown in bright light adorns the back cover. 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  
***November Meeting Sunday November 21st 2010***

**MEMBERSHIP SALES WILL NOT BE PERMITTED**

at the November Meeting.

## **November Program**

(Will start after our refreshment break)

### **“Growing Pineapples”**

By Andrew Hahn



*Ananas comosus* ‘Royale’

Our November Program presenter is Andrew Hahn, Chief grower and Manager of Roy Batty Nursery in Naples. Self claimed “The Pineapple People”, the nursery specializes in pineapples of all sizes, including the miniature decorative types. In addition they sell a select group of exotic bromeliads such as *Alcanterea imperialis* among others.

Included in the electronic version of this Newsletter, I have printed their catalog, which demonstrates some of their products.

Andrew will be bringing plants for sale, so membership sales will not be permitted at this meeting. Plan on picking up some ornamental pineapples for the holiday season at the November meeting.

The Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society is an active Affililate of:



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# November Workshop

(starts at 1:15PM)



AUDITORIUM AT REAR OF  
**Terry Park**  
3410 Palm Beach Blvd (SR80) Fort Myers, Fl  
Saturday, Dec 4th, 2010 9AM-5PM  
Sunday, Dec 5th, 2010 10AM-4PM  
1000's of Bromeliads

For use as yard and patio plants, house and gift plants, decorations and arrangements.

E-mail Larry Giroux at  
DrLarry@comcast.net  
for more information.



Unfortunately, Brian Weber our Sale's Chair will be unable to attend this important Workshop with final information about our December Sale. Co-Chairs, Geri and Dave Prall will be stepping in for him.

Free sale tags, ID numbers and table assignments will be available.

In this issue are printed the Sale's Rules.

For those members who have only attended one meeting this year and wish to sell, it is essential you attend the November meeting to meet your requirements.

We are in need of vendors. A special table for those who have only a few plants to sell will be set up. You will still need an ID number and free tags.

We can also use your help at Friday set up. Information as to time will be given at this Workshop.

## Society News

### Our October Program

There was definitely disappointment aired that Lynne Fieber could not be here at our October meeting to present her program about the Botany of the Galapagos Islands. We were still very grateful that in spite of her illness, she provided us with her program and that I was able to carry on in her absence.

Thank you Lynne for the great pictures and information about these interesting islands; maybe we can get you to give us a more detailed view of the landscape, sea life and land creatures in the future.

## Our October Workshop

Wow! Our Workshops have never been better. Many thanks again to Geri and Dave Prall for bringing in all of the *Neoregelia cruentas* and their cultivars. Slides are nice, but live plants give us a much greater appreciation of the plants.

I understand we have an open schedule for Workshops next year...do you have any more plants in your yard?

## Nominations Committee Seeking Candidates

Our Nominations Committee consisting of Betty Ann Prevatt, Chairman and Dale Kammerlohr and Elizabeth Miglore as currently searching for diligent members to service in Officers' positions for 2011. Please step forward and donate your leadership qualities to your Society and if asked to serve as an Officer or Chair of a Committee, please accept. **Names of nominees will be announced and voted on at the November meeting.**

## Upcoming Events in SW Florida

**Enjoy the weekend before Thanksgiving with plants.**

First 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.

Then on those same days, throughout the Edison 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. At 2350 McGregor Blvd, Fort Myers, FL info@efwefla.org.

Allow time while at the Edison Estates to walk about 200 feet east from the parking lot and enter the Lee County/ Fort Myers Garden Council Gardens. The LCFMGC is hosting an Open House of the grounds of the Garden Council Building. In addition to the Gardens, vendors from the different Affiliate Societies are encouraged to sell plants. **If you wish to sell plants at the LCFMGC Gardens, the Gardens will be open at the same time as the Edison Garden Market on Saturday and Sunday. Bring your own tables and chairs. There is no charge to sell nor will any of your proceeds be deducted. For more information contact Mitzi Marckesano at couponqwn@hotmail.com.**

**Please add returning member- Deborah Jalbert to your Roster**

Deborah Jalbert  
425 15th St. NW Naples, FL 34120  
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## Local source of Bromeliads

