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September 20, 2022 MEETING 7:30 PM CORBIN A

Speaker: Alan Herndon
"Sometimes It's Worth the Wait"

Food Donations Appreciated - Win the prize

Unlimited Member Plant Sales & Silent Auction

COURTESY AT MEETINGS

We know you want to catch up with friends and socialize at meetings but we also have business to conduct and announcements that need to be heard.

Please turn off your phones or put them on vibrate.

Please listen to the announcements and do not talk over the speakers.

Your cooperation is much appreciated by the people who work so hard to plan our programs.

FIELD TRIP

Saturday, September 17, arrive 10 am
 Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N. Military Trail, W. Palm Beach
 Admission by credit card only with noon lunch at Gun Club Cafe, 4631 Gun Club
 Contact Heidi Davenport, 843-860-3373
 or davenport_heidi@yahoo.com

President's Message

Calling all Volunteers for our October Art Show and Sale! In the profound words of our past President, Maureen Adelman, "This is our number one community service project. All year long we plan nice things for you. Now it's time to give back to your club." If you have not already signed up, please see Barbara Partagas or Samantha Jones to get your names on the list. Your participation is key to making this a successful event. Volunteers also receive free admission to Fairchild for the day(s) they volunteer. Our speaker, Alan Herndon, who always does his share for our society, will be educating us on "Sometimes It's Worth the Wait". Also, remember our field trip to Mounts Botanical Garden for their Exotics and Orchid Sale on September 17. Invite your family and friends to the field trip and the meetings as we have a lot of fun activities that we are planning for the future.

Tina Severson

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Alan Herndon, our resident bromeliad specialist, is a long time member of BSSF along with his wife, Rhonda. Together they have co-owned Tradewinds Tropicals Nursery in the Redlands since 2001. Alan has studied bromeliads and tropical plants through his stint as a Ph.D candidate at LSU. Alan and Rhonda were awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award by our society in December 2021 for their tireless service to our society, including years as show chairman for Alan. At the World Conference in June, he introduced his thornless cultivar of *Aechmea chantinii* after a long wait due to Covid. The cultivar dovetails with his talk this month, "Sometimes It's Worth the Wait" about "putting aside plants that deviate from the normal color or growth pattern to see if they develop into something."



Alan's thornless cultivar

OCTOBER 22-23 SHOW AND SALE

WHAT WE WILL HAVE

WHAT WE WILL NEED

This year's fundraiser event will be a hybrid version of the show and sale we hold annually. The main attractions will be the vendor plant sales and auction orchestrated by Peter Kouchalakos, and the art/photography show and competition conducted by Samantha Jones. We will be using the Garden House and the Palmetum.

Education - We will have an information desk to greet visitors to the Garden House. There will be table exhibits showcasing the various plant genera. If you have a clean knockout plant, consider displaying it. We would like to conduct "how-to" demonstrations on easy growing techniques on one or both days. Ideas are welcome as well as volunteers to do a demo.

Auction - This year's regular October auction will be held on Saturday, October 22 at 1 pm with Peter Kouchalakos as auctioneer (instead of at the October club meeting). We need donations of plants from members. Don't miss this opportunity to participate and support BSSF.

Art - There will be a judged art show featuring Southwood Middle School art/photography entries. Cash awards will be given to the top winners.

Vendor plant sale - A number of growers will participate in the Palmetum. Now is your time to stock up on or replace your plants.

Member Plant Sales - We encourage members to sell plants. Earn a few bucks to spend at the auction!

Artistic arrangement/design competition - There will be two winners, one on Saturday and one on Sunday. Anything goes as far as design possibilities as long as it fits on a table. Winners will be chosen by ballot and all members and visitors to the Garden House are welcome to vote for their favorite entry.

If you would like to volunteer for any of these activities, please email Barbara Partagas (bpartagas@bellsouth.net) or Samantha Jones (samanthanjones100@gmail.com). **BONUS:** If you volunteer you get into Fairchild FREE.

With your help, we are looking forward to a fantastic Show and Sale.

Barbara Partagas and Samantha Jones,
Co-chairs

DEAR DR. BROM

I see a lot of bromeliads are named for people. Why and who are they?

There are many reasons to name a bromeliad for someone: the person who discovered the plant, the person who hybridized the plant, to honor a leader in the bromeliad field, to honor a deceased person or even the ruler of a country. And that is just the genera. A species could be named for your next door neighbor if you hybridized and registered it.

Here we will deal with the genera only in the hope that if you know the person it was named for you may remember the name more easily.

This list is not complete by any means. Some genera cannot be grown here and we are not familiar with them.

Included are the birth and death dates which will give you an idea how long we have been studying bromeliads or how new or old each genera is.

This information will also give you an idea of which countries were/are leaders in bromeliad exploration and research. And how many of these individuals were talented in multiple professions, something you don't see much of these days.

Finally, after reading all the mini-biographies you will see how intertwined medicine and botany were at one time. Many physicians used to make their own medicine and required working knowledge of botany to do so.

Alcantarea - named for Dom Pedro d'Alcantara, (1825-1891), the last monarch of Brazil, where this plant originated.

