



Photo from Aechmea Fasciata Bloom

February 2013

February Meeting Details

TIME: Sunday, February 24th - 2:00 PM

PLACE: UF Entomology/Nemotology Building, Natural Area Drive east of the Performing Arts Center on

PROGRAM: From the President, David Silverman

Please join us for our next meeting on Sunday, February 24 at 2:00 pm. We will be welcoming Jose (Pepe) and Sara Donayre from Hollywood, FL. Pepe is a long-time bromeliad grower with a special interest in Billbergias. His plants have been frequent award winners, and his stunningly beautiful Billbergia 'La Vie en Rose' took honors at the 20th World Bromeliad Conference Orlandiana 2012. Pepe will bring some Billbergias to show us and may also bring some for sale. The title of his presentation is "More than you want to know about Billbergias". This will be an exciting meeting – please plan to attend.

Agenda:

- 1) Pepe Donayre's presentation "More than you want to know about Billbergias"
- 2) Do we want to help host Florida Bromeliad Extravaganza 2014?
- 3) Discuss a plan to advertise and host a bromeliad workshop for our April 28th GBS meeting
- 4) Refreshments, Show and Tell, Door

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Secretary's Notes: From Last Meeting, January 2013

January 27, 2013

Our meeting was called to order at 2:05 P.M. at the UF Entomology Building. There were about 28 people attending. David asked if there were visitors today and Hjordis's daughter, Aryana, was introduced. Ryan Moraski, a PhD student in Botany was also introduced. He will be studying the evolution and adaptation of Bromeliads for his dissertation. This is his first year at UF, having come from Pennsylvania.

Kenneth Stokes, from Tampa, FL, was introduced as today's speaker. He has been interested in Bromeliads for many years and has an excellent collection. He brought a beautiful assortment of plants from his collection, some of which were for sale. David mentioned that Kenneth doesn't keep his collection in a greenhouse- and has a very artistic way of displaying them.

Mr. Stokes focused his talk on botanical nomenclature and the importance of the name. He suggested we learn a plant's name when we first acquire it, and that the name allows us to define the plant and to communicate with others about it. He spoke about the history of plant taxonomy, which goes back to Karl Linne' a Swedish botanist in the 1700's. The Latin name of a plant can let us know how the plant is related to others, and the flower is necessary to name a plant with certainty. He gave a number of examples for us to think about, including the way that a plant's name is sometimes "Latinized" with specific prefixes or suffixes to describe its relation to other plants or environments or people.

He spoke for almost an hour, there was time for questions, and then David suggested we take our break, and sample the delicious treats. The meeting re-convened around 3:30.

Loreen, our treasurer, reminded us that our annual dues were to be paid. She had forms for people to update and she recorded members' payments.

David had received the newest copy of the Journal of the Bromeliad society. He presented it to Chris George and asked him to add it to our library.

We discussed whether or not we should participate in this year's Kanapaha Spring Garden Festival, because it has traditionally helped the society to attract new members. An alternative way to get members could be to offer a workshop, at our monthly meeting. We could run an ad, teach what we know at the meeting, and invite those interested to return. We will discuss this and organize things at the February meeting.

Chris George reported to us as our representative to the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies. They are discussing "snail mail" vs. e-mail for delivery of newsletters. Someone suggested that hard copies could be mailed to just one member of the group and then people could pick up copies at our monthly meeting. Another important topic covered at the FL council meeting was the 2014 Bromeliad Extravaganza. We have a chance to co-host this with the "Seminole" group from Ocala. We decided to discuss this again in February. The meeting was finished around 4PM, after a "Show and Tell", and a ticket-drawing with prizes awarded.

Jean Thomas, Secretary