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of  
Bromeliad Societies, Inc.**



**2006 Extravaganza  
Statewide Sale  
September 30  
Details inside!**

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on the inside back cover.**

**2006 Bromeliad Extravaganza**  
**Presented by**  
**Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies**  
**Hosted by the**  
**Bromeliad Society of South Florida**

Saturday, September 30, 2006

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## Catching Up ... Staying Even



The Bromeliad Society of Broward County hosted the Council's first meeting of the new year in the home of Larry and Edie Searle in Davie. Thank you to our gracious hosts and host society.

Council representatives wasted no time getting to business at this meeting. Two proposed bylaws will be considered at the April Council meeting. Per the requirements of the Council Bylaws, those proposed amendments are published in this newsletter, on page 17. See your Council representative for details. The Bromeliad Society of South Florida is hosting this year's Extravaganza; look for information on pages 1 and 15. Ron Cave presented an update on the Mexican bromeliad weevil project. You will find his report in this issue. The Upcoming Events has expanded to three pages – it is going to be an active year for bromeliad lovers!

Recently a set of BSI Journals was offered by Joe O'Rourke to any interested parties. Thanks to Helga Tarver, who coordinated the offer, to John Bankhead, who acted as caretaker of the collection, and to Ron Cave who seized the offer, these Journals found a home at the University of Florida's Indian River Research and Education Center Library. This is a reminder of what a valuable resource the BSI Journals and the Journals of the Cryptanthus Society are. If you have a set of journals that you no longer need, please check with your local bromeliad society to see if anyone is interested. If they are not, ask your Florida Council representative to check with members of the Council. These wonderful journals are resources for each generation and should be passed on.

If you are a state-inspected bromeliad nursery and would like to be listed in a future issue of the newsletter, please email the editor.

The next issue of the newsletter of the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies will be published in May. You can contact the editors of this newsletter by email at [Karen@digital.net](mailto:Karen@digital.net) or by phone, 321-453-0366.

## News from FCBS Affiliate Societies



See Upcoming Events on pages 18-20 for times, locations and contacts for the events mentioned below.

**Bromeliad Society of Central Florida** has a new slate of officers for the new year; Bob Stevens is the new president. At the November meeting, members voted life memberships to Michael and Karen Andreas, in recognition of their service to the bromeliad community. Plans are underway for the society to participate in the Harry P. Leu Gardens Sale on March 25-26. They are working on the annual Mothers Day Show and Sale, hopefully at the same location as last year's, Orlando Fashion Square Mall.

The **Bromeliad Society of South Florida** will hold its annual show and sale on Saturday and Sunday, April 22-23, at beautiful Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden. Visitors this year are in for a special treat as the garden is hosting an exhibition of the work of Dale Chihuly, the world-renowned glass artist. Throughout the garden are installations of his dramatic glass sculptures that complement the beauty of this tropical setting. Chihuly's work will be on display through May 31st. South Florida is also hosting this year's Extravaganza (see page 15).

**Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society** will participate in Everybody's Flower Show in Daytona Beach, March 16-19. "Our club will have an educational display and there will be horticultural entries for judging from the general public in more than 60 categories as well as a judged design section," reports Jay Thurrott. Florida East Coast also will have a sales area at the Master Gardeners sale on April 1 at the Volusia County Fairgrounds on State Road 44. This is a half day sale beginning at 9:00 AM.

Members of the **Bromeliad Society of Broward County** are still recovering from hurricane damage but the area is returning to normal. The society continues to experience an upswing in membership; their newsletter, *Scurf*, is a good tool for attracting new members. They will not have a show and sale this year and are struggling with the same venue issues as Central Florida – many places now want to charge societies to host their shows. Broward’s current officers will be passing the gavel in May: the nominating committee has been selected to coordinate a new slate of officers for 2006/2007. “During the past few months we have had a rise in membership and we know there is a lot of untapped talent out there that we don’t want to go unnoticed,” says Colleen Hendrix. “We have every confidence that the members of the nominating committee will put every effort into finding the right member for the job.”

