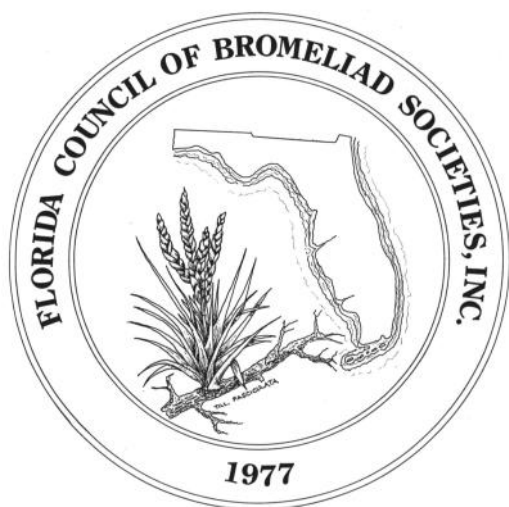


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2005 Bromeliad Extravaganza

Presented by Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies
Hosted by Sarasota Bromeliad Society

Saturday, October 22, 2005

Location: Sarasota Garden Club, Inc.
1131 Blvd. of the Arts
Sarasota, FL 34236
941-955-0875
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

FREE ADMISSION

Banquet and Rare Plant Auction:

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Special room rate \$79-\$99 Reservations deadline September 21, 2005, **mention the Bromeliad Extravaganza.**

Cash bar prior to and during banquet.

RARE PLANT AUCTION

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(Proceeds benefit the Florida Council.)

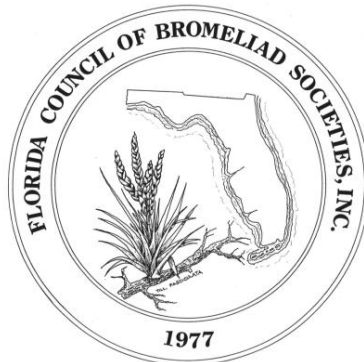
BRING YOUR FAMILY for a fun weekend! Enjoy the tropical paradise on Lido private beach!

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Catching Up ... Staying Even



After a year's hiatus, this issue marks the resumption of the Council's newsletter. While you may think that "Catching Up ... Staying Even" is about return of the newsletter, it actually was the name of the column written by the original Council editor, the late Carol Johnson, owner of the legendary Pineapple Place bromeliad nursery in Longwood and member of the Seminole and Central Florida Bromeliad Societies.

In honor of Carol and in memory of the years of Council newsletters that she published, the name of the editor's column will remain unchanged. She used this feature to update Council members on news, Council business and other issues she thought were worthy of attention, a tradition we will continue. Carol was succeeded as editor by her son, Geoff Johnson, who carried on the newsletter after Carol's death.

Len and Inez Dolotowski, Sarasota Bromeliad Society, served as the editors after Geoff's untimely death. We are grateful for their stewardship during the last several years.

During Carol's tenure, the statewide roster was mailed as the August issue each year. This year, the roster will be mailed in July and a regular issue will be mailed in August. After the August issue, we will return to quarterly newsletters. If you receive the newsletter now, you will be included in the roster.

Be sure to let us know, via email or snail mail, about your society news, announcements and upcoming events. In each regular issue, we will profile an Affiliate Society – we want to share the history of our member societies (see page 18). We also need your help to identify sources for bromeliads and bromeliad supplies (see page 11).

We look forward to hearing from you.

News from FCBS Affiliate Societies



Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay

Carol Wolfe

The Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay had one of the most elaborate horticultural displays that they have ever assembled at the Florida State Fair in February 2005. The display, "A Bromeliad Tree," was the creative efforts of Dave and Mary Fulkerson. Dave designed the display by first using a tree in his own Brandon backyard to practice lining up the bromeliads. Then he built the foundation and metal frame of the tree in his garage with the help of Al Santesteiban of Tampa and also a member of the Guild. When they finished, they had a 7 foot rotating tree covered with carpet and each plant strategically placed at an angle that could best be viewed by the public. The tree rotated on its frame to the sound of New Orleans style Dixieland jazz music. The tree delighted thousands of visitors in the Horticultural Center of the Florida State Fair.

All through the day, brochures with information about bromeliads were given to the public by members of the Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay, Inc. This project was also organized by Dave and Mary Fulkerson. This display was also used in the Guild's annual show March 18 to 20, 2005, "Bromeliads and All That Jazz," held at the Tampa Garden Center in Tampa.

