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September 26 - 30, 2012
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at fcbs.org
Rooms starting at \$119 US
See pages 18-30 for information

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Bromeliad Sources, a list of Florida bromeliad nurseries, will be published in the May issue of the Council newsletter.

If you own a state-inspected nursery and would like to be included in this annual listing, send your nursery name, contact information, hours of operation, if appointment is needed, and a description of your nursery to karen@fcbs.org by April 20.

There is no charge to be on the Bromeliad Sources List.



Calendar of Events 2012

March 17-18

Bromeliad Society of Central Florida

Harry P. Leu Botanical Garden Spring Sale
Orlando

March 24-25

Bromeliad Society of Broward County

Sale with GFWC Plantation Woman's Club
Sale - Garden Fest 2012

Volunteer Park

12050 W. Sunrise Blvd, Plantation

Saturday 9-5

Sunday 9-4

<http://www.bromeliadsocietybc.com/>

March 24-25

Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society

GreenFest Plant Sale

University of Tampa

Tampagreenfest.com

March 24-25

Gainesville Bromeliad Society

Kanapaha Spring Garden Festival

4700 S.W. 58th Drive, Gainesville 32608 (entrance on S.W.
Archer Road/S.R. 24, 1 mile west of I-75, exit 384)

Saturday 9 – 5

Sunday 10-5

April 6-8

Tropiflora Spring Festival

3530 Tallevast Road, Sarasota

941-351-2267

tropiflora.com



April 14-15

Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society

USF Botanical Gardens Spring Plant Sale

University of South Florida

<http://gardens.usf.edu/>

April 14-15

Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society

The Garden Cub of Sanford

9:00 – 4:00

Huge selection of bromeliads in many genera, orchids, aroids, gingers, other tropical plants, gift baskets, hand crafted slat baskets in several sizes. Members will be available to answer your questions. Free admission and free parking. Shop in air-conditioned comfort.

Event questions: 407-539-4314

April 21-22

Bromeliad Society of South Florida

Show and Sale

Fairchild Gardens

April 20-22

Sarasota Bromeliad Society

Bromeliads in Wonderland Show and Sale

Manatee Convention Center

1 Haben Blvd., Palmetto

Saturday 9:00 – 5:00

Sunday 10:00 – 4:00

941-538-2174 www.sarasotabromeliadsociety.org

April 20-22

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay

“Bromeliad Express” Show and Sale

Tampa Garden Club



April 21

Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society

Master Gardener Plant Faire

Adjacent to the Volusia County Fairgrounds

3100 East New York Avenue, Deland

8:30 - Noon

April 28-29

Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society

Green Thumb Festival

Walter Fuller Park

St. Petersburg

May 11-13

Bromeliad Society of Central Florida

Mothers Day Show and Sale

Fashion Square Mall

Orlando

August 18-19

Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Sale

The Garden Club of Sanford (on 17-92, one block south of Lake Mary Blvd)

9:00 – 4:00

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September 24-30

Orlandiana - World Bromeliad Conference

See pages 18-30 for information

December 1-2
Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society Show and Sale
Terry Park
3451 Marion Street, Fort Myers



Thank You,
Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society
for hosting the January meeting of
The Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies



FCBS Roster Updates

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News from FCBS Affiliated Societies



Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society

In October, the meeting topic was the Genus *Vriesea*. In November, the society hosted the Bromeliad Extravaganza; the theme was The Art of the Bromeliad. In November, members participated in a garden ramble starting at Sugar Mill Gardens and progressing to the gardens of the following members: Erna Jones; Brad and Marilyn Rauch; and Jay and Calandra Thurrott. December's Christmas party included a gift exchange as well as the installation of new officers: Rick Ryals, president; Eretta Morris, vice president; Kim Ridenour, secretary; Eve Krauth, treasurer. In January, Rick, Eve, Jay and Calandra attended the BSI judges school in Fort Lauderdale. Calandra Thurrott, Rick Ryals

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay

In early February, members manned a 10'x10' display at the Florida State Fair. Tom Wolf

Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society

In November, Bud Martin gave a program on design ideas for decorating house and garden for the year-end holidays. He showcased a variety of tropical plants including bromeliads, begonias, anthurium, alocasia, colocasia and other aroids. He provided some of his designs for auction with the proceeds going to the Sanford Garden Club. December was Christmas party time. Members brought pot-luck dishes and the society provided ham for the luncheon. Participating members brought gift wrapped plants for a plant swap. Beautiful plants and good fellowship were enjoyed by all attending. In February we have a two part program. Part 1 was a discussion of our most favorite bromeliads. All members were invited to participate in this program by sharing their thoughts about

their favorite bromeliad and bring the bromeliad or a picture of it. Reasons for favorites included long lasting bloom, the shape or color of the foliage, drought tolerance, cold hardiness, sun or shade loving. Part 2 was a Rare plant auction with several rare or unique bromeliads offered. Bud Martin, Kay Klugh

Bromeliad Society of Central Florida

Members enjoyed their Christmas party at Dean Fairchild and Craig Allen's house in Apopka. Lots of great plants were exchanged with Grant Groves and Kelli Ahnen doing a great job on our centerpieces. Grant donated his seedlings of *Vr. fosteriana* cv. 'Red Chestnut' for everyone to take home. In January Kenneth Stokes will give us a program on *Cryptanthus*. He started his collection in 1994 and now grows them in his yard in large clumps in pots, which he believes is the best way to grow them. He shared with us a collection of mostly species that are seldom seen, covering the unique qualities of the genus that can make them easy and enjoyable to grow. This is a great program especially for yard growers. March 17-18 will be our sale at Leu Gardens. Our club will be working towards our annual Mother's Day Show and Sale in May. Lisa Robinette

Bromeliad Society of Broward County

In October, members went on a ramble to gardens and nurseies. They visited Jessie Derko's nursery and the renovated Sunshine Bromeliads, now back with Josefa Leon. They also participated at the Heritage Park Plant Affair, selling bromeliads. In November, Tim and Colleen Hendrix stepped in when the speaker did not arrive and gave a program, Hands on Bromeliads 101. There were four rambles that month: Ken Slump and also John Wrench in Wilton Manors; Stan Tillotson and Eddie Griffith in Oakland Park; Chip Jones in Davie. In January, members visited the Jeffrey Block Garden, now registered as a botanical garden, and to Pinecrest Botanical Garden. Jose Donayre

Variable Color in Bromeliads

by Kenneth Stokes



Color is of very little concern to a botanist when identifying plants. That is because the botanist used dried material in the form of herbarium samples. Particularly important is the dried bloom, as that is how plants are categorized by the botanist. In the few plant families that have no flowers, such as ferns, the spore pattern is used. Before the age of photography and DNA, this was the best way to identify plants.

Today, one of the first things plant growers use to identify or describe a plant is its color. The black and white photo has gone away with the black and white television. We all want and like color, whether it's on the screen or in our garden. The color attracts our attention and becomes a primary way of describing our plants to others. We can go to the FCBS Photo Index on the web and see color photos. Yet, it is possible to not find our plant and identify it by those photos. That is because bromeliad colors can be variable because of genetics the amount of light in which they are grown and the nutrients they are given. Sometimes, bromeliads retain the same coloring year round. That happens when uniform light and nutrients are provided in a greenhouse. Garden grown plants may change colors during the year. The reasons for this is what this article will explore.

Bromeliads may naturally have forms or clones that have different coloration. The color in one colony may be different than another, such as *Aechmea blanchetiana*. They naturally have coloration ranging from green to yellow, yellow to orange and orange to red. This is found where they have the same sun, climate and nutrients. There is some variation during the year because of one important factor: rain. Natural rain water contains nitrogen, which acts to increase the greenness of plants. Artificial fertilizers also contain nitrogen, along with phosphorus and potassium. The phosphorus encourages root growth and the potassium encourages flowering. Most color changes result because of nitrogen, either in natural rainfall or in fertilizer.

Greenhouses with watering systems typically provide a little nitrogen all the time. Greenhouses are typically found in areas not shaded by trees. The shade-cloth provides uniform light year round. For these reasons, bromeliads grown in greenhouse are most likely to have the same color year round, although greener than plants grown in a garden with no fertilizer. In a garden, the sun shifts during the year and the trees will make for changing intensities of light. This accounts for some to the seasonal coloration. The lessening of the rain in the cooler months means less nitrogen and less green. Plants with reddish coloration also tend to tolerate the sun better, especially when the air temperature is cool. The same plant may burn when late April and early May arrive, because of where the sun rises in the sky and the temperature increases.

