

FLORIDA WEST COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY

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Celebrating over 65 Years in Bromeliads

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May 2019 Newsletter

NEXT MEETING

Date & Time: Tuesday, May 7, 2019; 7:30 pm
Location: Good Samaritan Church
6085 Park Boulevard
Pinellas Park, Florida 33781

PROGRAM: Annual Bromeliad Auction

The Annual Bromeliad Auction is one of our premiere events, an enjoyable evening with good food, an opportunity to acquire some remarkable and not commonly available bromeliads, and a major fundraiser. The evening will be all auction and there will be no business meeting, show and tell, member plant sales or raffle. There will be two auction parts—a Live Auction and a Silent Auction.

Members can participate in four ways:

1. **DONATE** items to the auction.
2. **BRING** refreshments to share with others.
3. **VOLUNTEER** to set up, arrange, and display auction items and to set up refreshments and clean up afterwards.
4. **BID** on auction items!

Auction items will consist of bromeliads and bromeliad-related items only, such as artwork, posters, ceramics, and books. Plants donated to the auction should be clean, disease- and pest-free, clearly labeled and of a quality that you feel you would want to bid on yourself.

If you want to volunteer, have questions or need more information about the event, contact the auction chairman Susan Sousa (susansousa1@yahoo.com).

Refreshments

The refreshment table will be open throughout the auction, with plentiful, good food. Members supply the table with their favorite food items and the Society provides beverages, plates, napkins, and eating utensils.

LAST MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

LAST MONTH'S PROGRAM

Dave Johnston, owner of Bromeliads Galore Nursery and FWCBS member for many years, gave a presentation titled *New Bromeliad Species and Hybrids* about new species discovered and new hybrids created within the last 10 years. In his talk, he described and showed pictures of about 70 new species and 55 new hybrids. Dave is an enthusiastic proponent of species and feels they are important to preserve. For example, many older bromeliad species had been used in crosses to make some of the well-known hybrids we have today. And while some bromeliad species might be considered rather plain, there are many that are spectacular and hold their own when compared to some of the showy. Dave has been growing bromeliads since 1985 and at one time had a collection of up to 2,000 different species and hybrids.

SPECIES

These are the new species that Dave talked about, pictures of which can be seen on the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies (FCBS) Photo Index page at this link: <http://fcbs.org/pictures.htm>.

Aechmea species

aenigmatica	gentryi	moonenii
aiuruocensis	glandulosa	murcae
bahiana	heterosepala	nivea
bauxilumii	joannis	reclinate
brachystachya	jungurudoensis	rubroaristata
cephaloides	lilacinantha	subintegerrima
echinata	limai	

Billbergia species

Issingiana

Hohenbergia species

aechmeoides	conquistensis	loredanoana
attenuate	flava	magnispina
augusta	igatuensis	proctorii
barbaespina	lativaginata	reconcavensis
capitata	lemei	sandrae

Lapanthus species

duartei

Neoregelia species

cruenta variegata	kuhlmannii	rothinessa
dactyloflammas	lactea	ruschii
dayvidiana	menescalii	silvomontana
gigas	paratiensis	tenebrosa
ilhana	retrorsa	viridolineata

Nidularium species

alegreense	ferrugineum	rolfianum
campoalagrense	organense	

Orthophytum species

argentum	graomogolense
boudetianum	guaratingense

Quesnelia species

conquistensis	tubifolia
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Sincoraea species

humilis	rafaelii
ophiuroides	ulei

HYBRIDS

These are the new hybrids Dave showed us (with the hybridizer's name following in parenthesis). They have been described and published in the Bromeliad Society International (BSI) Journal within the last 10 years, and pictures of all but a few of them can be seen on the BSI website's Bromeliad Cultivar Registry page at this link: <https://www.bsi.org/registry/>.