Broward president Jose Donayre announced that Tom Seuss, society founder and long time member, died recently. Everyone offers their deepest sympathies to Tom’s family and friends for this loss.

**Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay** is holding its 2006 Show and Sale on March 4-5 in conjunction with the Tampa Federation of Garden Club Circles at the Garden Club overlooking Tampa Bay. The theme of this year’s show is “A Patchwork of Bromeliads.” There will be displays, outside vendors, pottery, quilts, as well as food. Admission is free. If you are interested in entering plants for judging or want more information, contact Tom Wolfe at 813-961-1475.

**Seminole Bromeliad Society** changed its name recently to **Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society**.

At the January meeting, nationally acclaimed

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floral designers from the Seminole County community presented “Tropical Flower Design Extravaganza,” a program on tropical flower designs using bromeliad flowers and leaves, gingers, orchids, aroid leaves, alocasias, antheriums, roses and even fruit. Approximately 60 people attended and were mesmerized by the beautiful arrangements that were made. Three arrangements were raffled as door prizes and 20 finished arrangements were used for a silent auction. Seminole president Bud Martin recommends this type of program for every society. “Contact your favorite florist or the Florist Association in your area,” he suggested. “A program such as this is good promotion for both the society and the florist.” Seminole promoted the event in the local newspaper for a month before the meeting. Seminole hosts its Annual Bromeliad Bonanza on April 9 at Blossom World Gardens with bromeliad displays, sales of bromeliads and other tropical plants, and two seminars on bromeliad culture. Seminole also will be having its annual Fall Tropical Plant Sale on August 19 –20 at The Garden Club of Sanford.

**Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society** had a wonderful Christmas party at the end of the year; things are quiet for the moment. The society is planning its plant sale in November. Caloosahatchee has a judged show every other year.

**Boca Raton Bromeliad Society** members enjoyed a “dry walk” in the Fakahatchee in January.



**Bromeliads on the Border**  
**The Bromeliad Society International presents**  
**17th World Bromeliad Conference**

June 6-11, 2006

San Diego, California

For more information, go to <http://bsi.org>

## Culture Tips

Winter is still here – don't let your guard down!

by Jay Thurrott

We've had a little cold weather so far this year but now the days are getting a little longer, we're seeing some spring-like weather and the temptation is there to separate, repot, clean up our plants, and restart our fertilization programs. It's a trick – don't fall for it! We still have two months to go before the danger of frost or freezing weather passes, so have a little patience. Spring will soon be here. Don't rush things.

What do we do with our bromeliads in the meantime? First of all, keep in mind that in addition to cold weather, our winters are marked by periods of extremely low humidity. If the potting mix is bone-dry, the central cup in the rosette has no water left in it and the plant is beginning to look a bit dessicated, give it some water. Pay attention to your plants! I know that you have been advised to beware of keeping things too wet in the winter months and that this can lead to rotting problems, but the other extreme can be just as harmful.

Watch for signs of sunburn. Often when cold fronts approach we move our plants around to other, warmer areas of the yard. Just as often, this "rearranging" of plants takes place at the end of the day or at night and we don't pay much attention to amounts of sunlight that hit this new location during midday. We may have been successful in warding off cold damage, but now our bromeliads are exposed to higher light levels and the leaves may be subject to sunburn. A ruined leaf is a ruined leaf - whether the damage is due to cold or to sunburn is immaterial. Also, for those of you who move plants around to avoid the cold weather...don't forget where you put them. I was being especially clever a few years ago and placed a few plants under our deck for cold protection. This apparently worked very well, since when I found the plants again in June they didn't show much cold damage – they just hadn't seen sunlight for six

months and, as you can imagine, the overall conformation of each plant was not what it should have been.

If by chance, we happen to see some below-freezing weather this year and your plants appear severely damaged, resist the urge to discard them. They may still have a few tricks up their sleeves (or would that be ‘leaf axils’?). For those bromeliads that are reluctant bloomers, cold weather may be just what’s needed to trigger the blooming process. The plant may not look like a prize winner, but the bloom it produces after a cold snap may be an unexpected pleasure. Also, it may be a self-preservation measure, but it has often been reported that bromeliads that experience cold damage may produce greater than normal numbers of pups. This may be an opportunity to either work on a multiple display or to sell or trade extra offsets.

