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CATCHING UP - STAYING EVEN

PLEASE CHECK the Show Page. There was an error in listing the date for the Earl Brown Sale & Exhibit in Deland (my fault) in the last Newsletter. Saturday, August 19, is the correct date. The success of this one day event back in the late 80's was the inspiration for the FCBS statewide Extravaganza which has since been held annually.

Another Show Page correction: When planning the Seminole October show, I requested show space for the third weekend, which to my notion was the 14th & 15th. Sanford Garden Club interpreted the 3rd weekend as the 21st & 22nd, so that is what it will be. It shoots a good Friday the 13th theme, but there is always Halloween.

THIS ISSUE includes the annual state membership roster. It is as up to date as I could possibly make it. You will note its pages are centered in the Newsletter so as to facilitate removal of the roster if you want to do so. There was a change in area code for many of our members from 813 to 941. I hope my changes are correct. Your society will be billed shortly for the annual FCBS assessment. This will be based on the members listed on the latest available roster. Our membership increases annually. My last mailing was a total of 731 pieces.

THIS AND the previous issue of the Newsletter have been too crowded to include much cultural information. The Newsletter is not laid out one page at a time, but four pages at a time to accomodate the folded format. With the year winding down, I hope to make the last issue entirely cultural, with emphasis on growing mediums, plant habits, fertilizer and pest control. Let me hear from some of you on this subject.

THIS WET, hot Spring & Summer seems to have induced heavy blooming in bromeliads. For the first time in many years I have blooming now Aechmeas aripensis, pectinata, kuntziana, setigera & Hohenbergia correi-araujeo (?). Vrieseas bloomed and finished early due to the hot Spring season.

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MINUTES OF BUSINESS MEETING HELD JULY 8, 1995, hosted by the Bromeliad Society of South Florida at the home of Rep. Virginia Schrenker.

PRESENT: Representatives from: Broward, Polly Pascal & Anne Kauffman; Caloosahatchee, Sam & Hattie Lou Smith; Central Florida, Geoffrey Johnson; Florida West Coast, Lois Duffey; Imperial Polk, Whit Merrin & Carl Perryn; Jacksonville, Carolyn Schoenau, alt. Ron Schoenau; Tampa Bay, Judy Patterson & Tom Wolfe; Sarasota, Jane Dahlin & Don Beadle; South Florida, Virginia Schrenker & Nat DeLeon; Florida East Coast, Ted Nuse & alt. Peggy Nuse; Seminole, Ed Hall. **Absent:** West Pasco.
Guests: Jim Schrenker, Nancy Hall, Martha Kent & Nancy Wellford.

1. Call to order. The meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m. by Chairman Ed Hall.
2. Secretarial Report. The secretarial report had been distributed previously with the Newsletter. The minutes were approved.
3. Treasurer's Report: Geoffrey Johnson distributed the Treasurer's report for the quarter. The report was approved.
4. Evil Weevil. A copy of the report A PRELIMINARY STUDY OF THE BROMELIADS OF FORTUNA was presented to the Council. It is a report on the search of Dr. Howard Frank and Al Muzzell to find a biological control for Metamasius callizona (The Evil Weevil). The report will be kept with Secretarial information.
5. Extravaganza Auction: Chairman Ed Hall distributed his compilation of the rules for the Extravaganza Auction. The motion was made, seconded and carried that these rules be in effect for the Extravaganza (auction) at Leu Gardens in Orlando, September 9. If the rules work smoothly, they will be permanently adopted. Lois Duffey volunteered to hand letter auction number cards. Rules and auction forms will be provided to member societies prior to the Extravaganza.

6. World Bromeliad Conference: Carolyn Schoenau & Peggy Nuse reported on the progress of the Conference. The \$130 registration fee will include two meals instead of the usual one, plus all home tours and customary perks of a World Conference. New information will be sent to the Societies' news letters as it occurs.

7. Judges School: The second session of the Judges School will be held August 5 in Ft. Myers.

8. '95 Extravaganza: Geoffrey Johnson reported that a luncheon will be held at 2 P.M. Saturday Sept. 9 at Leu Gardens in Orlando in the place of the usual dinner. The Auction will begin after lunch and plant sales will be available from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. With this format most society members will not be required to stay overnight. It was moved, seconded and passed that a special mailing of Extravaganza information be funded by the Council.

9. Miscellaneous: Carol Johnson was given permission by the Council to send a list of member Bromeliad Societies to The Florida Gardener magazine.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 P.M.

Submitted for approval: Hattie Lou Smith, Secretary

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Second Quarter 1995 at 6/30/95

Beginning Balance, General Fund	\$ 7,662.76
Deposit, Reimbursement, Prevatt	<u>234.00</u>
	\$ 7,896.76

Expense:

Tru-Dimension Printers,		
Vol. 15, #2	474.01	
Mail Vol. 15, #2	81.97	
Ed Hall, Mail Expense	<u>13.60</u>	<u>569.58</u>

Balance, Gen. Fund, 6/30/95	\$ 7,327.18
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Beginning Balance, Weevil Fund	8,468.83
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Deposits:

Caloosahatchee	1,331.00	
Fla. W. Coast	100.00	
Broward	310.00	<u>1,741.00</u>
		10,209.83

Expense: SHARE	700.00
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Balance, Weevil Fund at 6/30/95	\$ <u>9,509.83</u>
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COMBINED BALANCE, 6/30/95, Reconciled	\$ <u>16,837.01</u>
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Deposit too late for this report, \$237.00 to Weevil Fund.