Paula and Bob Benway were greeters at the Annual Show and Sale. They were instrumental in passing out information and recruiting new members who were dazzled by the beautiful displays.

The following month brought fifteen new members to the Guild. This was a real encouragement to the members who spent time sharing their knowledge and love of bromeliads with the general public.

Broward County Bromeliad Society

Colleen Hendrix

Our 10th Biennial show and sale was a great success; it was held at the International Fishing Hall of Fame in Dania, Florida. We had the best participation of entries than over the past years and one of our members, Jim Kerns, who had never entered before, won "Best in Show." Tim Hendrix, our past president won the Sweepstakes and Ann Schandelmayer won the Morris Henry Hobbs award. Three commercial growers participated in sales along with our members selling bromeliads, which turned out to be profitable for all.

We would like to thank all who volunteered and work so diligently to make this show the best yet. It is our goal to have this show grow in participation from our members in the years to come, along with educating the public about these beautiful plants.

Cryptanthus Society Show

Larry Giroux

Over the weekend of May 13-15, bromeliad enthusiasts descended on Sarasota, Florida, for the Annual Sarasota Bromeliad Society Show and Sale as well as the 9th International Cryptanthus Show. Every other year, on the off-years of the World Bromeliad Conference, an Affiliate Society hosts the International Cryptanthus Show in conjunction with its own show. This year the Sarasota (the Cryptanthus Society's President Bob Stickney's home society) and the Cryptanthus Society organized a great dual show and sale. The sales area was open Friday, Saturday and Sunday on the grounds of the beautiful Marie Selby Botanical Gardens. The two shows were judged by BSI Judges from around the country on Friday, with the combined 300-plus entries available for viewing by the public on Saturday and Sunday. The events were crowned by a banquet and combined rare plant auctions with the proceeds going to support the SBS and CS color fund.

Head tables, which were fashioned by Rob Branch and Shirley Evans for the SBS and by Larry Giroux and Carole Richtmyer for the CS, featured exceptional winning plants and unique "cold porcelain" bromeliads as awards.

In the SBS Show, the Mulford B. Foster Best Horticultural Entry Award was won by Eloise Beach with a massive multiple of *Tillandsia funckiana* and the Morris Henry Hobbs Best Artistic

Award was taken home by Larry Giroux for a decorative container featuring *Cryptanthus* 'High Voltage' in a 24-inch tall metal egret. In the International Cryptanthus Show, Eloise Beach received the award for the overall best Cryptanthus Horticultural entry with an immense multiple of *Cryptanthus lacerdae* 'Menescal,' while Larry Giroux won with *Cryptanthus* 'Angel Dust' in a sitting elephant container.

The Cryptanthus Society and the Sarasota Bromeliad Society wishes to thank all the entrants, workers and attendees of the Sales, Shows and Rare Plant Auctions for making this event a great success.

Sarasota Bromeliad Society

Inez Dolotowski

The weekend of May 15th in Sarasota is one that will be thought about for awhile.

The Sarasota Society hosted the 9th International Cryptanthus Show in conjunction with its 25th Annual Show. The theme of the show was "Alice In Bromeliadland" and there were several entries in line with the theme, including one by Bob Stickney, President of the Cryptanthus Society, that consisted of a small greenhouse terrarium of Cryptanthus and figurines of Alice and others that was just adorable.

Rob Branch was show chairman and did an outstanding job of coordinating the two shows. Rob has been a show chairman for several years and is a real pro at making sure everything gets done. He plans on taking a vacation from shows after this one.

Larry Giroux was hands-on with helping to get the Cryptanthus Society awards, entries and even came up with the theme. He also spent numerous hours in the show room answering questions from the visitors and taking what seemed to be thousands of pictures. Now really, have you ever seen Larry without a camera?

Bob Stickney was in the sales area along with Eloise Beach, Jim Pearce, Bill Timm, Jason Mellica and the Dolatowskis most of the weekend. There were a great deal of terrific plants available for the public and more Cryptanthus than we've seen in years! We were

starry-eye at the end of the weekend.

Shirley Evans was in charge of awards for the Sarasota Society and did a terrific job. It's really difficult to make sure you have an award for every entry on the head table and not mess it up. Shirley has a real knack for this and we might even rent her out for other society shows." (Hope she doesn't read this!)

This year, the judges were faster than they ever were before in judging the show. Maybe it's because more of them were from out of town. We had judges from as far away as Texas and Massachusetts, and it really added to the fun of the show.