Our own CBS member Lee Behrhorst is the owner of Sundance Orchids & Bromeliads in Fort Myers, Florida. Besides 25,000 exotic orchids, he now boasts thousands of bromeliads for sale. Sundance Orchids & Bromeliads is hosting its:

**Fall Open House & Sale**  
**November 10th-13th (Wed-Sat) 9AM-5PM daily**

**Winter Sale Extravaganza**  
**January 12th thru the 15th**

**16095 S. Pebble Lane in Fort Myers**

**Phone: (239) 489-1234      Normal Hours: 9-4 Tue.-Sat.**

Directions: 2 lights south of Gladiolus on Hwy.41, turn left on Briarcliff, go 1 1/2 miles to S. Pebble Lane, turn right, go 1/2 mile and they are on the left.

**The 2008 CBS Holiday Party will be on:  
Sunday, December 19th**

**The venue for the Holiday Party will be at the home and gardens of Bruce McAlpin for the first time.**

The only Society business will be to install our officers for the year 2010. Otherwise our time after 12 noon until we finish the raffle, usually about 4 PM, will be spent entertaining ourselves with games, our great holiday raffle, food and the company of our friends and fellow members.

Members are asked to bring a favorite holiday dish to share, such as casseroles, vegetables with dip, little sandwiches, cakes or cookies. CBS supplies the paper and plastic goods, iced tea and a meat entree. If you prefer other cold drinks, bring your own, there will be plenty of ice. **Bring a card table or TV tray and folding chairs. There is limited existing sitting.**

Try to arrive around noon with your goodies so that the kitchen can be arranged buffet style. For those of you that cannot get there early, remember that we do not start to eat at noon. That is the setup time. We will eat when the most folks have arrived and the crowd starts to grumble. That is usually close to 1:00 PM.

After lunch there will be a raffle of bromeliad plants and items brought by members as gifts (no, you don't have to wrap and ribbon them). But, they should be nice, clean bromeliads or bromeliad related items that anyone would want to win. **This year we are opening donations to other plant families such as orchids, ferns, fruit trees, native plants, etc.** We are a diverse group of growers, who enjoy many different plants, so if you have extras of other types of plants donate them to our special holiday raffle. Tickets are still 3/\$1, so buy a lot.

Yes we are planning games and our Holiday contest as usual. **The type of contest will be described at the November meeting.** If you don't attend the meeting discuss the contest with others at the Sale.

New members or anyone that needs more information, call your Editor (Larry Giroux) at (239) 997-2237 /239-850-4048 or Betsy (Special Hospitality Chair) at (239) 694-4738. Check out the directions printed on the next page.

Bring your significant other, friends and relatives and expose them to our hobby, while enjoying the hospitality of our host and his home and extensive gardens.

### Directions to Bruce McAlpin's Home in LaBelle.

*These directions are if you are starting from downtown Fort Myers; you can of course access SR-80 from Interstate 75 or other points east.*

2ND ST/SR-80 E. Continue to follow SR-80 E (Palm Beach Blvd) Go 29.3 mi Turn LEFT onto N BRIDGE ST/SR-29. Continue to follow SR-29. Go 1.5 mi Turn LEFT onto CR-720/CR-731/COUNTY LINE RD. (A landmark at this left turn is a mobile home park called Maple Corners) Go 0.4 mi

Turn RIGHT onto CR-731/CR-720/S COUNTY ROAD 731 SW. Continue to follow CR-731/CR-720. Go 2.5 mi

Turn SLIGHT LEFT onto CR-720 (the paved road). This SLIGHT LEFT is a Y in the road. CR-720 is a continuation of the paved road slightly to the left. The road to the right is CR-731 and is unpaved! When you make this slight left be careful crossing oncoming traffic. A landmark is a tall firetower. Go 4.5 mi

Turn RIGHT onto OLD MUSE RD SW (BTW Old Muse Road and Muse Road are the same). Go 1.5 mi Your next landmark is a small cemetery on the right side at the corner of Oak Street and Old Muse Road.

