

FLORIDA WEST COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY

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Celebrating over 68 Years in Bromeliads



June 2022 Newsletter

NEXT MEETING

Date & Time: **NOTE DATE CHANGE to second Tuesday of the month:**
June 14, 2022; 7:30 pm

Location: Good Samaritan Church
6085 Park Boulevard
Pinellas Park, Florida 33781

Meeting Protocol—Masks Required

Due to the recent increase in levels of Covid-19 cases the CDC has raised the risk status in parts of Florida, including Pinellas County where we meet, to 'high-risk' level. Based on this, the church where we meet has re-instituted their mask policy as a condition for use of the meeting hall and once again requires people to wear a mask regardless of vaccination status when on their campus.

PROGRAM

Phil Monnig will give a demonstration of how to mount Tillandsias and other bromeliads. Members are invited to add to this program by bringing in examples of bromeliads they have mounted, especially if they are unusual, new, and/or creative displays.

LAST MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

ANNUAL BROMELIAD AUCTION

At the May meeting we held our Annual Bromeliad Auction, the first time we had the event since 2019 because of Covid-related meeting restrictions in 2020 and 2021. While it was not the largest crowd to turn out for one of our auctions, people were clearly enthusiastic and generous with their bids. They had good reason to be so, because most of the plants and other items offered for bids were uncommon and good quality, and the net revenue realized was among the higher numbers for one of our auctions.

The event was successful in large part due to the generosity of our members who donated items to the auction. These included nursery owners Michael Kiehl, Dave Johnston, and Marty Baxley. Some additional plants were purchased from Tropiflora and McCrory nurseries. Of special interest to bidders were the 36 items Nancy Dailey donated from her late husband Dick Dailey's bromeliad collection. (Those plants had been selected, cleaned,

tagged, and delivered through the combined efforts of members Susan and Larry Sousa, Linda Sheetz, Richard Poole, Alton Lee, Gary Lund, Brian Corey, and Nancy Schmidt.)

The auctioneers were initially the team of Alton Lee and Kathy Risley, followed by the solo act of Phil Monnig.



Alton Lee and Kathy, auctioneers



Phil Monnig, auctioneer

In addition to the auctioneers, the following members are among those who helped with the auction:

Overall auction organization and set-up: Susan Sousa, Kathy Risley, Phil Monnig

Live and silent auction plant selection: Alton Lee and Linda Sheetz

Cashiers: Gary Lund, Mike Petryszak

Recorder: Judy Lund

Plant presenters, live auction: Sandy Holloway, Nancy Schmidt

Runners, silent auction: Larry Sousa, Ashley Graham, Brian Corey

Silent auction announcer: Susan Sousa

Below are pictures of bidders and some of the outstanding bromeliads and other auction items.



Bidders checking out the plant Sandy Holloway (left background) is holding.



Live Auction Plants



Some of the Silent Auction Items



Nidularium 'Mayhem'



Canistropsis burchellii



Billbergia vittata
'Domingos Martins'



Nidularium atalaiaense



Aechmea cylindrata



xSincoregelia 'Orange Sunshine'



Tillandsia stricta, mounted



Billbergia 'Casa Blanca'



xNeomea 'Mars'



Aechmea 'Red Candle'



Assorted equipment from Dick Dailey's garden

THIS AND THAT

Name that Bromeliad?



What are the white spots on these bromeliads? A new type of variegation? Scale? Sun burn? Chemicals, herbicide, or pesticide overspray?

Answer: They are spots of paint the house painters left behind when they cleaned their painting equipment in the yard but neglected to rinse off nearby plants, which numbered at least 20. When they returned the next day, they were chagrined to learn what they had done (or rather, not done) and they set about trying to remove the paint spots. Their efforts did not last long once those burly men encountered the spines and they then realized that once the paint had dried, no amount of rinsing, scrubbing and/or washing would remove them safely, without hurting the leaves. They said, naively, that surely the plants would grow new leaves and were further disheartened when told 'No, these are all the leaves they are going to have.'

But the paint on the house looks good.

IN THE GARDEN



Dyckia brevifolia cv. 'Moon Glow', 'Yellow Glow', and/or 'Golden Glow'



Hohenbergia leopoldo-horstii



Hohenbergia stellata

Submitted by Barb Gardner



Cryptanthus 'Cascade'



Sincora navioides

Submitted by Gary Lund



Aechmea bracteata rubra

BROMELIAD AND OTHER PLANT EVENTS, 2022

June 7-11, 24th World Bromeliad Conference, *The Big Show*, BSI's 70th Anniversary
Hyatt Regency Hotel, Sarasota, FL (<https://www.bsi.org/new/conference-corner/>)

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