The rare plant auction and banquet was a great success. The food was terrific and no one could finish all the deserts available. Bill Timm was our humorous auctioneer, assisted by Brian Weber, Rob Branch and Larry Giroux. The bidding was fun and furious and there were considerable rare plants available and some you could even name yourself.

Many members helped out with both shows and a thank you to all is in order. The names are too numerous to list them all. Thanks to all who entered in the show. I don't have all the figures so I can't give a report but there were a significant number of entries and different genera.

The best part of the show besides educating the public, winning some awards and being able to see unusual plants is getting to meet all the wonderful people who participated in the show. The time you get to spend talking plants makes it all worthwhile!

Bromeliad Society of South Florida

Moyna Prince

The Bromeliad Society of South Florida held its annual show and sale on the weekend of April 23 – 24. Thanks to involvement of almost all our members, under the magnificent chairmanship of Robert Meyer, the event was a huge success, with approximately 2000 visitors attending the event at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden in Miami.

The major winners were Shirley Allen, who won Gold for his non-blooming *Tillandsia rhodocephala*; Josefa Leon, whose *Canistrum seidelianum* won Gold for best blooming; and Josefa again with *Tillandsia kegeliana* and *Tillandsia setacea* in the best Habitat category.

There were three silver winners in the art categories: students Natasha Thornton and Sara Martinez; and Karen McEachin Breit who won for Best Original Art.

An innovation this year was chamber music in the Garden House provided by the Alhambra Orchestra, while the Boy Scouts Troop 336 were hauling plants to cars and keeping tabs on bids during the auction.

Members of BSSF deserve a pat on the back for a job well done!

Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society

Carol Schultz

Florida West Coast has several events lined up for the coming months:

Florida West Coast's July 5th meeting will be a "Fourth of July Picnic." Everyone is to bring their favorite summer dish.

On August 20, the Society is invited to a Bar-B-Que and tour of Donna and Michael Palandro's bromeliad gardens.

On October 9 and 10, we will participate in the University of South Florida Plant Sale. On November 19, we will participate in the Florida Botanical Garden "Gardenfest" plant sale.

Bromeliad Society of Central Florida

Karen Andreas

Bromeliad Society of Central Florida held its 30th Mothers Day Weekend Show and Sale May 13-15. The show and sale were in a new location this year – Orlando Fashion Square – and the event was a resounding success.

It was great fun to see Central Florida's Mulford B Foster Best of Show winner, John Boardman's *Cryptanthus microglaziouii* travel to Sarasota and win Best Judges' entry a week after our show. Eloise Beach's magnificent *Tillandsia funckiana*, which was a Best of Division winner in Central Florida, was Best of Show in Sarasota. In the Central Florida show, John also took the Morris Henry Hobbs Best of Show - Artistic with his gorgeous *Dyckia platyphylla* x 'Carlsbad' in a lacquered pot from Vietnam. George Aldrich won the Sweepstakes in Memory of Geoff Johnson and Bob Stevens won Novice Sweepstakes. The Best Species Award, in Memory of Wally Berg, was won by John Boardman for *Vr. erthyrodactylon* who also won the Best Neoregelia in Memory of Audrey McCrory for Neo. 'Carcharodon #1.'

New to the show this year were artistic entries. George Aldrich submitted several pieces of bromeliad art created in wood (a process called pyrography) and John Gilbert entered a watercolor of a Neoregelia. We hope to have more entries in this new section next year.

It was a great weekend of



bromeliad fun and fellowship.

Bromeliad Sources

The Council would like to provide a list of sources for bromeliads and bromeliad supplies within Florida. If you are a nursery with a certificate of registration with the Florida State Department of Agriculture, you can be listed in this newsletter feature.

Send the name of your nursery, your name and contact information, location and hours of operation, email and website information, and a short description of your nursery to Karen Andreas, karen@fcbs.org, or 617 Fifth Street, Merritt Island, FL 32953.

Culture Tips for the Summer

by Jay Thurrott



Growing conditions in Florida can change drastically as Winter transitions into Summer. You may want to keep the following items in mind:

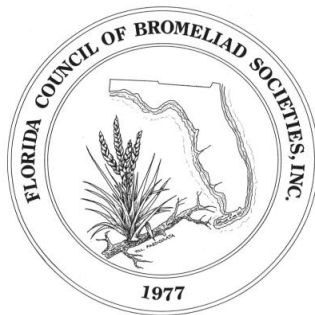
Water – Spring is usually our dry season, and at times it can be so dry that unless you are diligent about watering, potting mixes can thoroughly dehydrate. Once this happens, it can be so difficult to rehydrate the mix that you may be better off to repot your bromeliad with fresh material. This probably isn't such a bad idea anyway, since it gives you a chance to closely examine your plant and check for possible problems with scale or other insect pests. You should also be prepared to alter your watering practices to keep pace with our weather. Summer is when we enter into the rainy season, so unless you reduce your watering frequency, you may wind up with a very soggy plant!