The next mailbox on the right side is the entrance to Bruce's property, which is marked on the mailbox

1686 MUSE RD SW.

Bruce's telephone number is 863-674-0811. Cellphones may not work near Bruce's home. Call from landlines or use your phone at a distance closer to LaBelle if lost.

## Bromeliad Expose By Larry Giroux

This month's pictorial essay is a collection of flowers of various tillandsias. Buy or make a stand or hanger for a tillandsia and bring one of your tillandsias into the house and enjoy the beauty of these interesting blooms close up. Remember to mist the plants, many of which can be successfully grown in the home if humidification and moderate light is provided.



*Tillandsia araujei*, which originates south of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, normally has dark pink floral bracts, this is a white form, with white bracts and white petals. Otherwise, this variety, seen here covered with *Tillandsia usenoides* is identical to the normal species. Photos by Larry Giroux



The typical three petal flowers of *Tillandsia duratii* are universal for the Bromeliad Family. *T. duratii* flowers have the open petal arrangement, where many tillandsias have a tubular arrangement to the petals. *T. duratii* flowers are also among the more fragrant of the tillandsias. Although there are two varieties of *T. duratii*--var. *duratii* and var. *saxatilis*, the flowers are basically identical with the angle of the flower spikes branching at either 90 degrees or at a much more acute angle with the branches staying close to the rachis. The spike pictured above is *Tillandsia duratii* v. *saxatilis*.



*Tillandsia dyeriana* has one of the showiest inflorescences of the genus. Ulrich and Ursula Baensch used a picture of this plant to adorn the front of their coveted book- Blooming Bromeliads. The included photograph demonstrates the three phases of the flowering process. In the center is the white petaled open flower, above a black desiccated bloom and below the tight floral bracts prior to the show of the flower. Notice the hairy scurf on the primary and floral bracts. Although dead flowers need to be removed before showing a bromeliad in a BSI show, in your home leaving these remnants attached I think extends extends the beauty of this tillandsia with the stark contrast of the black against the red.



Probably the most beautiful of the *Tillandsia fasciculata* available, this cultivar brought back and grown by Dennis Cathcart is named for his nursery- 'Tropiflora'. Thick scurf covers the reddish primary bracts making them appear pinkish. The shiny floral bracts are a nice combination of green and red with typical violet tubular flowers. This plant was photographed in Gene McKenzie's yard. She was one of the first growers to get a specimen away from Dennis. Initially this plant was offered for \$150 until supplies became more plentiful.



With bulbous bases and hundreds of filiform leaf blades and adding thick silvery trichomes to the leaves, *Tillandsia argentea* is very unique in appearance. This bromeliad prefers to grow singly or in small clumps. It's natural habitat is limited to Mexico, Guatemala, Cuba and Jamaica. It's funny that this tillandsia never made it to South Florida as a native as did many others. Its scape and floral bracts are cherry red with tubular violet flowers. It can be a difficult plant to grow, but with a proper airy location, humidity and bright light it can be grown well in the southern Florida climate.



*Tillandsia* 'Wait N' C' is a hybrid between *ionantha* var. *van-hyningii* (with violet tubular flowers) and 'Druid' (a tillandsia with white tubular flowers). This cross demonstrates the dominance of central leaf color and flower petal color of the group of *Tillandsia ionantha* cultivars when hybridizing. All photos by Larry Giroux.



Probably the most dramatic tillandsia inflorescence I have ever seen was this unidentified tillandsia species in full bloom growing in a shadehouse in Hawaii. To my disappointment, the hundreds of floral bracts were a very light green/ creme color and the flower petals were also creamy white, rather than vivid red or purple shades often seen in flowers of this genus. Although tentatively identified as a tillandsia in this Hawaiian collection, many vrieseas and tillandsias share similar characteristics, making it difficult to pin down the genus of these species without very close examination of the flowers.