The reddish color of a genetically red variety always has the red, but it can be masked by green. In mixing paints, if red and green are combined, you get brown. This is why you have some bromeliads that are brownish or maroon. The trichomes or whitish scurfing can also make reddish colors appear lavender.

There are natural and horticultural reasons for color variations in bromeliads. If your plant's color doesn't match the photo, you may still have the same species. Fertilizer also causes plants to become larger.

Another reason may be that the stage of growth may be different. This is why it's important to compare blooming stage photos with blooming stage plants. Some bromeliads flatten and flush with color when they bloom. This can give them a very different appearance.

Hopefully, these facts can help you grow bromeliads with better color and help you find the correct species name, even if yours are not a perfect match to the photo.



Mexican Bromeliad Weevil Report

October – December 2011

by Ronald D. Cave¹, Teresa M. Cooper¹, and J.
Howard Frank²

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The colony of *Lixadmontia franki* appears to be recovering after low production periods during June to October. This is likely due, in large part, to the influx of wild genes from flies collected in Honduras during October and November (see below). Environmental conditions are optimal for fly reproduction and development, and no mechanical malfunctions have caused problems. In October, 15 pupae were produced, 27 pupae in November, and 74 pupae in December. The trimestral total harvest was 116 pupae.

Ron Cave, Teresa Cooper, Howard Frank, and Dennis Giardina were in Honduras October 11-18 with the primary purpose of collecting larvae of *Metamasius quadrilineatus* in order to obtain wild flies for invigorating the gene pool in our laboratory colony. We collected 90 weevil larvae during five trips to the dense bromeliad population on Cerro Uyuca. From these larvae, we obtained 53 pupae of *L. franki*, and from these pupae emerged 42 adults. We received 406 additional larvae from Marlon Godoy, who collected at La Montañita before our arrival and during our stay. From these larvae, 93 pupae of *L. franki* were produced, and from these pupae emerged 70 adults. All adults were placed in cages for mating, and females that survived were placed in the parasitization cage for exposure to weevil larvae in pineapple tops.

Marlon Godoy collected another 106 weevil larvae in late November and delivered them to Rosa Ortega at Zamorano. Rosa sent these larvae to us by courier and they were received

on December 9. From these larvae, 9 fly pupae were obtained, and from these pupae emerged 8 adults (1 pupa remains). This material was also introduced into our laboratory colony.

Research has focused on 1) testing new diets for rearing the weevil – so far, the most promising diet is an agar-pineapple fruit gel; and 2) testing a new method for exposing weevil larvae to the flies. The old method placed egg-laying females on pineapple tops in a cage. The females were allowed to deposit eggs for two weeks, then the females were removed and the tops developed for two more weeks before being exposed to the flies. The new method collects eggs from females kept in vials, developing the eggs to larval hatch, and then slipping the newly hatched larvae into pineapple tops, which develop for two more weeks before being exposed to the flies. The new method is statistically similar to the old method in percent parasitism, and the new method allows for greater control over weevil numbers, density, and age that are placed in the cage than the old method.

Publications:

- Cooper, T. M., J. H. Frank, R. D. Cave, M. S. Burton[†], J. S. Dawson, and B. W. Smith. 2011. Release and monitoring of a potential biological control agent, *Lixadmontia franki* (Diptera: Tachinidae), to control an invasive bromeliad-eating weevil, *Metamasius callizona* (Coleoptera: Curculionidae), in Florida. *Biological Control* 59(3): 319-325.
- Cooper, T. M., J. H. Frank, R. D. Cave, M. S. Burton[†], J. S. Dawson, B. W. Smith. Response of a specialist herbivore, *Metamasius callizona*, to host plant density and patch size. *Biological Invasions* (submitted November 2011).
- Frank, J.H., Giardina, D.J., Andrus, T.A. 2011. Exploration in Guatemala and Belize for more parasitoids to use against *Metamasius callizona* in Florida. *Journal of the Bromeliad Society* 61: 112-115.