Light – The angle of the Sun relative to the Earth (and your plants) changes dramatically during this period. Outdoor potted plants that were once in filtered light or shade may now be facing full sun – and they'll suffer for it! Be prepared to move your plants as days lengthen and the sunlight intensity increases.

Fertilization – Most of us have heard the old phrase “when in doubt, don't” with respect to fertilizing our bromeliads and I have to agree that this is good advice for the new grower, but certain genera can benefit greatly from a good fertilization program. Now is the time when many bromeliads can benefit the most from

a little judicious feeding and, in fact, this is probably a good topic for each of the clubs to discuss at length with their members. Without going into a lot of detail, consider this – most Tillandsias and Vrieseas respond very positively to regular feedings. John Russell of Russell’s Bromeliads (Sanford) has completed a number of experiments that clearly demonstrate the benefits of fertilizing Tillandsias, and I have heard it said more than once that you almost can’t overfeed plants in this genus. Many Vriesea hybrids will only develop optimum color and branching of the inflorescence with a regular fertilizing schedule. Of course, on the other hand - if your Neoregelia ‘Fireball’ is more of ‘greenball’ and your Billbergias have become long, lanky, and plain green, you need to talk with some of the other more experienced members in your society about which bromeliads to fertilize and which ones to leave to their own devices.

Your fellow club members can provide a wealth of information – talk to them, they’ll be happy to share their growing experiences with you!



Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies Web Site

<http://fcbs.org>
by Karen Andreas

Photo Index

By far, the most popular destination on the website of the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies is the Photo Index. The Photo Index contains more than 10,000 pictures of bromeliad species and cultivars in a searchable format. These pictures are sent for posting from bromeliad enthusiasts all over the world.

The Photo Index, however, is more than individual photographs. Under the menu on the left hand side are several other topics. Click on Shows and you will find pictures from the last Bromeliad Society International (BSI) World Conference in Chicago; indeed, there are pictures from all the BSI World Conferences since Orlandiana in 1996. Also in this area you will find shows from several Florida societies.

Under Programs, you will find Bromeliads in Habitat: Travels with Wally Berg and Friends. These photo essays portray the late Wally Berg's collecting trips with friends such as Dennis Cathcart, Chester Skotak and John Anderson to Ecuador, Guatemala, El Salvador, Belize and Panama. Through Wally's lens, you can see what it is like to hunt for bromeliads. You can visit the Berg Cage, the bromeliad paradise he made in his home with wife Dorothy in Sarasota. Also under Programs, you can visit the yard of Ed and Moyna Prince, long-time bromeliad growers who grow in full sun in Miami. Photographs from Virginia Schrenker, Richard Dunn, John Ingram and webmaster Michael Andreas are also posted in this area. A fun section under Programs is Bromeliad Biota, pictures of the critters that live in and among bromeliads.



Color pictures from the Cryptanthus Journal are found under CS Journal. Under Bromeliad Habitats, you will see pictures taken by Jason Grant in the rainforest of Panama and in Fortuna, Panama. There is an Unknown section where pictures of unidentified bromeliads can be posted for assistance in determining what they are.

As you would expect, the Misc. is a catchall category containing photographs of bromeliad artistic arrangements, pineapple pictures and a Generic List for Bromeliaceae – Smithsonian Botanical Illustrations.

You can't see it all in one visit! So take your time and enjoy the photographic journey through the bromeliad world at your leisure.

In the August issue, we'll visit another area on the Bromeliad Encyclopedia, the website of the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies.

Florida Council Business on the Internet

If you do not have access to the Internet, ask your Florida Council representative to provide information to you. The names of the current Council representatives are on the inside covers of this issue.

On the website, look on the left hand side of the home page for the Menu.

If you are traveling in the state of Florida and you want to see if there is a bromeliad society where you will be, check under Member Societies for meeting dates, times and locations as well as contact information.

Under 'About FCBS,' you will find:

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| Bylaws of the Council | History of the Council |
| Minutes of the Meetings | Rotation Schedule of the Quarterly Meetings |
| Rotation Schedule of Officers | |

2005 Bromeliad Extravaganza



The Sarasota Bromeliad Society is proud to announce the 2005 Bromeliad Extravaganza.