Finally, for those bromeliads that appear “stone-cold” dead as a result of a severe freeze - set them aside somewhere if you can’t bear to look at them any longer, but don’t throw them away yet. There may still be enough energy left in that browned-off husk to produce an offset. This can take months before any new shoots appear. I acquired a *Hechtia guatamalensis* once and not realizing its cold sensitivity, left it outside when the temperatures fell to the low 30s (F). The next morning the once green leaves had taken on an unusual translucent appearance and in very short order all of the leaves turned completely brown and the center fell out. Three months later there was still no sign of life, but before disposing of this casualty on the compost pile, I peeled the leaves away one at a time. To my surprise, at the base of the inner most leaves there appeared to be the beginning of a bud of living tissue. Over the following year this single bud of green developed into a healthy plant which eventually went on to bloom and produce further offsets. If there is a moral to this story, it’s that bromeliads have an amazing tendency to survive under even the most severe conditions. Have a little patience. Even if your plant appears totally lifeless, it may surprise you with a beautiful inflorescence and then continue its lineage with the production of new



## Growing *Alcantarea* species

by Theresa M. Bert



Bromeliads in the genus *Alcantarea* are native to eastern Brazil, where they grow terrestrially in open places. Most of them grow in full sun; on granite outcrops (inselbergs) that can soar up to 500 feet above rivers; tropical forests and cultivated fields; in cracks where water percolates through the granite. Many of them were formerly in the genus *Vriesea*. Most are very large (3-5 feet in diameter at full size) and have brightly colored, lightly colored, or white and green inflorescences that are spectacular - up to 7-8 feet tall, with multiple branches; large, sometimes colorful bracts; and lovely, three-petaled, yellow or white flowers with long, protruding stamens. Many have flowers with long petals that curve backward and sideways, like lovely curls at the ends. Don't hold your breath waiting for these plants to flower - they can be 10 or more years old before they flower. But it's worth the wait!

You will need space to grow these plants. *Alcantarea* species can be grown in a loose mix of potting soil, a little charcoal and Perlite. Increase pot size as they grow. They eventually become so heavy that the bases lean and press against the edge of the pot. At this time, they'll fall over when loaded with water unless some preventative measure is taken. I usually pot them in plastic pots and place those pots into heavy clay pots. Sometimes I also need to counterbalance the base of the plant by putting a brick or two in the plastic pot on the side opposite the plant base. Some species and varieties (e.g., *A. imperialis* 'Red') tend to rot at the base; to guard against this, grow those plants in pure Perlite and porous rock (e.g., commercially available lava rock), with lots of time-released fertilizer (avoid placing the fertilizer so that it touches the plant base). They respond well to time-released fertilizer (I use 6-month time-released Nutricote, also available as Dynamite). They also do well in the ground. If covered with light frostcloth or sheets, they survive light frosts without damage. I grow them in my yard, in full sun or partial shade, and in a shadehouse, sitting high above all other plants. Plant or place them in locations where you won't need to move them after they're full-grown. An *Alcantarea* holding even a little water

can weigh 80-100 pounds.

The pups on *Alcantareas* grow from the trunk. Small “grass pups” with thin leaves can appear beneath the leaves when the plant is small through full-sized. These can be removed when they’re about 4-5 inches long and potted. They are not easily removed because the base is recurved into the trunk of the parent plant. To remove them, dig the potting mix away from the plant, grasp the pup by the base, and wiggle it from side to side while simultaneously pulling the pup a bit away from the mother plant. Very robust pups frequently appear after the plant has bloomed (cut off the inflorescence) if time-released fertilizer pellets are placed between the leaves. Sometimes it’s possible to get a dozen or more pups by using this method. To remove those pups, I remove all leaves below them and use the same technique described above for the grass pups. The best way to get them to root is to insert them between the parent plant’s trunk and a big remaining leaf until they develop roots, which takes a few months. For me, that works better than potting them.

