



FLORIDA WEST COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY

November 2005

This Month's Meeting

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 1, 2005, at Hope Presbyterian Church, 1698 S. Belcher Road, Clearwater. The doors open at 7 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The speaker this month will be Bill Timm. Bill has been a very active member of both the Sarasota and Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Societies. Bill specializes in tillandsias and has made numerous tillandsia hybrids. Tillandsias require many years to grow from seed to blooming size and it is only a few years ago that Bill was able to name and register his hybrids. He won six major awards in the Sarasota Show in May of 2005 with his creations. Also, Bill was chairman of Security at our World Bromeliad Conference in 2002.

Bill will be bringing plants to sell and he does not mind if others sell also.

Binders for your BSI Journals

If you wish to order binders for your BSI Journals, the club will be more than happy to order them for you. Each binder will hold 2 years of Journals. Cost for each binder is \$ 9.30, which includes postage. Please see Gary Lund or call him at 586-5865.

Dues

The end of the year is approaching. Remember that all members are required to pay your dues for next year. Rates are \$15.00 for a single membership and \$20.00 for a family membership. See Gary Lund or send your dues to him at 904 Oakwood Drive, Largo, FL 33770.

IMPORTANT

REMINDERS

Guests are always welcome!!

Bring a raffle plant!
Plants must have names and be sure they are free of scale.

Bring plants for show and tell.

Bring a plant for the friendship table.

Wear your nametag!



Show and Tell for October 4, 2005

Phil Budworth:	<u>Portea</u> 'Candy' <u>Portea</u> 'Jungles' X <u>Androlaechmea</u> 'Dean'
Brad Johnson:	<u>Cryptanthus</u> 'Frost Bite' <u>Cryptanthus</u> 'Cape Coral' <u>Cryptanthus</u> 'Cosmic Storm'
Dave Johnson:	<u>Vriesea ospinae</u> var. <u>gruberi</u> <u>Aechmea smithiorum</u>
Helga Tarver:	<u>Neoregelia</u> 'Purple Star'

Upcoming Events

Dunedin Green Market

Dunedin Green Market, starting on October 21st and the following 3 Fridays.

"Gardenfest" Plant Sale

November 19th—Saturday

To be held at the Florida Botanical Gardens

Neoregelias

Offsets of neoregelia from the same plant grown by two different people in two different areas can mature with very little resemblance to one another. The plants are very sensitive to light, fertilization, and pot size, and these factors can make a big difference in the finished plant. Most do best when under potted, underfed, grown on the dry side, and, in Florida, subjected to the strongest light they can endure without damage, which is generally 50 per cent shade. With good growing conditions, neoregelias give more satisfaction with less work than many other bromeliads. Set offsets upright in an empty pot for at least ten days to harden before potting.

Adapted from: Newsletter of the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies, December 1995

New Officers for 2006

The following members have been nominated as officers for next year.

President—Anne Kavanagh

Vice President—Gyula Nemeth

Secretary—Judy Lund

Treasurer—Gary Lund

Director—(To fill the open Director positions) Phyllis Steil and Bob Albanese