Bromeliad Society of Broward County

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Portea kermesina, courtesy of Bruce Zaret

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Gayle Spinell-Gellers

Our meetings generally offer a speaker on timely and noteworthy topics, member plant sales, a plant raffle, special holiday plant auctions, diagnosis of disease and pest problems, and a Country Store with selected bromeliad and gardening supplies.

We meet the third Monday of every month except January.

Affliliations: BSBC is a member of and supports







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The President's Message

Hey Bromeliad Lovers,

Have your plants survived this cold snap?? Turn your sprinklers on, bring your favorites in or get out the sheets and cover them and say a little prayer.

Well first, this first part of our meeting will be the elections. If any of you would like to hold an office, please contact Harriet, our nominating chair, lovedisney20022002@yahoo.com. We will be taking nominations from the floor, but the person you nominate must have agreed to taking the position before you nominate them. I'm very excited about our program this month. We will learn how orchids and bromeliads co-exist in the landscape.....should be very interesting.

Second thing is Garden Fest is March 22^{nd} & 23^{rd} . Please mark your calendars and be thinking about how you can help out with the event; it is getting bigger and bigger each year so we will need your help.

Lastly, this will be my last "president's message" as you will have a new president to run the show - I just wanted to say it has been a long run....and what a blast! I want to thank all of you and hope you will help the new board by trusting their decisions in moving this club forward.

Thank you again - See you THURSDAY (due to MLK Day, Deicke is closed Monday)

Colleen

Membership News

J A N U A R Y

Bob Smith Laretta Smith Gayle Spinell-Gellers Joe Zicarelli

Welcome new member

David Sieff

Harriet's Hoots

Hi Gang: How is everyone doing now that the holidays are over? Hope you all had a great New Year and that the rest of this year brings happiness and health to all of you.

Ok, we're back in the grove again with monthly meetings, great speakers, a terrific raffle table and wonderful refreshments (if I do say so myself). So, since we have a great fun club that we all are members of, I have a suggestion. Why don't you all go out and spread the word and tell your friends, relatives, co-workers, people you meet at Publix (LOL) about us and maybe we can get some new members to make our club grow and grow and grow.

Just as a reminder, due to the holiday (Martin Luther King, Jr.) our meeting this month will be held on Thursday, January 23rd. I know that this might throw things off for some of you but hey, I did say we are a fun club, so cancel anything else you had to do on that Thursday and make sure you come to our meeting. (I'll be looking for you.)

I hope that everyone had fun at our Holiday Party (I know that Larry and I did) I would like to thank everyone for their great, wonderful, scrumptious foods and desserts that they brought. We have some wonderful cooks out there so you should all be very proud of yourselves. Also let's give a shout-out to the club for providing the ham, drinks, decorations, membership plants, etc., etc. I also would be amiss if I neglected to thank everyone that helped me with getting the tables ready, placing of the foods, writing out the cards of what the foods were and who brought what and, of course, the cleanup. I would especially like to thank my honey J (Larry Davis) for his help in getting everything organized and running smoothly for me. He is the best and always there to help me in whatever I need to do and I couldn't have done this without him. (Clap-Clap-Clap-Clap)

Well, that's it for now and I will see you all (maybe with some new friends you have brought in) at the next meeting.

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From Our December Holiday Social

What a great party! Who will forget the Burgundy Hill?























Special Request

WE (BSBC) ARE STILL COLLECTING DOG AND CAT FOOD FOR 100+ ABANDONED ANIMALS OF THE EVERGLADES 501C-3 leashes, collars, crates & toys are also needed PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATION WITH YOU.

IF YOU NEED HELP GETTING IT OUT OF YOUR CAR, WE'LL BE HAPPY TO GET IT FOR YOU! THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HELPING OUT THESE ANGELS WITH TAILS.

Membership News

Our Next Meeting: Thursday, Jan. 23, 2014 at 6:30 pm

Deicke Auditorium 5701 Cypress Road Plantation, FL

The sales table & country store will be open!

The meeting will be jam-packed! Not only will we be voting on our slate of Officers for 2014, but its time to renew your membership in BSBC.

New this year......

If you renew in January, the cost will be at 2013 rates... \$20 for an individual, \$25 for a family and you will get a whole sheet of raffle tickets as a thank you.

If you renew in February, the cost will be at the 2013 rate, but no sheet of raffle tickets will be given out.

For anyone who renews or joins after February 28, the rate will be \$25 for an individual and \$30 for a family.

We will accept, cash, check, Visa or Master Card.



Have any unwanted gift items you would like to donate for the January raffle table? Perhaps you have a gift card to a store you don't frequent, a garden tool you already own, or something else...... Consider bringing it in so it can find a happy new home.

Guest Speaker

John Budree presents, "How to Care for Your Bromeliads and Orchids"



Ramnarine "John" Budree has been growing orchids for nearly 30 years. A native of Trinidad, John migrated to Florida twelve years ago. He is very grateful to the many orchid growers, particularly Frank Smith, who have shared their expertise over the years and welcomed his participation in various shows. Once told he could not grow paphiopedilum, John rose to the challenge. He now owns over 1000 paphs as well as about 2000 other orchids. He has grown orchids from flask to flower and been awarded about 25 AOS awards.