Few bromeliad enthusiasts seem to grow *Alcantarea* species, probably because they are so big. But if you want unique, interesting landscape, try plants of this genus. They can tolerate some leaf litter accumulation, but not acorns or rotting leaves left in their centers for months. Several large species available for cultivation are cold-tolerant, easy to grow, and spectacular (e.g., *A. imperialis*, *A. odorata*, *A. extensa*, *A. brasiliana*, *A. vinicolor*, and *A. heloisae*). *Alcantarea imperialis*, the most popular species, comes in several colors. The broad, stiff, spineless leaves are green above and green or various shades of red or purple beneath. *Alcantarea odorata* can be purchased with varying degrees of trichome (scurf) coverage. Those with thick coverings (e.g., cultivar ‘Silver’) are fuzzy- or snowy-looking and interestingly beautiful.



# **Mexican Bromeliad Weevil Biological Control Report**

by Ronald D. Cave and J. Howard Frank

The Mexican bromeliad weevil, *Metamasius callizona*, was first found in Florida in a Broward County nursery in 1989, apparently having entered the state in a shipment of bromeliads imported from Veracruz, Mexico. It became established in several natural areas and could not be eradicated. The weevil's spread to the western coast of Florida was most likely aided by human movement of infested bromeliads. From these initial infestations, it has steadily spread in South Florida (presently in 18 counties), where it attacks and devastates native bromeliads. Two native bromeliads are now on Florida's endangered species list specifically as a result of weevil attack. Ten other state-listed threatened and endangered native bromeliads and one endemic species face immediate risk as the weevil continues to spread.

The University of Florida's bromeliad weevil project focuses on establishing and maintaining a laboratory colony of a biological control agent, the parasitic fly cf. *Lixophaga* sp., in Honduras and rearing the biological control agent at the Biological Control Research and Containment Laboratory (BCRCL) in Ft. Pierce. In addition, spread of the bromeliad weevil on federal lands in south Florida is monitored.

Further evidence of the presence of *M. callizona* in the Big Cypress National Preserve was found in the Bear Island tract. Dennis Giardina of the Panther Wildlife Refuge (now park manager of the Fakahatchee Strand State Park) made the original discovery of the weevil in this area on February 16, 2005, in *Tillandsia utriculata*. The infestation can be seen along the entire span of road that stretches from SR29 and southwest towards Turner River Road. Infested plants were all *Tillandsia*; no *Catopsis* were infested. Plants infested with the native Florida bromeliad weevil, *Metamasius mosieri*, were

encountered sporadically on all federal lands surveyed. Other federal lands infested by the weevil are the Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge and the Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve. No evidence of weevil presence in the Everglades National Park has been seen.

Howard Frank and Dennis Giardina continued the exploration for new and natural enemies. They traveled to the Petén of Guatemala in October 2005 to search for additional bromeliad weevil parasitoids. Eight weevil larvae were found in a single locality and shipped to the BCRCCL for rearing. From one weevil larva emerged a single parasitic fly maggot which pupated. Unfortunately, no adult fly emerged so that a positive identification could be made, but we suspect that it is the same parasitic fly species known from Honduras and collected in another locality in Guatemala.

A manuscript which proposes a scientific name for the parasitic fly from Honduras has been submitted to the journal Florida Entomologist. The fly is described as a new species in a new genus. Once the manuscript is published, the name will be announced.

The importation of the parasitic fly into quarantine in Ft. Pierce continues, with the future objective of continuing to receive shipments of 40-50 puparia from Honduras every 2 weeks and increasing the size of the colony. The eventual goal is to create a local source of the biological control agent of the Mexican bromeliad weevil for eventual release, with proper approval, in the field.

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**The Cryptanthus Society**  
**at the**  
**BSI World Conference**  
by Carole Richtmyer

The Cryptanthus Society will be actively participating in events at “Bromeliads on the Border” in San Diego next June 6 to 11. There will be plants available at the member plant sale beginning on Thursday evening, June 8, as well as past issues of The Cryptanthus Society Journal and other merchandise.