Aechmea hybrid

Yellow Ghost (Skotak)

Billbergia hybrids

Black Pearl (Vinzant)
Obi-Wan (Vinzant)
Kolan Chestnut Cream

Cryptanthus hybrid

Calico (Vinzant)

Dyckia hybrids

Bucksaw Ripple (Kiehl)	Larry the Chopper	Obsidian
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Goudaea hybrids

Hot Chocolate	Santa Maria
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xNeomea hybrid

Thing Too (Vinzant)

Neoregelia hybrids

Always Karen (Vinzant)	Fruit Stripe (Skotak)	Skittles (Kiehl)
Beautiful Sunshine	Groucho (Skotak)	Tartan Warrior (Skotak)
Casoba	Hacksaw	Unfinished Business
Crimson (Groves)	Heart Stopper (Skotak)	(Vinzant)
Curmudgeon (Skotak)	Ironside (Skotak)	Vino (Skotak)
Cyborg (Skotak)	Night Watch (Skotak)	Will II
Dreamsicle (Groves)	Optimus Prime (Skotak)	
Electra (Groves)	Rangeview Gift	
Wisteria (Vinzant)		

Orthophytum hybrid

Heavy Metal (Wingart)

xSincoregelia hybrid

Supernova (Vinzant)

Tillandsia hybrids

Antonio (Skotak)

Avanti (Bak)

Fancy Dancer (Timm)

xVriecantarea hybrid (Australian)

Red Eagle

Vriesea hybrids (Australian)

Celestial Rainbow

High Society

Maria

China Doll Maiko

Mystique

The Queen Jewels

Diamond in the Sky

Pink Lantern

Top End Dreaming

Dreamtime Amaro

The Crown Jewels

Zambezi

Fire and Ice

Esma

SHOW AND TELL

Marty Baxley

Neoregelia 'Brainstorm' by Lisa Vinzant (photo below)

Neoregelia 'Paint Me Pink' by Lisa Vinzant (photo below)

Neoregelia 'Alea' (photo below)

Neoregelia 'Midnight Dung' by Michael Kiehl (photo below)

Two hybrids by Marty Baxley from the same cross: *Neoregelia*

'Sichuan' and *Neoregelia* 'Road to Hana' (photo below of both)

Neoregelia 'Hopscotch', 'Bewitched', and 'Winter Rose'

John Edwards

Canistrum fosteriana (photo below)

Barb Gardner

Vriesea hybrid

Monika Hale

Tillandsia fasciculata x densispica (photo below)

Alton Lee

Vriesea hybrid

Neoregelia 'Fruit Salad'

Franne Matwijczyk

Tillandsia capitata x balbisiana

Linda Sheetz

Tillandsia intermedia, large form

Tillandsia ionantha 'Druid' (photo below); creamy peach color with white flowers, unlike other *ionantha* that blush red and have purple/blue flowers

SHOW AND TELL PLANTS



Neoregelia 'Brainstorm'



Neoregelia 'Paint Me Pink'



Neoregelia 'Alea'



Neoregelia 'Midnight Dung'



From same cross: *Neoregelia* 'Sichuan' (left); *Neoregelia* 'Road to Hana' (right)



Canistrum fosteriana



Vriesea fasciculata x *densispica*



Tillandsia ionantha 'Druid'

THIS AND THAT

USF Spring Plant Sale

In April our society had its usual booth at the University of South Florida Spring Plant Sale. Member sellers included Marty Baxley (Sales Chairman), Franne Matwiczuk, and Jose Rosado with help from Joe Ventimiglia. We are grateful to our member sellers for their efforts at such events and hope to encourage more members to sell at future sales events. It is fun and profitable.

IN THE GARDEN THIS MONTH



Neoregelia 'Strawberry Jamboree'



Neoregelia 'Crimson'



Neoregelia 'Merlot'



Neoregelia 'Julia'

UPCOMING EVENTS, 2019

May 7, Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society Annual Bromeliad Auction
Good Samaritan Church, 6085 Park Boulevard, Pinellas Park, FL
(susansousa1@yahoo.com)

May 10-12, Bromeliad Society of Central Florida Annual Mother's Day Show and Sale
Fashion Square Mall, Orlando, FL (www.bromeliadorslando.com/activities)

August 17-18, Seminole Bromeliad Society and Tropical Plant Society Annual Fall Sale
The Garden Club of Sanford, Sanford, FL (www.sanfordgardenclub.com/sbtps)

September 20-21, Bromeliad Extravaganza®
Orlando, FL, Hosted by Bromeliad Society of Central Florida (www.BromeliadX.com)

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