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Photos: Desiree Meyer(L to R) *Aechmea winklerii*, *Billbergia Hallelujah*, *Portea Jungles*



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Stop and Smell the Bromeliads

November 2020

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 http://www.facebook.com/groups/BromeliadSSF/?bookmark_t=group

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What	Who
Sales Table	Open to All We welcome members to sell plants at the monthly meetings. However, if you are planning to sell please call Alex Bello (239-223-6155 or bellotropicals@yahoo.com) to make arrangements.
Silent Auction	NONE

NOVEMBER 17, 2020

SPEAKER: "Not Your Mother's Neoregelias". This is a narrated PowerPoint presentation from the BSI media library

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://fiu.zoom.us/j/92025401842?pwd=ZEYraTRIZXhBUzBJdit3UmpyWWdmdz09>

Meeting ID: **920 2540 1842**

Password: **Plant**

President's Message

The holiday season is upon us, like it or not. No doubt our celebrations will be a little different this year due to Covid. But we all need some sort of celebration for sure. This year, for Thanksgiving, our society is encouraging you to participate in our 'Grateful for our Gardens' video tours on our Facebook page: Bromeliad Society of South Florida. Simply take a phone video of your yard or part of your yard, narrated or not, and upload it to our Facebook page. This can take place anytime in November. I for one am very grateful for the solace, distraction and beauty my garden has given me during this pandemic.

For the December holidays, in lieu of a meeting, our society is having our "Get Out of the House" celebration at the property of member Lori Weyrick, 14880 SW 200 St. in the Redland, from noon to 4 pm on Saturday, December 12. We will observe Covid protocols, mask wearing and social distancing. Admission will be limited to 10 people at a time. We will have plant sales, a raffle, free plant giveaways, our secret plant exchange and a paella lunch. And there may be a few surprises. Admission is free for members. So bring a wrapped plant for the exchange and take a relaxing ride to the Redland.

See you at the November meeting.

Maureen Adelman

What's in Bloom - October 2009

by Alan Herndon

[Blast from the past – 10-11 years ago]

The slowdown in blooming continues, although there are still several new species blooming this month. The record for *Aechmea blanchetiana* as newly blooming is clearly false. I undoubtedly failed to note the continued blooming of this plant since it last appeared in the list. On the other hand, it appears that *Neoregelia* species (especially in subgenus *Neoregelia*) are closing down for winter.

Aechmea (*angustifolia*, ***blanchetiana***, *chantinii*, ***corymbosa***, *contracta*, *cucullata*, ***echinatus***, *farinosa conglomerata*, *farinosa discolor*, ***kuntzeana***, Little Harv, *mulfordii* (red leaf form), ***nudicaulis***, *phanerophlebia*, *tillandsioides*, Victoria)

Alcantarea (*imperialis*, *odorata*)

Billbergia pyramidalis

Bromelia humilis

Canistropsis billbergioides

Catopsis (*compacta* (= *berteroana*), ***nutans*** (FL))

Cryptanthus warren-loosei

Edmundoa lindenii

Hechtia rosea

Hohenbergia (*distans*, *edmundoi*)

Neoregelia (*compacta*, *cruenta*, **Fireball**, *myrmecophila*, *pendula brevifolia*, *rosea*, Sheba, Ultima)

Nidularium (***angustibracteatum***, ***apiculatum***, *ferrugineum*, ***krisgreenii***)

Orthophytum (*compactum*, *disjuncta*, *duartei*, ***grossiorum***, *harleyi*, ***hatschbachii***, *lymaniana*, *magalhaesii*)

Pitcairnia (***albiflos***, *armata*, ***echinata vallensis***, *imbricata*)

Tillandsia (*aeranthos*, ***chiapensis***, *extensa*, *jalisco-monticola*, ***lindenii***)

Vriesea (***eltoniana***, ***ensiformis***, *gradata*, *triligulata*)

What's in Bloom - Oct 2010

by Alan Herndon

It has been three months since I last listed plants in bloom. This list, unfortunately, is based entirely on a brief survey carried out around Oct 16. Any plants that finished blooming early in the month, or during the past two months, were missed completely.

Almost everything has changed since the last list was compiled. Almost all *Neoregelia* species have completely finished their blooming season. Likewise, the summer blooming species of *Aechmea*. Only species (i.e., *Aechmea chantinii*) and hybrids (i.e., *Aechmea* 'Little Harv') that can bloom in any month are still on the list. In fact, *Aechmea chantinii* has been blooming more frequently during the past few weeks than at anytime since spring. It is also important to note that the *Hohenbergia lanata* on this list has been in bloom for at least two months; the *Hohenbergia pennae* may have been in bloom for as long, but I am not certain.

Species in *Aechmea* subgenus *Ortgiesia* have started to bloom again. This seems to be at least a month earlier than they started blooming in 2009. The question now is whether the very unusual weather conditions we have suffered through during the past year will create major changes in the pattern of blooming seen during the coming year.