At the show itself, the Cryptanthus Society will be sponsoring several specific Cryptanthus awards which include the Bob Whitman Best Cryptanthus Species and Warren Loose Best Cryptanthus Hybrid awards, Best Individual and Best Multiple Cryptanthus awards, Best Horticultural Display (keeping in mind that Cryptanthus are terrestrials and must be planted in soil), and Best Artistic Arrangement and Best Decorative Container.

On Saturday, June 10, the Cryptanthus Society will be holding a Rare Plant Auction from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., with a preview beginning at 1:00 p.m. This auction, the Society’s only fund raiser of the year, promises to be full of rare and desirable Cryptanthus species and new hybrids and related items, as indicated by past auctions.

Last, but not least, the Society will be holding its annual Board meeting on Sunday, June 11, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend to provide support and input to the current Board of Directors.

We hope to see you there!

## 2005 Bromeliad Extravaganza

by Inez Dolotowski

Well, Wilma has gone back to bedrock and the Extravaganza went on as planned. Thanks to everyone who participated in the Extravaganza. While Wilma did have an affect on the event, this was a terrific Extravaganza. Rob Branch had two huge signs made in front of the Garden which was up all week prior. The phone was constantly ringing at the garden and at our house wanting to know if it was still on. There were about 15 sellers and the room at the Sarasota Garden Club was full with a wide variety of plants. Sellers as far as Gainesville participated and attendees, while not as many as expected, still came from as far as Miami and Orlando. We didn't have even a drop of rain that day and everyone who came had a great time and appreciated the wide selection of plants available. The public mentioned how they appreciated the free admission and refreshment stand and the nice atmosphere at the garden.

The auction at the Helmsley was a great success, over \$1800 was raised for the Florida Council. We originally had around 100 people signed up for the banquet and although some didn't make it, the majority did and had a great time. Ray Lemieux was very humorous as the auctioneer, assisted by Dr. Terri Bert and Len Dolotowski. The plants at the auction were spectacular and there were several new releases. Some people took great lengths to have plants available for the auction, plants were passed from person to person, depending on who was going to come to ensure of their arrival. The food was delicious and plentiful and the deserts were super. Beautiful arrangements were donated by Tropiflora, and the room was very festive.

The people that we dealt with at both the Helmsley and the Sarasota Garden Club were wonderful to work with and hope we can have events with them in the future. We couldn't have asked for better accommodations.

Special thanks to all you who participated in making this a success, whether you sold as a vendor, donated plants for the auction, helped out in the sales area, holding or



## 2006 Bromeliad Extravaganza

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Hosted by the Bromeliad Society of South Florida  
by Ed Prince

The Bromeliad Society of South Florida is putting the "Extra" in the 2006 Extravaganza. How's this for an incentive? Every attendee at the banquet will receive a select bromeliad from Deroose nursery. Want more? Spend one night at the host hotel, buy two banquet tickets and receive absolutely free of charge Elton Leme's *Bromeliads of the Atlantic Forest: Canistropsis*. The book usually sells for \$60.00.

The hotel is Miccosukee Resort & Convention Center, 500 S.W. 177 Avenue, Miami, Florida 33194. The complex is at the intersection of Tamiami Trail & Krome Avenue. It is easy to access from either coast without having to drive into Miami proper.

The special room rates are available until July 29, 2006. These special room rates are subject to availability. When making reservations it is necessary to mention that guests are attending the **Bromeliad Society Convention & Exhibition**. We have reserved a block of 60 sleeping rooms for September 29, 2006 to October 1, 2006. A single or double room is \$95.00 and suites are \$139.00. (Rates are usually \$129.00 and \$169.00.) To make reservations call the Resort at 305-925-2555 or 877-242-6464. Reservations can be faxed at 305-221-8309 or 305-925-2556. Guest rooms are subject to 8.75% tax, per room, per day. Each guest will be required to leave a \$75.00 deposit by cash or credit card upon check in. A deposit of one night accommodation and tax is required at the time of reservation. The hotel will do their best to honor guest's requests, but cannot guarantee room type availability. Reservations must be cancelled 72 hours prior to arrival to avoid loss of first night's deposit.