Presentations:

- Frank JH. Hunting bromeliad-eating weevils in Belize. Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society, Clearwater, Florida. 4 October.
- Cave, R. D. Control biológico. Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Honduras in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. 13 October.
- Cooper, T. M. Un picudo, una mosca, y las bromelias de Florida: un proyecto de control biológico. Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Honduras in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. 13 October.
- Cave, R. D. Control biológico. Zamorano, Honduras. 13 October.
- Cooper, T. M. Un picudo, una mosca, y las bromelias de Florida: un proyecto de control biológico. Zamorano, Honduras. 13 October.
- Cave, R. D., and B. C. Ratcliffe. The Dynastinae (Coleoptera: Scarabaeidae) of Peru. Annual meeting of the Entomological Society of America. Reno, NV. 15 November. [poster]
- Cooper, T. M. Effect of Temperature on Survival, Development, and Oviposition Behavior of *Metamasius callizona* (Coleoptera: Curculionidae). Annual Meeting of the Entomological Society of America. Reno, NV. 15 November.
- Cooper, T. M. Loss of bromeliad-contained waters in the Enchanted Forest Sanctuary (Florida, USA) due to an Invasive bromeliad-eating weevil and the impact on forest ecosystems. Biolief 2011, Mar del Plata, Argentina. 22 November.

Al Muzzell

Al Muzzell, 69, long time bromeliad grower, seller and speaker at many of our bromeliad societies, passed away Sunday, December 11, 2011. He died at the Gainesville VA Hospital after suffering from cancer and other complications.

Al was a founding member of the Gainesville Bromeliad Society and served as its president many times. He also served as chairman of the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies and was instrumental during the early years of the Evil Weevil research in aiding Dr. Howard Frank in locating weevils and their pupa from the Central American forests to be used in the University of Florida research labs.

Dr. Frank reminisced about the early days of the evil weevil research and how Al drove him to the quarterly FCBS meetings so they could spread the word about the invasive weevil. They even traveled to Panama in the early 1990s to chase the weevil. "Al's enthusiasm was boundless, as much for the bromeliads we encountered there as for weevils," Dr. Frank remembered.

Ed and Nancy Hall, who knew Al for about 30 years, remembered spending hours talking bromeliads. When they moved to Macon, Georgia, Al stored their collection and returned it to them in their new greenhouse. "It was always interesting to visit Al's greenhouses," Ed said. "There were always interesting plants to see. During our last visit in spring of 2011, Al and a friend were creating new Dykia hybrids."

Al's interment was conducted by the Veteran's Administration at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida, on December 14, 2011.

Editor's note: Thank you to Tom Wolfe, Howard Frank and Ed and Nancy Hall for their assistance in writing this memorial.

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Speakers List



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Bud Martin - "Design Ideas for Decorating House and Garden for the Holidays"

Jay Thurrott - "BSI World Conferences: What they are; Where they are held; Why you should be interested"

Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society

Tom Crocker - "Breeding bromeliads, including tissue culture"

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay

Ray Lemieux - "How to Survive Terrestrials"

Alan Herndon

Bromeliad Society of Broward County

Craig Morrell, Horticulturist for Pinecrest Gardens in Miami - "Pest Control and Horticulture"

Colleen and Tim Hendrix - "Hands on Bromeliads 101"

Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society

Patty Gonazalez and Mike Michaelski – "Bromeliad Bingo"

Bromeliad Society of Central Florida

Kenneth Stokes - "Cryptanthus"

Most of the Council member societies have websites and their newsletters are available online. To access these sites, go to fcbs.org and select Member Societies where you will find links to these organizations and their publications.



This world-class event includes outstanding sales, a Rare Plant Auction, seminars, tours, and an opportunity to meet bromeliad collectors and growers from all over the world!

**Speakers include:
Harry Luther
Francisco Oliva-Esteve
Peter Bak
Dennis Cathcart**

**For information updates,
check <http://fcbs.org>**

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Orlandiana 2012

World Bromeliad Conference

by Betsy McCrory, Chairman

Have you registered for Orlandiana 2012? Be sure to ask your Florida Council Representative how you can save an additional \$10. Registration forms can be found at <http://www.fcbs.org> and <http://www.bsi.org>.

The committee chairmen are working hard to make this conference one of the best! I would like to encourage all societies to put in a display (contact Martha Goode at stevegoode1@ameritech.net) and all commercial growers to put in a display (contact Lisa Robinette at lisasbromeliads@hotmail.com). Both of these chairmen can give you more details. The displays will be ribbon judged.

Marty Folk, Tours Chair, is working on adding some extra tours during the conference. Besides the home tours (cost included in the registration fee), he is working on a natural habitat tour around Central Florida and a tour to Harry P Leu Botanical Gardens. There will be a small charge for these tours. The commercial growers tours have been moved to Monday, October 1.

