

The Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society

Next meeting Sunday, August 8th 1:30p.m.
Wm. A. Finney Memorial Garden Center
837 N. Oleander Ave., Daytona Beach 32118

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Looking Ahead!

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The BSI World Conference at New Orleans is behind us now. There will be no Extravaganza in Florida this year. Outside of the Seminole Society’s August plant sale, there’s not a lot coming up this Fall for bromeliad people to get excited about. This is a good time to relax a bit, take a deep breath... and start planning for next year’s bromeliad events. For FECBS first and foremost will be the 2011 Extravaganza – the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies has given us the green light to host this event next year in Daytona Beach and some of the initial contacts with hotels have already been made to determine an appropriate date (think “off-season room rates”) and site for this event. There’s a lot of work to be done and a lot of committees to be formed, but we have plenty of time to organize things and I think we’re going to have a lot of fun with this. More on this at this month’s meeting.

At the same time, at their annual Board meeting in New Orleans the Cryptanthus Society will have considered our offer to host their 2011 show (Calandra and I had to return home before that meeting, so we’re anxiously waiting to hear of the outcome). We’re thinking that this should take place at

a date and location in conjunction with the Extravaganza – double the fun!

Meanwhile, the Halifax Council of Garden Clubs is making plans to have a judged horticulture and flower show in 2011.

I’ve made a few suggestions that, perhaps this could be scheduled to take place at the same time as the Extravaganza and the Cryptanthus show, so... there’s a possibility, albeit a remote one, that we could have all three events taking place in Daytona simultaneously. It could happen!

Last month’s meeting...

Many, many thanks to Jean Hochdoerfer for making the arrangements for us to meet at Colony in the Woods for our July meeting. July is much too hot a month to try to meet at the Garden Center without a functional a/c system and the meeting facilities at Colony in the Woods were first class! Although the turnout was lighter than usual, everyone enjoyed the good food, good fellowship, good entertainment (thank you Jerry for providing the CD of photos from the Central Florida society’s 2010 Mothers Day show), and lots of ‘pot-luck’ plants! By the way, Jean has secured this site for our Christmas party. We

can look forward to another Colony in the Woods event!

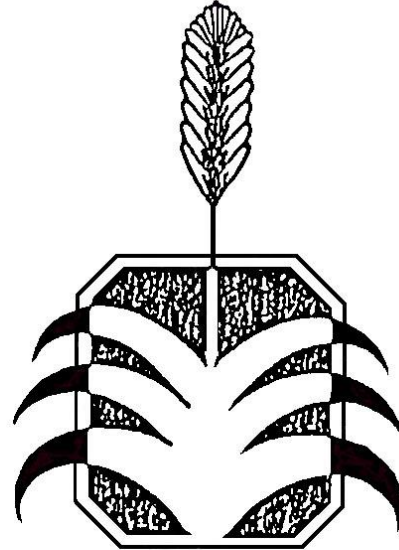
Sarasota Bromeliad Society show and sale at Selby Gardens in Sarasota

This month's meeting

We're back to our normal meeting place, at our normal meeting time this month and we have an exceptional program planned. Jerry O'Keefe has managed to get Central Florida's noted hybridizer Grant Groves to address our group. I think most of us have at least one of Grant's outstanding hybrids in our collections – here's an opportunity to meet and hear from the man responsible for developing those outstanding colors that typify his hybrids. You won't want to miss this one.

Where does the time go?

It's a short newsletter this month. We were really busy getting ready for the World Conference in New Orleans and had to get this in mail in time to reach everyone before this month's meeting. Sorry about that – should return to the usual format next month.



Upcoming Events:

August 14, 15, 2010

Seminole Tropical Plant and Bromeliad Society sale at the Sanford Garden Center

October 2, 3, 2010

Free admission to Kanapaha Gardens in Gainesville

October 23rd, 2010

Judges school in Ft. Myers

October 24th, 2010

Judges symposium in Ft. Myers

April 16th, 2011

South Florida Bromeliad Society show and sale at Fairchild Gardens in Miami

April 30th, 2011