Also of note is the reappearance of hummingbirds in our nursery during the first week of October, followed within a few days by the appearance of painted buntings. These birds, of course, are part of the regular fall migration. Migrants have been appearing for several weeks now. Most are just passing through, including a majority of the warblers. I have no hope of identifying most warblers unless they pose (at close range, preferably turning slowly, lifting wings, etc. to display all important field characters) for a minimum

of 10 minutes, so I can be no more specific than reporting that several different warblers have passed through so far. The hummingbirds and buntings we can expect to stay around throughout the winter and well into spring.

Aechmea (*azureum*, *blanchetiana*, *caudata eipperii*, *chantinii*, *coelestis* (*albomarginate*), *farinosa discolor*, *gracilis*, *kleinii*, Little Harv, *phanerophlebia*, *rubens*)

Canistropsis (*billbergioides*)

Catopsis nutans (Florida form)

Guzmania (*sanguinea*)

Hohenbergia (*lanata*, *pennae*)

Neoregelia (*liliputiana*, *pascoalina*, Sheba)

Nidularium (*angustifolium*, *ferrugineum*, *viridipetalum*)

Orthophytum (*compactum*, *duartei*, *grossiorum*, *harleyi*, *lymaniana*, *maracasense*, *rubiginosum*)

Portea (*alatisepala*)

Tillandsia (*chiapensis*, *cyanea*, *limbata*)

Vriesea (*triligulata*)

Auction Report

by Maureen Adelman

A big thank you to all of our members who donated plants, uploaded information, bid on beautiful plants and helped with the plant pickup. Our auction made \$1,241.31. Those proceeds, along with the proceeds of our mini pilot auction and Barbara Partagas' drive by

plant sale, netted \$1,752.11 in just over a month. This will give us some much needed breathing room as we plan for future meetings and events while having no income from in person meetings or a show due to Covid 19.

November on Facebook – Holiday gathering in December

There will be a party – at Lori Weyrick's

Yes we will be celebrating the holidays, though in an altered and safe way.

November – Filming

For Thanksgiving, we invite you to participate in our 'Grateful for our Gardens' video yard tour event. Simply make a video of your yard or part of your yard. You don't have to include the yucky areas; we all have those. You can narrate it or not. We would all learn a lot more if it were narrated. My practice video was 5 minutes long so there is not a big time commitment. Then upload your video to our Facebook page: Bromeliad Society of South Florida. Then wait for all the wonderful comments. You can upload your video anytime in November. Label it in the comments 'Grateful For Our Gardens.' If you have never visited our Facebook page you are in for a treat. There are thousands of members all over the world showing off their bromeliads and exchanging information. Just Like the page and you are a member of the group.

December – Lori Weyrick's

In December we will not be having a meeting. Instead we will have our 'Get Out of the House' holiday celebration. It's a little like our annual holiday party but we have made it safer by observing Covid protocols. Masks are required, social distance will be enforced, only 10 people at a time will be admitted. Everything will be spread out as this is a large property. The event will take place Saturday, December 12, from noon to 4 pm at the home of member Lori Weyrick, at 14880 SW 200 St in the Redland. We will have plant sales, a raffle, free plant giveaways, our secret plant exchange, a paella lunch and maybe a few surprises. So bring a wrapped plant for the exchange and take a nice drive out to the Redland

NOTE: Please keep the kids at home, and note that her home is small and bathroom cannot be provided to a crowd.

**BSSF Slate of Proposed Officers
and Board for 2021**

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The election will take place at the November zoom meeting. Anyone else wishing to run for office is encourage to submit their name to Maureen Adelman and we will have a competitive election.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 2020

People will be posting on facebook their Grateful for Our Garden.

December 12, 2020

Lori Weyrick Holiday Party
12:00 PM to 4PM [open house concept]

December 21, 2020

BSSF Holiday Sale

June 9-12, 2021

World Conference
Tentative



MESSAGES

**WORLD CONFERENCE
SAME PLACE
NEXT YEAR**

World Conference will be held on June 9, 2021 to June 12, 2021 at same place. Information can be found at: <https://www.bsi.org/new/conference-corner/>

**BEWARE OF EMAILS
from OUR PRESIDENT**

We have a hacker in BSSF.

A hacker always uses our President's email to allegedly ask for things. Look at the address of the sender BEFORE opening. It may not be the president or other member of the society.

CRYSTAL

Thanks to all who have donated crystal in the past.
Donate Your Crystal to our Show which we will return to you when you win awards. Contact Skye Palmer.

FCBS NEWSLETTER IS OUT

<https://www.fcbs.org/newsletters/FCBS/2020/11-2020.pdf>

ELECTIONS COMING

We need two people to aid the election committee for our upcoming election.