Bromelia scarlatina, courtesy of Bruce Zaret

Nidularum Sao Paolo, courtesy of Bud Hendrix

From the Editor

Dare I write it? The snails seem to have moved on. Could it be the beer? The cold? Tracy's suggestion to pull the plants, shake out the snails and replant? Cautiously optimistic. Nonetheless, we will remain vigilant. With gardening, you never know.

This month's challenge was discovering a pot nearly bursting at the seams with too many broms contained within. Somehow this large pot missed the pupping frenzy weeks back and things got out of hand. Like any good gardener, on went the protective glasses, the exceptionally long gloves and out came the trowel. After 30 minutes of trying, the only change was that yours truly was splattered in streaky dirt. These plants weren't willing to vacate the premises. Next up, the hose. Maybe soaking the plants would soften things up. You lose track of time when you garden. It could have been hours. As the sun set, success finally occurred. Four of the five pups survived. I was totally zonked from pulling, tapping, lifting, watering and replanting. Lesson learned. The "To Do" List now includes a twice weekly walk around all the gardens, the terrace and a thorough check of freestanding pots.

Along with this issue of SCURF is the Bromeliana from the NY Bromeliad Society. The articles within are too interesting not to share.

Happy Gardening in 2014, Gayle

TECHNOLOGY ALERT!

OUR NEW WEBSITE IS UP AND RUNNING. IF YOU HAVE BOOKMARKED THE SITE, JUST HIT THE REFRESH BUTTON AND THE NEW SITE WILL LOAD.

IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY DONE SO, HERE IS THE LINK:

http://www.bromeliadsocietybc.com

New SCURF Feature

Mystery Plant Identified

Dykia fosteriana Dakota

Identified by Mike Harris



Want to win a raffle sheet with 20 tickets?

Be the first member to email the SCURF editor at yroftiger@aol.com with the correct name of the bromeliad featured to the right.



You Know You're Addicted to Gardening When...

You appreciate your Master Gardener badge more than your jewelry

You talk "dirt" at baseball practice.

You spend more time chopping your kitchen greens for the compost pile than for cooking.

You like the smell of horse manure better than Estee Lauder.

You rejoice in rain...even after 10 straight days of it.

You have pride in how bad your hands look.

You have a decorative compost container on your kitchen counter.

You can give away plants easily, but compost is another thing.

Soil test results actually mean something.

Calendar of Local Plant Society Meetings

1st Tuesday	Plantation Orchid Society	Volunteer Park
2nd Friday	Ft. Lauderdale Garden Club	Birch State Park
2nd Monday	BSBC Board Meeting	Deicke Auditorium
3rd Monday	Bromeliad Society of Broward County	Deicke Auditorium
3rd Tuesday	Bromeliad Society of So. Florida	Fairchild Gardens
3rd Wednesday	Equality Park Garden Club	Pride Center
3rd Wednesday	Plantation Garden Club 9:30 am—noon	El Dorado Community Center
3rd Thursday	Bromeliad Society of the Palm Beaches	Mounts Botanical
3rd Thursday	Shade Brigade (no meetings July & Aug.)	Plantation Bldg. Dept.

Places to Go, Things to See

Jan. 17—19, 2014	Ft. Lauderdale Orchid Show (Remember to bring the discount coupon we emailed, courtesy of John Wrench)	10 am—6 pm	War Memorial Auditorium Ft. Lauderdale Free Parking \$12 admission
Jan. 24—26, 2014	6th Annual Home & Garden Show		Orange Co. Convention Ctr; 9400 Universal Blvd., North Hall B, Orlando
Jan. 25, 2014	TUNIVERSITY of FLORIDA IFAS Open House	10 am—3 pm	Fort Lauderdale Research and Education Center 3205 College Avenue Davie, FL 33314
Mar. 15-16, 2014	A Tropical Plant Fair	8 am-4:30 pm 10:30-3:30	Pride Center 2040 North Dixie Hwy Wilton Manors
Mar. 22- 23, 2014	Garden Fest !!!	9 am—5 pm 9 am—4 pm	Volunteer Park 12050 W. Sunrise Blvd. Plantation
Apr. 12—13, 2014	Spring Garden Festival 35th Annual Spring Plant Sale	9:30—4:30	Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Coral Gables
Sept. 8—13, 2014	Bromeliads in Paradise 21st World Bromeliad Conference		Ala Moana Hotel Honolulu, HI

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BSBC Country Store

The Country Store has the following items for sale at great prices!

6 in" pots_____5 pots for \$ 1.00 Plant Sticks___50 sticks for \$1.00

> Contact Bill David @ 954-321-9229

"DIAPER YOUR PLANTS"

Please "diaper you plants that you bring in by using a paper sleeve or a plastic bag to cover the bottom of the plant.

We want to make a good impression and keep our new meeting place as clean as when we got there.

Thank you!!



Have a bromeliad question? Email yroftiger@aol.com and we'll ask our experts.