Georgia Orser, Plant Sales Chairman, is ready to accept both commercial and individual members for member plant sales. Please see the plant sale rules on the web sites and in this issue. Space is limited.

Now is the time to look over your collection and see how many of your plants can be entered in the judged show. From what I'm hearing, we are going to have a record number of entries. I know everyone has some special beauties, so consider entering them so everyone can enjoy them.

You can stay up to date on the details of the show by visiting the web sites. A current Schedule of Events and the plant sale rules are on the sites. Coming soon will be tour details, speakers bio's, advertising rates, request for donations toward awards, request for donations for the raffle, rare plant auction details and the judged

show schedule.

We still need two chairmen, Banquet and Registration/Hospitality. Please consider volunteering to chair these very important committees. Contact me if you would like more details. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at: Betsymccrory@aol.com.

We do have more exciting additions to this World Conference so stay tuned.

Hope to see everyone at the conference.



Affiliate Displays at WBC 2012
by Martha Goode
BSI Affiliate Chairman

To all Affiliate Societies of the BSI, we would like to know if you would like to have an exhibit or display at WBC 2012.

The displays will be judged with a ribbon award. The display may be a small tabletop display or a floor display up to 10'x10'.

If your Society does a floor display you will need to put something down to protect the hotel's carpet.

The theme of the WBC 2012 is Kaleidoscope of Bromeliads.

Let me know at stevegoode1@ameritech.net if you decide to do a display.

WBC Memorial

by Rick Ryals

As a part of the 2012 BSI World Conference, on Saturday, September 29th, 2012, the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies will present a video memorial to our deceased friends and colleagues, during the banquet.

I believe everyone agrees that during our many years, we have had some wonderful people make incredible contributions to our local clubs, the Florida Council and the Bromeliad Society International.

Would you please assist us in honoring these people, by collecting and submitting their photos to us, so that we may prepare a video program. While we would greatly appreciate these photos sent via e-mail, we will take regular photos, copy them into digital form and return them to the sender. Please provide the name, year of death, society membership, and any known special accomplishments or bromeliads named for this person.

Electronic Form: Send to – rickryals@bellsouth.net

Please send images in j-peg form or burn the images to a cd and mail them. Hard copy form, send to me at 2169 Nottingham Road, South Daytona, FL 32119. Please include a return address, so that the photo(s) may be returned.

This presentation is for every bromeliad society throughout the world to participate in. Please assist us in creating a heartfelt memorial to our departed friends and colleagues.

Please do not feel that we may already have the person in the presentation, as we do not want to forget anyone.

Please distribute this information to your members as soon as possible. Submit all photos and information no later than August 7, 2012. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me by email or phone (386-679-8700).

Advertise Your Society or Your Business in the WBC 2012 Program

The WBC 2012 Program Advertisement Form is available for download at <http://fcbs.org>.

Ads are available in black and white or in color. All rates are in U.S. dollars

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Full page \$125.00

Half page \$75.00

Quarter page \$50.00

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Inside front cover, full page \$250.00

Inside back cover, full page \$250

Back cover, full page \$250.00

Inside middle, full page \$200 (Limited)

Inside middle, half page \$150.00 (Limited)

Inside middle, quarter page \$100 (Limited)

Deadline for receipt of ad copy and payment is August 1, 2012.

For more information, contact Linda Sheetz at lsheetz@tampabay.rr.com or go on line to the Council site.



World Conference Tours

by Marty Folk

We are planning tours to four local, world-class nurseries for World Conference attendees.

One tour will be to Color Zone Tropicals and Russell's Bromeliads. A second tour option will be to Deroose Plants and McCrory's Sunny Hill Nursery. These tours will be the "crown jewels" in our tour selection and will take place late in the conference largely for that reason. They are tentatively planned for Monday October 1.

A fee will be charged to cover the expenses for these tours. But they will be very affordable and cost about as much as going to a movie (but much better).

We are planning several other tours, including one to Harry P. Leu Botanical Gardens, which offers a great diversity of plant life in addition to a very nice collection of bromeliads. Another tour "in the works" will be to a nearby natural area to see native bromeliads in the natural habitat. These tours will be offered Saturday September 29.

A fee will be charged to cover the expenses for these tours. (Home tours are included in your conference registration fee.) For more information, contact me at folkfam@embarqmail.com.