Petty Cash:

Beginning Bal.	17.35	
Add subscript.	2.00	19.35
Expense, Copies, Postage		<u>9.90</u>
Balance-----		\$9.45

Submitted: Carol Johnson, Treasurer, 7/8/95

END OF AN ERA

Carol Johnson

This is a tribute to Florida's Tom Lineham, who will finally achieve his desired status as retired Editor of the "Journal of the Bromeliad Society" with the last 1995 November-December issue. He became Editor January, 1984, during the height of the regional conflicts in the BSI and has given us, every year, six on-time, flawless Journals, plus countless hours of personal time acting as guide and mentor to out-of-town visitors.

Many do not understand that the position of Editor is not one to declaim or write opposing views, but to select, edit and publish contributions from the membership and experts in the plant field around the world. In selecting articles for publication it is inevitable that toes will be trod upon and egos diminished. I am sure that, after the first couple of issues, Mr. Lineham realized that he had taken upon himself a lonely, thankless job. The occasional error is pounced upon gleefully by the readers. Excellence is taken for granted and seldom acknowledged. Please remember that his services were voluntary for the entire twelve years, and in all those years he not once compromised the contents of the Journal to make "brownie points" for himself.

As a dedicated bromeliad grower and collector, I wish to thank Mr. Lineham for all the beautiful Journals he has added to my collection. When I go into my greenhouse every day, many, many of the plants there are associated with friends who gave them to me. The past issues of the Journal are a virtual monument.

Many thanks, Mr. Lineham, friend, and may you now find time to be a contributor as well as Editor Emeritus of the "Journal".

ORLANDIANA '96 UPDATE

Conference committees have planned activities to keep our guests busy for the entire week of the Conference. These will, of course, include standard Conference fare; i.e. a Judging School on Tuesday, the BSI Rare Plant Auction on Friday; Cryptanthus Society Plant Auction on Saturday and post conference tours to outstanding private and commercial greenhouses.

In Addition: July 2: There will be a tour to Selby Gardens in Sarasota and also a tour to Central Florida collector nurseries, Boggy Creek and Pineapple Place.

Thursday A.M., July 4: Orlandiana '96 opens with a "Welcome to the Conference" breakfast. The registration area will include a Hospitality Desk to assist in planning activities for any free time occurring during your stay, or for spouses of guests who have differing interests.

Thursday, 5:30 P.M. A special cocktail party will open the show and plant area to Orlandiana '96 registrants. These activities should end early enough for everyone to enjoy the many 4th of July festivities staged at area attractions.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday: There will be daily tours, seminars and World-Wide Show and Tell on Friday afternoon

Saturday Evening: Banquet at the Clarion Hotel.

There will be raffles and auctions of unusual and exciting bromeliads and related items through Conference week. Staff photographers will compile pictures of outstanding show plants and events for compilation and distribution in the weeks following the Conference. All conference registrants who are hotel guests at the Clarion Plaza Hotel for three or more nights will be eligible for a grand prize drawing on Saturday, the winner to receive a pair of airline tickets on Continental Airlines for travel anywhere within the Continental United States. Make plans to join us at Orlandiana '96.

Bud Martin, Peggy Nuse, Carolyn Schoenau
7/17/95

SHOW PAGE

- 8/19/95 Seminole Bromeliad Society Annual One-Day Sale & Exhibit; Earl Brown Recreational Park; Deland, Fl. Pat Carey, Chairman, (904) 734-7436
- September 9, 1995 ANNUAL FCBS ONE DAY EXTRAVAGANZA Harry P. Leu Gardens; Orlando. Jeff Johnson, Chairman, (407) 333-0445. See below-----
- 10/21-22 Seminole Bromeliad Society Standard Show & Plant Sale at Sanford Garden Club; Sanford. Carol Johnson, Show Chairman; (407) 333-0445
- 11/11-12/95 Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society Standard Show & Plant Sale, Fort Myers. Chairman, Hattie Lou Smith, (941) 694-1135.
- 7/4-7/96 ORLANDIANA '96, Twelfth World Bromeliad Conference; Clarion Plaza Hotel, Orlando. SEE FULL PAGE THIS NEWSLETTER.
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EXTRAVAGANZA 95. Within the next few days you will receive a special mailing which will include maps, reservation forms, motel information, plant sale information and the rare plant auction. This year's Extravaganza will be held at the new Harry P. Leu Garden House situated on a hill overlooking Lake Rowena. Entrance and parking at the Garden House will be free to Extravaganza guests, but if you wish to tour the entire Gardens, the entrance fee of \$3 is well worth the price. Treat yourself to a day of complete enjoyment. Attend the Extravaganza, pig out on plants and stroll the beautiful gardens. Meet friends you have not seen since the last Extravaganza. Expect a crowd. Leu Garden events are open to and well attended by the public.