Barfussia - a newer genera named after Austrian botanist Michael Barfuss (1977 -).

Billbergia - Named for Gustav Billberg (1772-1844), a Swedish botanist and lawyer.

Brocchinia - Named for Giovanni Brocchi (172-1826), an Italian naturalist.

Deuterocohnia - Named for Ferdinand Cohn (1828-1898), a German biologist who was one of the first to study bacteriology.

Dyckia - Named for Joseph du Salm-Reifferscheidt-Dyck (1773-1861), an amateur botanist.

Edmundoa - named for Edmundo Pereira (1914-1986), a Brazilian botanist from the Rio Botanical Garden.

Fosterella - Named for Mulford Foster (1888-1978), a botanist known as the "Father of the Bromeliad" who discovered and introduced many new species. He was also a hybridizer, landscape architect, writer, and photographer. Many species are named after him or his family members.

Goudaea - Named for Eric Gouda (1957 -), a Dutch botanist specializing in bromeliads. He is a BSI member, webmaster of the BSI and author of the Encyclopedia of Bromeliads.

Gregbrownia - Named for Gregory Brown (1951-), an American botanist specializing in bromeliads.

Greigia - named for Samuel Grieg (1827-1887), president of the Russian Horticultural Society.

Guzmania - Named for Anastasio Guzman, (18??-1807), a Spanish apothecary and naturalist

Hechtia - Named after Julius Hecht (1771-1837), a Prussian counsellor.

Hohenbergia/Hohenbergiopsis - named for Duke Paul Wilhelm of Wurtemberg, known as Hohenberg (1797-1860), a naturalist and explorer, who on an American expedition discovered the source of the Missouri river,

Jagrantia - named for Jason Grant (1969-), an American botanist based in Switzerland who assisted in the DNA research on the Tillandsia sub-family.

Lemeltonia - named for Elton Leme (1960-), a Brazilian botanist from Rio specializing in bromeliads.

Lindmania - named for Carl Lindman (1856-1928), a Swedish botanist and botanical artist who tutored the sons of the crown prince.

Lutheria - Named for Harry Luther (1952-2012), American botanist and plant explorer. Was on the staff of Marie Selby Botanic Garden for 32 years. In 2010 became assistant Director of Horticulture of Singapore's Gardens by the Bay.

Lymania - Named for Lyman B. Smith (1904-1997), Harvard educated American botanist, who worked in Brazil on flowering plants, in particular bromeliads. Was curator of Smithsonian Institute Department of Botany 1947-1974.

Neoglaziovia - nsmed for August Glazion (1828-1906), French landscape designer and botanist.

Neoregelia - Named for Eduard Auguste Regel (1815-1892), German horticulturalist and botanist. He was the Director of the Russian Imperial Botanic Garden in St. Petersburg. In 1852 he founded the magazine Garden Flora where he described and named over 3000 new species sent to him by naturalists and explorers. Several plants in other genera are also named for him.

Pitcairnia - named for William Pitcairn (1711-1791), a physician who raised many scarce and foreign plants.

Portea - namned for Marius Port (d. 1866), French explorer and naturalist.

Quesnelia - named for Edoard Quesnel (1781-1850), a cotton and shipping merchant, the Marquis de Vascoeuil, and a patron of botany.

Racinaea - named for Racine Foster (1910-1991), plant collector in Central and South America and wife of Mulford Foster.

Ronnbergia - named for Auguste Ronnberg (1813-1888), Belgian Director of Agriculture.

Tillandsia - named for Elias Tillandz (1640-1693) Swedish doctor and botanist. He wrote Finland's first botanical work and used plants to prepare medicines for his patients.

Vriesea - named for Willem Hendrik de Vriese (1806-1862), Dutch botanist and physician and professor of botany. He did botanical investigations in the Dutch East Indies and died after one such trip.

Wallisia - named for Gustav Wallis (1830-1878), German plant collector who introduced over 1000 plant species to Europe, many named after him, including orchids and anthuriums.

Waurahia - named for Werner Rauh (1913-2000), German biologist, botanist and author, Director of Heidelberg Botanical Garden who specialized in bromeliads and succulents and introduced over 1200 plants to Europe.

Wittmackia - named for Ludwig Wittmack (1839-1929), German botanist and agricultural plant breeder.

Drop one of these names and you are sure to impress fellow bromeliad collectors but hardly anyone else.

Sources: Wikipedia; man8rove.com;
FCBS Photo Index

Below: Wallisia cyanea



Barfussia wagneriana



Fosterella christophii



Greigia columbiana



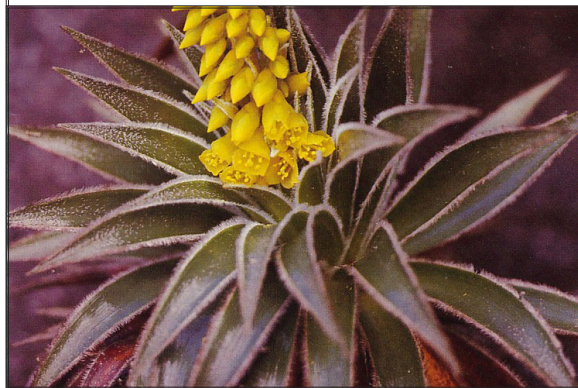
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Neoglaziovia burle-marxii