A blooming *Tillandsia tectorum* is not a common sight. This is probably due to the fact that the plant requires diligent attention to its growing conditions to keep it happy. This tillandsia is a good example where knowing its natural habitat conditions guides us in how to grow it optimally in cultivation. Coming from areas of Peru and Ecuador which are generally dry and exposed to intense sunlight, these plants do well when watered thoroughly once every 1-2 weeks and given brighter light than other tillandsias. The rosy colored floral bracts are clustered on a thin scape, often several inches above the leaves. The tubular flowers open at their ends. The contrast of the bract and petal colors and the white, furry leaf blades is striking. Photos by Larry Giroux.

Nearly all of the leaves of this *Tillandsia brachycaulos* 'Select' turn red at blooming time. The flowers are dark violet and are tubular. The normal form of this plant is easily spotted in trees in the cow fields throughout Central America.



There are several tillandsias that have paddle-like inflorescences such as the popular *Tillandsia cyanea*, which does best grown more like a terrestrial than an epiphyte and *Tillandsia kegeliana*, which tends to be a more difficult plant of this Genus to grow. Note that one has a large open flower, while the other has the tubular flower, both common among tillandsias. As mentioned earlier, some tillandsias, as these two species, have characteristics of vrieseas such as paddle shaped inflorescences. (Continued on page 14)



## Roy Batty | Nursery

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### 2010—2011 Wholesale Catalog



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- ✕ Delivery is available to locations in south Florida. Minimum order quantity and additional charges may apply.
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- ✕ Sample plants are available upon request.
- ✕ Pre bookings are available upon request. Please call ahead.

**Ananas comosus 'Royale'**  
**6" Edible Pineapple**

Nothing says tropical like our edible pineapple. Available only at RBN, 'Royale' is unmatched among cultivars of *Ananas comosus*. It's colorful, spineless foliage and edible fruit make it an exquisite addition to any home, office, or tropical landscape. A fantastic impulse seller! A stunning edible element for a landscape. Available year round. Price includes box, sleeve, and care tag.



**Ananas nanus**  
**4" Miniature Pineapple**

This charming, spiny, miniature plant produces a small neon pink fruit atop an elongated stem. *Ananas nanus* is small enough for a window sill or desk. Once mature, the fruit looks like a small, baby pineapple. Although the fruit is not edible, it will serve as an amazing conversation piece in any home or office setting! Price includes sleeve and box.



**Ananas 'Ivory Coast'**  
**10" Variegated Pineapple**



This strikingly beautiful plant makes a very vibrant addition to any home décor. It works magnificently as specimen plant when used in any tropical landscape. 'Ivory Coast' has large, spineless, white and green leaves that cascade into a globe effect when placed in a raised position. Plant stands about 3 feet tall. Availability is often limited so please call ahead. Price includes sleeve.

**Ananas lucidus**  
**6" Burgundy Pineapple**



This colorful plant has upright, stiff burgundy leaves and small pink fruit on elongated stem. The upright growth of the leaves gives the plant a tall slender look that will complement any indoor decor or landscape. It makes an eye-catching houseplant or a rich element to an interior or tropical landscape. Two plants are grown in each pot. Price includes sleeve and box.

**Ananas 'Mongo'**  
**6" Ornamental Pineapple**

'Mongo' has flexible, spineless leaves and a stout shape. They are ideal for use as a houseplant, outdoors as a patio plant, or in a tropical landscape. The fruit is a neon pink with purple flowers. For the plant enthusiast or home horticulturist, this plant produces large number of side shoots which can be removed to grow more plants. Price includes sleeve and box.



**Alcantarea imperialis**  
**Giant Bromeliad**



Once known as *Vriesea imperialis*, this plant is usually considered the signature species of the genus *Alcantarea*. A giant among bromeliads, this majestic plant can grow to be more than 5 feet tall and 6 feet wide. It makes a wonderful focal point in any tropical landscape because of its hardness, low water, and low fertilizer requirements. Price includes sleeve (and box for 6" plants).





*Tillandsia hondurensis* is a small (about 6" diameter rosette) thickly scurfed plant, which has a central bulbous inflorescence. As you can see from the photo the few flowers are purple in color and are almost as long as the rest of the rachis. Although the colors and proportions are similar, the floral bracts are very loose and the flowers more open with *Tillandsia tenuifolia*. The latter has several varieties, which differ in flower color and leaf form. However, among the varieties, the configuration of the bracts and flowers do not differ. On the other hand the floral bracts of *Tillandsia stricta* dominate the head of flowers, which are less prominent.