Details and other good stuff in the next edition of the FCBS newsletter.

For more information, contact Ed Prince, 305-251-5289,



## 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.

To learn more about Council activities, visit the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies' website at [fcbs.org](http://fcbs.org) or talk with one of your society's Council representatives.



## **Notice of Proposed Changes to the Bylaws of the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies**

On January 14, at the regular quarterly meeting of the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies, two amendments to the Council's bylaws were proposed, in response to attendance issues during the last two years.

Regular participation by member societies is critical to the Council's ability to conduct business. At the April 8 meeting of the Council, representatives will vote on the following (language in brackets is to be replaced by the language that is underlined):

### Article V

D. All representatives will be expected to maintain good attendance at meetings. A society that misses four consecutive meetings (even if dues are current) will have its membership in the Council revoked. After the third missed meeting, the Council Chairman will put the society on notice by contacting the society's president, in writing.

### Article VIII

C. Representatives of [two thirds (2/3)] a simple majority of the affiliate societies constitutes a quorum and, except as otherwise provided herein, a majority of a quorum may decide a question.

The Bylaws and Standing Rules are available online at <http://fcbs.org>. Go to About FCBS at the bottom of the left hand menu on the opening page. If you do not have Internet access, contact your Florida Council representative and ask for a copy to be provided to you.

## Upcoming Events



**March 4-5**

**Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay**

“A Patchwork of Bromeliads” Show and Sale

Tampa Federation of Garden Clubs

2629 Bayshore Blvd., Tampa

Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM; Sunday: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Tom Wolfe 813-961-1475

**March 16-19**

**Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society**

Everybody’s Flower Show

10:00 AM – 6:00 PM (Sunday until 4:00 PM)

Daytona Beach Ocean Center

101 N. Atlantic Avenue, Daytona Beach

**March 25-26**

**Bromeliad Society of Central Florida**

Harry P. Leu Gardens Sale

1920 Forest Avenue, Orlando

Saturday 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM; Sunday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

**March 31 – April 2**

**Tropiflora Spring Festival**

3530 Tallevast Road. Sarasota

Friday/Saturday 8:00 AM-5:00 PM; Sunday 10:00 AM-3:00 PM

941-351-2267

**April 1**

**Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society**

Master Gardeners Sale

Volusia County Fair Grounds

9:00 AM (half day only)

State Road 44, just off I-4

## Upcoming Events

**April 9**

**Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society**

Annual Bromeliad Bonanza

Blossom World Gardens

4225 Bloom Lane, Sanford

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Bud Martin at 321-363-7351

Public is invited, admission is free.

**April 22-23**

**Bromeliad Society of South Florida**

Annual Show and Sale

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens

10901 Old Cutler Road, Miami

Show Chairman: Robert Meyer, 305-668-3344

Commercial sales: Peter Kouchalakos, 305-461-2367

**May 12-14**

**Bromeliad Society of Central Florida**

Mothers Day Show and Sale

Orlando Fashion Square Mall

3201 East Colonial Drive, Orlando

Friday/Saturday 10:00 AM – 9:00 PM; Sunday 11:00 AM –  
6:00 PM

Betsy McCrory 407-348-2139

**June 6 - 11, 2006**

**Bromeliad Society International**

Bromeliads on the Border - 17th World Bromeliad Conference

Town and Country Resort & Convention Center

500 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, California 92108

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

Upcoming Events is continued on the next page.

## Upcoming Events (continued)

**August 19-20**

### **Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society**

Fall Tropical Plant Sale

Garden Club of Sanford

200 Fairmont Drive, Sanford

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Sudi Hipsley at 352- 728-5002 or Bud Martin at 321-363-7351

The public is invited. Admission is free.

**September 30, 2006**

### **Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies' Extravaganza**

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