The sale will be held at the Sarasota Garden Club which is centrally located near downtown Sarasota (only one block East of the Hyatt and two blocks north of the Quay!) on Route 41 and easily visible to public traffic.. The air conditioned garden center building with beautiful botanical gardens was built in 1959. The sale will be held in a spacious “great room” and features windows on three sides overlooking a butterfly garden, the enclosed “Falling Waters” patio garden planted with exotic foliage, many of which are bromeliads. The east lawn has a large pond with a fountain in a tree setting.

There will be food and beverages available at this sale. Admission will be FREE. We will also be accepting Master Card/Visa in the sales area which will encourage the general public to purchase more as well as a convenience for them.

Sales will be held from 9:00 to 4:00 and set up will be on Friday, October 21st. We welcome members of the council to sell plants. 25% of the sales will go to the Sarasota Bromeliad Society and 75% to the grower/seller. Further sales info will be available in future notices. You may contact us at any time to reserve your spot and let us know the seller number you prefer as we realize that many people always use the same seller number. Contact Len Dolatowski at 941-962-7402 (please leave a message if no answer) or email: ldolatow@tampabay.rr.com.

The banquet and rare plant auction will be held at the Helmsley Sandcastle, 1540 Ben Franklin Drive, Lido Beach, Sarasota, Florida A special room rate of \$79-\$99 is available and reservations must be made by September 21st to ensure the special rates. No guarantees after that date.

This event can easily be a family vacation. The Sandcastle, on Lido Beach has a private beach, two heated outdoor pools, golf and tennis nearby. Has a relaxing sunny resort flavor with a storybook seaside setting on the Gulf of Mexico. In walking distance to St. Armands Circle with numerous shopping, Mote Marine Aquarium and the Ringling Art Museum as well as Selby Botanical Gardens and Sarasota Jungle Garden are close by.

The menu for this Extravaganza is a Caribbean Luau, so wear your pineapple finery and come on down for a great feast followed by an auction, you don't want to miss!

Caribbean Luau

Citrus Crusted Seared Snapper with Tropical Fruit Salsa

Guava Ribs, Chicken Skewers

Roast Suckling Pig in Jerk Seasonings

Carrots and Spring Onions, Herb Roasted Potatoes

Seafood Pasta Salad, Grilled Vegetable Salad, Potato Salad

Mixed Greens Salad with Assorted Dressings

Fruit Display

Fresh Baked Breads

Chocolate Banana Cake, Key Lime Tart, Banana Strudel

Coffee, Decaf, Tea, Iced Tea

Banquet starts at 7:00 pm on October 22nd

\$22.00 per person, **deadline October 8, 2005**

Please make check or money order payable to SBS and mail to:

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FCBS Affiliated Society Profile

The Bromeliad Society of Broward County

by Jose Donayre



This society evolved from the Bromeliad Society of South Florida when some of their members decided the trip down was too exerting. It started to function on April 12, 1964; it was then incorporated with the state of Florida on March 6, 1965, and achieved membership in the Bromeliad Society International in April 1974.

The Society was organized with 12 charter members and counted a group of distinguished collectors, growers, hybridizers and *aficionados*, reaching at one point more than a hundred members. Many of them, like Nat De Leon and Maggie Pearl, kept membership in both the South Florida and the Broward County Societies. Names like Jim Fisher, the first editor of “the Bromeliad Commentary,” Irma Gall, who became the historian in residence, Bob and Jean Burstrom, now in Atlanta, Stan Mc Millan, Gertrude Cole, Jim Lessley, are among the outstanding members during the 60s and 70s who filled the top positions on the Board. They and many others living in the county provided the Society with a deep reservoir of knowledge, experience and capacity to launch a very successful operation. In the early 70s, the Frazels, Bill at that time living in Miami and Maureen who had migrated from Canada, Polly Pascal and Tom Naylor among others became members and participated actively in the business of the society and became a regular presence in the Board.

BSBC started publishing its official bulletin in 1964 under the name “The Bromeliad Commentary” which lasted for nearly 35 years until it changed to the present “Scurf.” The Bromeliad Commentary brought monthly drawings of bromeliads on its cover and articles on cultivation, plants descriptions, new plants, events and a useful section on


questions and answers as well as references to articles published in the BSI Journal. Jim Fisher and later Kevin Gray and Stan Mac Millan, among others, contributed their artistry to the bulletin.