Gift Baskets for Auctions

by John and Janet Bankhead

Time is getting short, and the big event in Orlando is going into the final planning stage. We are looking forward to having a great event, and visiting again with all the wonderful people who make up the local and international Bromeliad family.

Traditionally, in this event, auctions of gift baskets are held and the winners get to take home a nice collection of items which have been donated by the individual societies or clubs. These baskets are one of the ways the planners of World Conferences get the funds to continue to promote and hold these events.

We ask all Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies and Bromeliad Society International member groups to assist by contributing to the making of these baskets. We have the personnel to make this happen, but we need contributions of items or funds to purchase things for the baskets. Without the support of numerous generous individuals or groups, this tradition will not continue.

Items and checks can be sent to John or Janet Bankhead at 1860 Oak Park Dr. North Clearwater, FL 33764 USA. Please make all checks payable to Orlandiana 2012. You can email us for more information at jjbankhead@tampabay.rr.com.



BSI Judges School at the 2012 World Conference

by Bettyann Prevatt

School I for World Conference Judges School series will be held on Tuesday, September 25, in Orlando, Florida, at the site of the World Bromeliad Conference. There are six schools in the series and are held at each conference. The last series finished in New Orleans, therefore it starts over with School I in Orlando.

If you are interested in attending, contact me, the BSI Judges Certification Committee Chairman, before September

1. Email is bprevattpcc@aol.com; telephone 239-334-0242; address 2902 Second Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33916, USA.

The school is all day and the cost is \$25.00.

BSI News

by Jay Thurrott, President

Of course, the big news regarding the BSI is the upcoming World Conference in Orlando and you will be seeing information updates on this elsewhere as the date approaches. Everyone should plan on attending and supporting the Florida Council, the host for this event. Volunteers are the life-blood of any organization and it takes a large number of volunteers to produce a successful World Conference, so please consider helping out when you are asked.

In case you were not aware, BSI has a new Seed Fund Chairman. Bryan Windham of Louisiana has volunteered to take on this duty so please, as you notice species plant in your collection producing seed, consider sharing those with others worldwide by sending your collected seed to Bryan.

After many years of service to BSI, Dan Kinnard has requested that a replacement be found to fill his position as Membership Chairman. Dan has contributed many, many hours of his time in handling membership renewals, new memberships and registrations for World Conferences and is looking to forward now to reserving more free time for his other pursuits (there are other pursuits besides bromeliads?).

In other news, the BSI Board has recently approved partnering with Marie Selby Gardens in the creation and support of a ‘Bromeliad Society International Scholar’ position. As you probably already know, the BSI has had a long-standing relationship with Selby Gardens and has supported the Bromeliad Identification Center and its former director Harry Luther. Bromeliad research continues at the Gardens although through a somewhat different organizational structure than in the past. This position will provide an opportunity for student scholars to participate in bromeliad related research in the scientific facilities at Selby Gardens and will require them to not only publish their work, but also present lectures at scientific forums including BSI World Conferences.



Orlandiana 2012 Sales Rules

Commercial Vendors

A charge of \$300 will be paid up front for commercial vendors to reserve booth space. This \$300 deposit will be returned to the Vendor after sales have been completed. Commercial Vendors who reserve space and do not show up by 9:00 am Thursday, September 27 for the second day of setup will forfeit the \$300 deposit. Any Commercial Vendor cancellation in writing to the Sales Chair prior to 60 days before the conference will be refunded the deposit fee. Any others will not.

1. Any Vendor taking book or plant sales for “after the show” delivery will have their booth immediately closed and will not be eligible for further sales during this Conference.
2. The Conference will be the last word in assigning booth space location for the Vendors. No changes will be made.
3. Vendors are responsible for keeping their plants within the booth space assigned to them. After breakdown, Vendor’s booth space must be left clean and free of debris.
4. All Vendor sales will be processed through the cash registers.
5. Vendors are encouraged to donate a bromeliad or bromeliad related article to the Rare Plant Auction.

Affiliate Member Sales

Vendors must be members of the Bromeliad Society International or a society affiliated with the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies (FCBS). All Societies are encouraged to

bring their plants and participate in the Members Section of the sale. Space for all Affiliate Member Sales will be assigned by the Sales Chairman. Member Sales must be kept clean with no storage apparent in the area. Once the sales are over, the area must be left clean and free of debris.