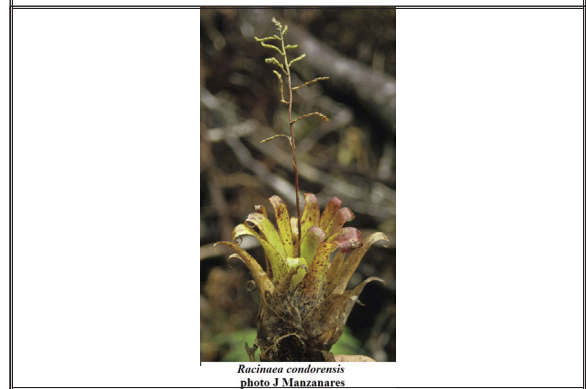
Lindmania Holstii



Pitcairnia amblyosperma



Lutheria splendens



Racinaea condorensis



Lymania spiculata

Figure 2. Habit of the flowering type specimen of *Lymania spiculata*

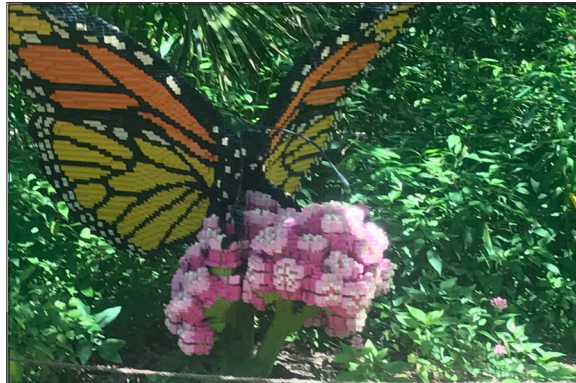


Ronnbergia petersii

ABOUT LAST MONTH

Last month members took a leisurely tram ride around Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden. We try to make this an annual event. Since Covid, a lot of us haven't visited Fairchild as often and the ride was a reminder of not only how beautiful the garden is but of the tranquility that descends upon us as we gaze upon nature at its finest. This author was so impressed she returned for a walk the next week and reapplied to return as a volunteer. Following are photos of the meeting and the incomparable Fairchild.





SPRING SHOW AND SALE IS SCHEDULED

Our spring show and sale has been scheduled and approved by Fairchild. This will be a judged show, our first since 2019. If you remember our show scheduled for March 2020 was cancelled at the last minute due to Covid. It is not too early to look over your plants and give a few some special attention for the show. The dates are April 27-30, 2023. But do not confuse this show with our art show and sale next month.

FCBS NEWSLETTER

Everyone should have received their email with a copy of the August 2022 FCBS newsletter. It contains lots of photos and anecdotes of the World Conference. A link to the newsletter is on the first page of this newsletter.

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BEWARE OF EMAILS

If you receive emails purportedly from the BSSF president or another officer asking you to purchase gift cards for some event or charity we support, please ignore. We, along with several other plant societies, have a longstanding problem with a cybercrook hijacking officer emails. We will never ask you to buy gift cards.

SILENT AUCTION AND MEMBER PLANT SALE RULES

When we have a speaker bringing plants, we will only allow 4 plants for silent auction in order to give our speakers who travel here and pack up their plants a fair chance to sell their plants. If you would like to sell a plant at the silent auction you will need to contact Rene Izquierdo (rcizquierdo@bellsouth.net) or 305 282 9333 and he will let you know if there is an opening for your plants. You will be paid 80% of the sale price and BSSF will receive 20%.

We will likewise defer to our speakers for member plant sales when we have a speaker bringing plants. You will again be paid 80% of the sales price. To participate in member plant sales, please contact Alex Bello (bellotropicals@yahoo.com) or 239 223 6155 to schedule your sale so that we are not overrun with plants.

We appreciate your cooperation so that there will be no hard feelings if members bring plants and are turned away because we have a speaker who brought plants to sell.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

BSSF Sale and Display - October
22-23, 2022 at Fairchild Garden
BSSF Spring Judged Show and Sale -
April 27-30, 2023 - Fairchild
Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden
Sept. 24-25, International Aroid
show and sale, 10-5 pm
10-1 - Members Day Plant Sale
Fruit & Spice Park
10/7 - Redland International
Orchid Festival
Mounts Botanical Garden
9/17 - Exotics & orchid sale
10/1 - Fall Palm & Cycad sale
11/5 - Fall Plant-a-Palooza
Pinecrest Gardens
10/15 Bonsai Auction, 8:30 am
Hibiscus Room
Flamingo Gardens
10/1-12/31 - Gallery Display -
The Everglades: Through the Eyes
of Clyde Butcher

MAKE MONEY WITH YOUR PLANTS!

We are in need of volunteers to supply our Raffle Table. Cut some pups from 8-10 of your plants and bring them to the meeting. If you are uncomfortable with public speaking someone else can talk about the plants, even if you don't know their names. You receive 80% of total sales. Contact Alex Bello 239-223-6155 or Bellotropicals@