

FLORIDA WEST COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY NEWSLETTER December 2010



NEXT MEETING: DECEMBER

Date & Time:

Tuesday, December 7th, 2010
Doors open at 7 pm; meeting starts at 7:30.

Location:

Hope Presbyterian Church
1698 South Belcher Road
Clearwater, Florida 33764

Program

The December meeting is our annual Holiday Season Party. There will be no business meeting, no speaker, no general raffle table, and no friendship plant table. Instead, there will be a free bromeliad pup for each member present, the opportunity to win one of the many prize plants provided by several growers, and lots of great food. There will also be a Gift Plant Swap for those who want to participate in the swap. For the swap, bring a plant (a nice one you would like to receive as a gift) and swap it for a plant someone else has brought to exchange.

Party Refreshments

While the party is underway, we will be enjoying all manner of great food. To make this happen, everyone is encouraged to bring some form of edible, from appetizers to desserts. So, put on your aprons and/or get into your cars and go to the store. It is all welcome.

LAST MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Program



Terrie Bert spoke to us on eight unusual bromeliad genera that start with the letters H, L, M and N. She discussed their habitat range and general characteristics, and showed pictures of representative species. Below are some of the points she made about each of these genera. (Note: photographs are courtesy of the FCBS website.)

Hechtia

- This is an old genus in the evolutionary history of the family of bromeliads.
- Are succulent, spiny, and green; sometimes called “false agave”
- Prefer dry weather and semi-desert to desert environments.
- Roots search for water and can be up to 30 feet long.
- The only bromeliad genus with totally separate sexes
- Prefer big, wide pots and fertilizer

Hechtia tillandsioides → →



Hechtia tillandsioides photo by Ken Marks

Hohenbergia

- Grow in a range of environments within their native habitats on the coast of Brazil and in the Antilles
- Prefer to grow in full sun and are sparse puppers.
- Some insects and spiders live their entire life cycle inside some of these plants.
- Like to be dry, so avoid planting too close to a sprinkler

← ← *Hohenbergia correia-araujo*



Hohenbergia correia-araujo
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Hohenbergiopsis

- The ending “-opsis” means ‘looks like’.
- Genus has only one species, which is rare and grows only in western Honduras and adjacent Guatemala
- Grow in dense, wet mountain forests
- Prefer to grow in the ground, not in a pot



Hohenbergiopsis guatemalensis → →



Lindmania

- Found in Brazil, Guinea highlands, and ‘Lost World’ of Venezuela
- Grow at high altitudes, in both dry and bog areas
- Very few found in cultivation

← ← *Lindmania holstii*

Lymania

- Genus has only eight species
- Grow in cloud forests and rain forests, at the bases of trees
- Prefer a lot of shade cover and a warm and moist environment
- Individual species are found in restricted locales.

Lymania corallina → →



Mezobromelia

- Genus has only nine species, all of which are considered rare
- Grow only on the Pacific side of the Andes, in high altitude, dry hilly areas along the coastline
- Are hard to grow in cultivation

← ← *Mezobromelia lyman-smithii*

Navia

- Genus has 96 species in a range of forms and colors
- Grow only on slopes and at tops of tepuis in Venezuela and northern Brazil
- Best grown under 30 to 40 percent shade cloth and in well-drained soil

Navia phelpsiae → →



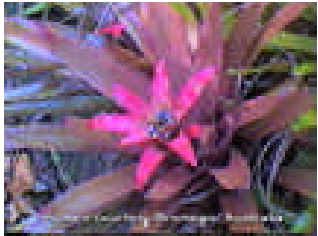
Neoglazinovia

- Genus has only three species
- Is a relatively new genus that is still evolving
- Best grown under 30 to 40 percent shade cloth and in well-drained soil

← ← *Neoglazinovia variegata*

Nidularium

- Genus has 49 species
- Are generally cold tolerant
- While best grown under 30 to 40 percent shade cloth, they like light, similar to most Neoregelia
- Are generally good puppers
- They like to be moist.



Nidularium procerium → →

2011 Officers and Trustees

At the last meeting, members voted on the Nominating Committee’s slate of nominees for next year’s officers. Prior to the vote, a call was made for additional nominees and none were proposed. The slate was approved by unanimous vote, as follows:

President:	Kathy Risley	Treasurer:	Brian Corey
Vice President:	Marty Baxley	Trustee:	Three-year term: Judy Lund
Secretary:	Suzanne Bogacki		One-year term: Steve Littlefield

Show and Tell

Barret Bassick	<i>Bil.</i> ‘Poquito más’; <i>Aec. calyculata</i> (small form)
Tommy Crocker	<i>Ananas comosus</i> ‘Ivory Coast’
Bob Herberich	<i>Till.</i> ‘Nellie Rose’ (John Arden hybrid: <i>T. jalisco-monticola</i> x <i>T. capitata</i> ‘Rubra’)
Linda Sheetz	<i>Aec. tayoensis</i>
Helga Tarver	<i>Till. botteri</i> ; <i>Neo.</i> ‘Yellow Delicious’

Show and Tell Plants



← *Bil.* ‘Poquito más’



Neo. ‘Yellow Delicious’ →



← *Aec. tayoensis*



Till. Nellie Rose’ →

THIS AND THAT

New Members

We welcome new members Sharon Mitchell and Sharon Smith and her mother Bert Smith who joined at the November meeting. Enjoy!

IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!!!!

Mark your calendars.

The January 2011 meeting will be on January 11th, the second Tuesday of the month, not the first.

Marty Baxley has arranged a special speaker whose schedule makes him available to us that day only. He is Peter Bak of Cornelis Bak B.V. Nursery, located in The Netherlands. Bak Nursery is one of the largest nurseries of bromeliad plants and seedlings in Europe, if not the world.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2011, GreenFest Plant Sale

University of Tampa, Tampa, FL (<http://www.tampagreenfest.com>)

April 1-3, 2011, Tropiflora Spring Festival

Tropiflora Nursery, 3530 Tallavast Road, Sarasota, 941-351-2267 (<http://www.tropiflora.com>)

April 9-10, 2011, USF Botanical Gardens Spring Plant Sale

University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

April 2011, Green Thumb Festival

Walter Fuller Park, St. Petersburg, FL

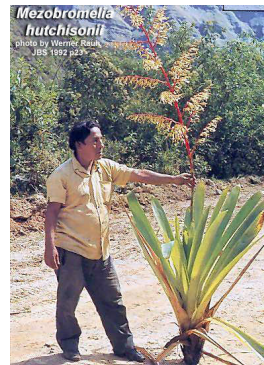


Figure 16. Photograph by Armando Subero
Navia tentaculata. JBS 1996 p167

Navia tentaculata



Mezobromelia fulgens



Hohenbergia stellata
photo by Frank Sherman

Hohenbergia stellata



Hechtia argentea



Hechtia argentea
photo by Len Harrison

(Note: Photos from fcbs.org)

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