All Sales

All sellers must have an Orlandiana 2012 ID number. Call Georgia Orser (Cell) 352-250-3571 or email georgiaorser@gmail.com to obtain an ID number. Please use Orlandiana 2012 Sales Number in the subject line when addressing email. Whenever possible, previously used numbers will be assigned to sellers who have sold in previous years.

1. All sellers of plants and bromeliad-related items will receive 75% and 25% will go to the conference. Book sellers will receive 85% and 15% will go to the conference.
2. All sale prices will be in dollar amounts. No exceptions.
3. Plants must be clean and free from disease, insects, etc. Potting material should be clean and weed free and all water removed before entering the hotel.
4. Only bromeliads and bromeliad articles may be sold.
5. Every item for sales must have a barcode on the sale item
OR
6. All plants, including bare root specimens **MUST** have two (2) tags, neither of which may be a self-sticking label. One must have the plant name (this will stay with the plant); the other must have the price on the top portion of the tag (whole dollar amounts only) and the assigned vendor number below it. Please do not put the price on one side of the tag and the

vendor number on the other side of the tag - use one side of the tag only. Price tag should be a color other than white if possible. The exception to this rule is for vendors who have pre-printed commercial labels that include plant name, price and vendor's name/number.

7. All sellers must be registered for Orlandiana 2012.

8. Additional plants may be brought into the sales room as space becomes available.

9. Plant set up time is Wednesday, September 26 from 1 pm-9 pm, Thursday, September 27 from 8 am-5 pm (see details in first paragraph).

10. Sellers may be present in the sales area to set up or to leave their plants. Once set up, they must leave the sale area.

11. Only vendor staff and designated member/workers will be allowed to enter the sales room during set up hours or prior to sales opening. Staff and workers will be given authorized name badges.

12. Once the plants are deposited in the sales room, no plant holding, or transactions can be carried out between vendors or with others. **All plants are to be sold through the Conference Cashiers.** Any vendor who sells before the start of the conference in the sales room will be asked to leave.

13. Sale date and hours will be Thursday, September 27 from 6 pm-10 pm; Friday and Saturday, September 28 and 29 from 9 am-5 pm; Sunday, September 30 from 9 am-3 pm.

14. Sales tax will be collected as patrons check out. Patrons will be able to pay with credit cards, checks, or cash.

15. Bromeliad related items (art, t-shirts, crafts, etc.) may be

16. All unsold plants must be removed between the hours of 3 pm-5 pm Sunday, September 30. Plants remaining in the sales area after 5 pm will be considered a donation to FCBS.

17. Orlandiana 2012 will not be responsible for loss of plants or craft items. However, all reasonable precautions will be taken to ensure their safety. The room will be locked and security will be provided during nighttime hours.

18. Sellers are encouraged to donate a bromeliad or bromeliad related article to the Rare Plant Auction.

19. The unauthorized use of photographs from the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies' website is strictly prohibited. When permission from the author of such a photographs has been granted, the original photograph must be used and not the one posted from the Council website.

20. All sellers are required to enter at least 5 plants into the show.

21. All affiliate member sellers are expected to help in the sales area. Please contact Georgia with the times you can help.

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Want to know more about the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies?

Go to the Council website at <http://www.fcbs.org>, where you will find a wealth of information.

Under Member Societies, you will find

- A list of all affiliated societies
- Meeting times and locations
- Society Contact Information
- Links to society websites and newsletters

Under About FCBS, you will find

- Current FCBS officers
- FCBS Bylaws and Standing Rules
- Meeting and Officer Rotations
- A History of the Florida Council
- Minutes of Council meetings

The Cryptanthus Society maintains its home page on the Council site.

Upcoming Events, Bromeliad and Weevil Information. Bromeliad Biota, Bromeliad Habitats, Book Reviews, Links to other bromeliad websites including bromeliad nurseries, Bromeliad Art Gallery, and Conservation are among the features of the site.

Oh, yes, and the Photo Index, containing more than 20,000 pictures of bromeliads.

The website of the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies is supported by the affiliated societies through their dues and through generous donations.

The webmaster of the Council website is Michael Andreas. Michael can be contacted at webmaster@fcbs.org.

**Next Florida Council Meeting
hosted by
Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society
April 14, 2012**

**See your Council representative
for more details**



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