

FLORIDA WEST COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

August 2011



NEXT MEETING

Date & Time:

Tuesday, August 2, 2011

Doors open at 7 pm; meeting starts at 7:30

Location:

Hope Presbyterian Church

1698 South Belcher Road

Clearwater, Florida 33764

Program

Marty Baxley will talk to us about *Pictures a Novice Collector Takes*, with photographs of bromeliad collecting trips he has made to Latin America. Marty, a long-time member of our Society, has been growing and selling bromeliads for many years and has a vast range of knowledge from which we have all profited. Don't miss what will be an entertaining evening.

Plant Sales

All members are invited, and encouraged, to sell plants at this meeting.

Refreshments

Cindy Redmond, Refreshment Chair, reports that Suzanne Bogacki and Ashley Graham have volunteered to assist with the refreshments for the next meeting.

LAST MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Program

Dave Johnston, owner of Bromeliads Galore and FWCBS member for many years, talked to us about *Must-Have Species*, bromeliads that collectors should seriously consider for their collection. His intent was to show us that while some bromeliad species might be rather ho-hum (i.e., have a low wow factor), there are many that are spectacular and hold their own when compared to some of the showy hybrids now available. He made a persuasive argument with pictures of over 70 bromeliad species from 24 genera. The pictures he showed were from the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies' Photo Index on their website (fcb.org/pictures).



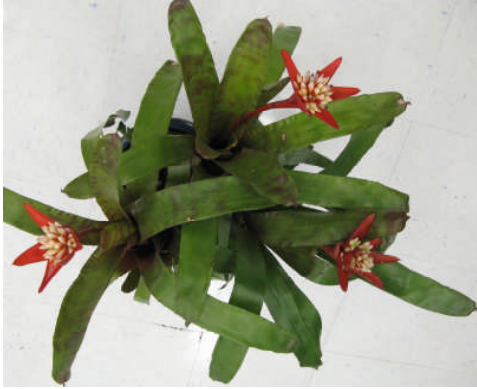
Show and Tell

Reported by Helga Tarver*

Bob Dalzell	<i>Aec. fasciata</i> ; <i>Aec. fasciata</i> x <i>A. nudicaulis</i> ; <i>Aec. bracteata</i>
Bob Herberich	X <i>Canmea</i> 'Jaspe'
Alton Lee	<i>Aec. fasciata</i> 'Ivory'; <i>Neo.</i> ('Hannibal Lector' x <i>carcharodon</i>) x (<i>johannis</i> x 'Tiger') x 7260 (<i>Neo.</i> species Brazil); Ray Coleman hybrid, unregistered, # 177
Gary Lund	<i>Aec. bracteata</i> (red form); <i>Aec. haltonii</i> ; <i>Aec. callichroma</i>
Kathy Risley	<i>Neo.</i> 'Heart's Blood'; <i>Neo.</i> 'Little Faith'; <i>Neo. amandae</i>
Linda Sheetz	<i>Crypt. beuckeri</i> ; <i>Crypt. argyrophyllus</i>
Helga Tarver	<i>Til. paucifolia</i> ; <i>Til. rhomboidea</i>

*Helga has long provided the Show and Tell list for the newsletter and this editor has been remiss in not previously acknowledging her efforts in that regard. We are always thankful for her expertise.

Below are photographs of some of the plants from the Show and Tell.



X Canmea 'Jaspe'



Neo. ('Hannibal Lector' x carcharodon)
x (johannis x 'Tiger') x 7260 (Neo.
species Brazil)



Aec. haltonii



Aec. callichroma



Crypt. argyrophyllus



Crypt. beuckeri



Neo. 'Little Faith'



Neo. 'Heart's Blood'

THIS AND THAT

Birthday Celebration

Long-time member Helen Dexter celebrated her 103rd birthday in July. She and her late husband, Dr. Morris Dexter, were driving forces in the FWCBS, promoting, growing, and hybridizing bromeliads for over 40 years. We wish Helen many more happy years to come.

Private Plant Sale

A number of our members attended the July 2 private plant sale at a home in St. Petersburg. The homeowners are friends of Dennis Cathcart and were selling off a good deal of their bromeliad and orchid collections because they are moving to Boston. The owners reported the sale was a great success, having sold about 90% of what they wanted to sell. Although our members were alerted of the sale by email on short notice, the turnout from our group was a big factor in that success. All who were there found some great deals that included uncommon bromeliads, some of which were in lovely pots.

UPCOMING EVENTS, 2011

August 13, USF Botanical Gardens Bromeliad Event

University of South Florida, Tampa, FL (cas.usf.edu/garden)

August 20-21, Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society Sale

Garden Club of Sanford, 200 Fairmont Drive, Sanford, FL, 9 AM-4 PM

September 30, October 1-2, Tropiflora Fall Festival

Tropiflora Nursery, 3530 Tallavast Road, Sarasota, 941-351-2267 (tropiflora.com)

October 8-9, USF Botanical Gardens Fall Plant Sale

University of South Florida, Tampa, FL (cas.usf.edu/garden)

November 4-6, Bromeliad Extravaganza® 2011

The Plaza Resort and Spa, Daytona Beach, hosted by the Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society and sponsored by the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies and includes the 12th Annual International Cryptanthus Society Show (go to <http://theartofbromeliads.wordpress.com/> for more information.)

Bromeliad Tour, Northern and Southern Ecuador

Guillermo Rivera, owner of South America Nature Tours, will be leading a tour to see bromeliads (and other flora and fauna) in northern and southern Ecuador in January 2012. The trip will be for 16 days, starting in Guayaquil on January 19 and ending in Quito on February 3. For additional information contact Guillermo by email at rivera@intecar.com.ar or telephone at 941-447-2160. You may also want

to visit his website: www.southamericanaturetours.com. Members might recall that Guillermo made a presentation to our group a few years ago titled *Bromeliads of Peru: Land of the Incas*.

Below are pictures of some Show and Tell plants from the June meeting that were not available for the June newsletter.



Til. flabellata (large form)



Til. 'Purple Passion'
(*seleriana* x *tricolor*)



Til. 'Curly Slim'

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