True to its name, *Tillandsia imperialis* is a regal looking plant with an inverted cone shaped inflorescence. Seldom seen due to its preference for cooler climates, in cultivation it requires a cooling wall to grow well and bloom in cultivation. All photos by Larry Giroux

## Dues Are Due

Your annual dues for CBS membership is due before or at the January meeting. If you have joined in October, September or November, you do not need to pay the 2011 Dues. All other members, in order to continue to receive the Newsletter, Roster and participation in Sales, Shows and other Society benefits, need to renew their membership.

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

Betty Ann Prevatt, CBS Treasurer  
2902 Second Street  
Fort Myers, Florida 33916

## Lee County/ Fort Myers Garden Council Garden Cleanup



Following the October CBS Meeting a group of members spent some time cleaning up the CBS Bromeliad Garden located on the site of the Lee County/ Fort Myers Garden Council Building on Virginia Ave. Seen in this picture are Larry Giroux, Luli Westra, Betty Ann Prevatt, Mary McKenzie, Eleanor Kinzie and Kay Janssen. Present and not in the photo were Terri and Jeff Lazar. Garden Council members are encouraged to sell all types of plants at the Gardens on Saturday and Sunday, November 20th and 21st in conjunction with the 2nd Edison Garden Market. See Events page for additional information.

### **PLANT SALE RULES**

1. Plant sales identification, necessary sales labels and allocation of table space will be assigned by Chairperson, Brian Weber- [brianweber1b@aol.com](mailto:brianweber1b@aol.com), 941-355-2847 (Home) or 941-256-4405 (Cell)
2. Sale hours will be Saturday, December 4, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday December 5, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This year the sale will be in the outdoor / covered pavilion adjacent to the area where the tent was previously erected.
3. Plants will be received Friday December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 following the setup of the sales area. (Setup time to be announced at the CBS November meeting.) Additional plants may be brought early Saturday and Sunday mornings; please bring prior to sale hours. Please come early and volunteer to help with setup of tables) Unsold plants must be removed Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> by 5:00 p.m. or become the property of CBS.

**PLEASE NOTE— Since we are now using the Pavilion, which has no major lighting and since we will have access to the pavilion all day Friday, we will most likely setup Friday morning about 10AM, rather than at 5PM. So plants can be received during the daylight hours after 10AM. If this changes, specific times will be announced at the November meeting.**

4. All plants must have TWO TAGS - A white or near white tag which indicates **plant's name** (it may have your **ID** on it, but no price). The second tag should be a colored tag either obtained from the Sales Chairman or a colored one previously used at a CBS Sale. This tag will have the **seller's ID**, previously obtained from the Sales Chairman and the **price of the item**. These should be clearly written on the upper portion of only **ONE SIDE** of the colored tag. All plants and other sale items must be labeled in this manner before arrival at the sale.
5. To be eligible to sell plants, a CBS member must:
  - a. Be a member in good standing at least six months prior to sale.
  - b. Be required to attend a minimum of 2 meetings a year.
  - c. Follow all Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society plant sale rules.
  - d. Help in the sales area and assist in clean up.
6. All plants must be priced in increments of one dollar (\$1.00).
7. Plants must be clean and free from disease, insects, etc.
8. Twenty five percent (25%) of members' sale proceeds will be retained by CBS. Sales tax will be the responsibility of CBS.
9. CBS will not be responsible for loss of plants or craft items, however, all reasonable precautions will be taken to insure their safety.
10. Bromeliad oriented items (art, note paper, carvings, needlework, food, crafts, etc.) may also be offered for sale, subject to the preceding rules. These items should be labeled the same as plants, following rule #4.

## CBS October 17th, 2010 Meeting Minutes

DATE: October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010. LOCATION: ST. John the Apostle Church, Ft. Myers, Fl.