Monthly meetings were conducted at different places until settling at the Broward Agricultural Extension Building in Davie where it now meets. At the beginning there were no competitive shows organized by the Society, which was limited to lectures, plant displays and sales at its monthly meetings although some of its members participated in the South Florida Society shows that were held in the late 70s. The Society was instrumental in bringing Valerie Steckler, the editor of the current "Handbook for Judges, Exhibitor & Affiliates," to Florida, a visit which resulted in the starting of the first Judges School in Florida after the 1977 Conference in New Orleans.

Today BSBC invites bromeliad experts every month for presentations to the membership on pertinent subjects and to bring their plants for sale. Among some of the early personalities brought to speak at the meetings was Victoria Padilla who had published the only major book on bromeliads in use at that time. Another prominent speaker was Jeffrey Kent from California. Members provide plants regularly for "show and tell" and for a raffle table, which is reviewed by Bill Frazel for identification and description, keeping members informed and well supplied with fine plants. They also bring plants for selling to our avid collectors. Once a year in October, the Society holds an auction of member plants to raise funds. Every two years with the coming of spring, it organizes a full-blown Show and Sale major event. This is a showcase for members to display their prized plants and for the society to raise funds at the same time that it receives members of other societies as judges or as visitors and numerous local bromeliad enthusiasts. In every non-Show year, the Society participates in a Plant and Flower Festival at

Heritage Park which, besides being a major opportunity to sell members' plants, helps increasing membership.

The Society has volunteered help in local landscaping projects in public places, planting bromeliads at Heritage Park in Plantation, the Tradewinds Park, Sunrise Blvd. in Fort Lauderdale and recently in the patio of the Fishing Hall of Fame building where our last few shows have been held.

At the present time BSBC has a membership of about 70 members and has seen its roster increased by new members in the last few years, a  sign that BSBC continues to be a healthy member of the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies.

What is the Florida Council?

The Council is a confederation of bromeliad societies in Florida; it is a non profit organization registered with the state. Each member bromeliad society has two representatives to the Council, both of which are voting members. Any person belonging to any Florida bromeliad society affiliated with the Council is automatically a member of the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies.

The meetings are held quarterly throughout the state and are hosted by a different society each time.

Among its ongoing activities, the Council sponsors an annual Extravaganza, a state-wide gathering of bromeliad enthusiasts hosted by a different society each year. The Council supports the Bromeliad Encyclopedia, the number one bromeliad destination on the Internet. The Council also supports the ongoing program to control the invasive Mexican bromeliad weevil, an imported pest that imperils Florida's bromeliads, both native and in collections.

Upcoming Events



August 20-21

Bromeliad Fantasy, Display and Sale

Seminole Bromeliad Society

Sanford Garden Club, 17-92 and Fairmont Drive, Sanford

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

For more information, contact Sudi Hipsley, 352-504-6162.

October 14- 16

Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society

2005 Standard BSI Show and Sale

Terry Park, 3410 Palm Beach Blvd., Ft. Myers

Friday, October 14 - Registration, Exhibit Entry and Standard BSI Judged Show

Saturday, October 15 - open to public, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Sunday, October 16 - open to public 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

For further show and sale information please contact Diane Molnar at (239) 549-3404 or capebrom@aol.com and Brian Weber at (941) 355-2847 or brianweber1b@aol.com respectively.

October 22, 2005

Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies **Extravaganza**

Presented by the **Sarasota Bromeliad Society**

To be held at the Sarasota Garden Club, 1131 Blvd of the Arts, Sarasota

Free Admission

Banquet and Rare Plant Auction (benefiting the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies) will be held at:

The Helmsley Sandcastle

1540 Ben Franklin Drive, Lido Beach, Sarasota

941-388-2181

Special room rate of \$79 - \$99

(See more information on pages 3, 16)

Upcoming Events (continued)

November 18 - 20

Independent Plant Breeder's Conference

Organized by the Environmental Horticulture Department at the University of Florida (UF), Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS).

More information is available at <http://conference.ifas.ufl.edu/IPBC/>

2006

June 6 - 11, 2006

Bromeliads on the Border

Bromeliad Society International

17th World Bromeliad Conference

Town and Country Resort & Convention Center

500 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, California 92108

Information at <http://bsi.org>.



Roster in July!

Look for the state-wide roster in July! This roster will be mailed only to the members of affiliated societies who already receive the newsletter.

Next Florida Council Meeting

July 9, 2005

Hosted by Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay

See your Council representative
for more information.

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