

FLORIDA WEST COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

July 2012



NEXT MEETING

Date: Tuesday, July 3, 2012
Location: Hope Presbyterian Church
1698 South Belcher Road
Clearwater, Florida 33764
Time: Doors open at 7 pm; meeting starts at 7:30

Program

Dave Johnston, longtime FWCBS member, will give us his presentation *A Tribute to Chester Skotak* featuring Chester's hybrids and pictures of his nursery in Costa Rica. Chester is a world-renowned bromeliad hybridizer, and most of us will have one or more plants related to those he created.

Plant Sales

All members are welcome to sell bromeliads at the meeting.

LAST MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Program

Our speaker, **Kenneth Stokes** of the Sarasota Bromeliad Society, brought with him several dozen plants from his garden that he used to illustrate defects common to bromeliads in the landscape and gave us tips on how to avoid or correct those defects. A few of the points he made were:

- Poor shape/confirmation: crowded, not straight in pot, wrong size pot
- Brown leaf tips: natural die-back, over- or under-watering; cold damage
- Color break: cold damage on tender leaves
- Leggy: too much shade, too much fertilizer
- Quilling (fused leaves): too little water, nutritional deficiency
- Chemical burns: excessive use of heavy metals and/or fertilizer
- Bent/broken leaves: blunt-force trauma, wind damage
- Faded color: sun bleached or sun burned



Show and Tell

Reported by Helga Tarver

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| Marty Baxley | <i>Edmundoa perplexa</i> ; Neo. 'Painted Delight' X 'Neo. lilliputiana (Marty's unregistered hybrid) |
| J.C. Campbell | Neo 'Zoe'; <i>Til. utriculata</i> (possibly <i>Til. dasyliriifolia</i>); <i>Til. brachycaulos</i> (possibly <i>Til. 'Victoria'</i> [<i>Til. ionantha</i> X <i>Til. brachycaulos</i>]) |
| Chip Hill | <i>Cryptanthus</i> 'Strawberries Flambé' |
| Alton Lee | <i>Vriesea</i> (a Grant Groves unregistered hybrid); Vr. 'Carlsbad'; Vr. <i>heliconioides</i> |
| Gary Lund | <i>Aec. rubens</i> (?); <i>Aec. bracteata</i> 'Rubra', <i>Aec. haltonii</i> |
| Kathy Risley | Neo. 'Dartanion' |
| Helga Tarver | <i>Til. elizabethiae</i> ; <i>Til. paucifolia</i> ; <i>Til. concolor</i> ; <i>Til. concolor</i> 'Cuicatlan'(?); <i>Til. 'Curly Slim'</i> and its crosses <i>Til. streptophylla</i> & <i>Til. intermedia</i> |

Below are pictures of Show and Tell plants.



Aec. haltonii



Neo. 'Painted Delight'



Edmundoa perplexa



Vr. heliconioides



Vriesea unregistered hybrid



Til. brachycaulos or *Til. 'Victoria'*

The hybrid *Til.* 'Curly Slim' Helga showed and its parent plants



Til. streptophylla

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Til. intermedia

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Til. 'Curly Slim'

THIS AND THAT

Thanks, Mr. Mike, for the Mike

One of our unsung heroes is Mike Petryszak. Each month he supplies the sound system (microphone and speakers) for our meeting. It has made it so much easier for those in the back of the room and the hearing challenged to hear our speakers. Thanks, Mr. Mike.

New FCBS Representatives

Not only are Ashley Graham and Susan Sousa our new representatives to the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies, but Ashley will serve as Council's Vice Chair for the rest of this year and as the Chair in 2013. We know she will do a great job!

August Meeting: Members' Showcase

Our VP/Program Chairman Susan Sousa is putting together a "Members' Showcase" program for our August meeting. We did this type of program in 2010 and it was very popular. It requires member participation in the form of short workshops and presentations. Each 'showcase' presentation is set up at a different table and lasts 5 to 10 minutes. Members move freely about the room visiting whichever table interests them and spending as much time as they want/need there.

Susan is looking for volunteers to do workshop presentations. The presentation does not need to be complex, detailed, or highly technical. The topics can be general horticultural tips related to growing bromeliads such as potting, mounting, growing, light and watering requirements, and fertilizing. One can also apply these general topics to a specific genus or group of genera. Past topics have included, but were not limited to, cold weather preparation for bromeliads, *Hechtia* care and feeding, reasons to collect and grow bromeliad species, and growing bromeliads in small places. Please contact Susan (727-420-4269; susansousa1@yahoo.com) if you would like to be a 'showcase' presenter. A sign-up sheet will be available at the July meeting.

This plant bloomed in the garden too late for the June meeting Show and Tell, and because it is a *Billbergia* (i.e., very limited duration for the bloom stalk) did not last until the July meeting. But it is too pretty to go unseen, so, here it is now.

Billbergia brasiliensis → → →



World Bromeliad Conference 2012, September 24-October 1, Orlando, Florida, Caribe Royal Hotel
 Only three months to go! Have you registered and made your hotel reservations? Check it out at fcbs.org and click on the 'Upcoming Events' link).

UPCOMING EVENTS, 2012

June 29-30, Tropiflora Nursery Summer Sale
 Tropiflora Nursery, 3530 Tallavast Road, Sarasota, 941-351-2267 (tropiflora.com)

August 18-19, Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society Sale
 Garden Club of Sanford, 407-539-4314 (SB&TPS)

September 24-30, 20th World Bromeliad Conference, Orlandiana '12- Kaleidoscope of Bromeliads
 Orlando, FL, USA ([fcbs.org/Upcoming Events](http://fcbs.org/Upcoming%20Events))

December 1-2, Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society Sale
 Terry Park, Ft. Myers (vickychir@aol.com)

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