ATTENDANCE: 45 members and guests. WORKSHOP: “*Neoregelia cruenta* – Its Cultivars and Hybrids” presented by members, Dave and Geri Prall. CALL TO ORDER: President, Eleanor Kinzie called the meeting to order at 2:10pm and thanked everyone who came early to set up. Guest, Paul Newport and renewal member, Deborah Jalbert were introduced. Eleanor encouraged the membership to bring plants for Show and Tell, the raffle and friendship. Eleanor thanked David and Geri Prall for the “wonderful program and display” of *Neoregelia cruenta*. PAST MINUTES: Mary McKenzie accepted last month’s minutes and Jeff Lazar seconded the motion. COMMITTEE REPORTS: TREASURER: Betty Ann Prevatt reported that the balance as of September 30, 2010 is \$8,880.72 It was noted this was significantly down from funds of last year. This was felt to be due to the high cost of rent for the Church rooms rental. FLORIDA COUNCIL OF BROMELIAD SOCIETIES: Brian Weber reported that the location for the World Bromeliad Conference will be in the Orlando area in 2012. LIBRARY: Kay Janssen invited everyone to take a book from the library and return it at the next meeting. CBS SALE: Brian Weber stated that the CBS sale is to be held outside in the Pavilion behind the main building at Terry Park (on Palm Beach Blvd) on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Betty Ann asked the membership to start saving boxes for the event. Larry Giroux brought flyers to disperse and will send pdf copies to us by e-mail. Brian stated that there will be a membership table for those members wishing to sell only a few plants. Brian can be contacted for labels and assignment of ID numbers and tables. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Eleanor Kinzie announced several upcoming events: The Strolling Flower Show at Bell Tower in which we were asked to participate in November; The Bonsai Show and Sale Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>; Edison Estates Sale Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> where we have been asked to set up a table at the Garden Council Gardens located adjacent and just east of the Edison Gardens, to advertise CBS. NEW BUSINESS: Eleanor Kinzie asked the following to be on the Nominating Committee: Betty Ann Prevatt as Chair, Dale Kammerlohr and Elizabeth Miglore. Kay Janssen motioned to accept and Larry Giroux seconded the motion. OLD BUSINESS: Eleanor Kinzie asked for suggestions for an alternate site for our meetings. Our monthly rent is \$225.00 and does provide storage for our supplies.

Kay Janssen commented that the Covenant Presbyterian Church charges \$75.00 per meeting. It is unclear whether storage is available. Dr. Larry Giroux needs someone to take over as editor of the “Meristem”—a position Larry has had for 18 years. Larry will continue to help. The CBS Christmas Party to be held at Bruce McAlpin’s will be on Sunday December 19<sup>th</sup>. DOOR PRIZE: Luli Westra presented two door prizes. Laura Cordell donated a mystery prize won by Geri Prall and Dale Kammerlohr donated a Pitcarnia won by Johanna Parkes. SHOW AND TELL: The highlight of Show and Tell was a viviparous Tillandsia—offsets developing on an inflorescence are viviparity. BREAK: A 30 minute break was held. Thank you Mary McKenzie, volunteers and Laura Cordell for the Bird of Paradise centerpiece. PROGRAM: “Botany of the Galapagos (Including Bromeliads)” By Dr. Lynne Feiber. Unfortunately Dr. Feiber was unable to present her work in person due to laryngitis. Dr. Feiber was able to send her presentation of 100 slides and 20 pages of script to Dr. Larry Giroux who rose to the occasion. RAFFLE: Dr. Larry conducted the raffle. ADJOURNMENT: Eleanor Kinzie adjourned the meeting at 4:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

MaryLynn Murphy (filling in for CBS Secretary)

## **Calendar of Bromeliad Events**

### **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 20-21, 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.

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**Fort Myers, FL**

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### **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 November issue has additional tillandsia flower photos and brochure from our November speaker . 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 to send it to you. Editor

**NEW EDITOR IS NEEDED FOR THE  
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**Our November Speaker is Andrew Hahn**

**Please send in your 2011 CBS Membership renewal dues  
and any changes in your information to Betty Ann Prevatt**

**Information about the Holiday Party is in this issue!**