

FLORIDA WEST COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY

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Celebrating 60 Years of Bromeliads

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August 2014 Newsletter

NEXT MEETING

Date & Time:

Tuesday, August 5
Doors open at 7 pm; meeting starts at 7:30

Location:

Good Samaritan Church
6085 Park Boulevard
Pinellas Park, Florida 33781

Program

FWCBS member **Marty Baxley** is the speaker for our August meeting and his talk is *Growing Bromeliads from Seeds and Hybridizing*. For those of us who are not hybridizers these topics might be unfamiliar and seem complicated. Marty's presentation is a fine opportunity to learn more about growing bromeliads from seeds, the 'art' of hybridizing and the relationship between them. As have many of our other member speakers in the past, Marty will donate the speaker's honorarium back to our society.

Plant Sales

The speaker will be the sole plant vendor for this meeting, so there will be no member plant sales.

LAST MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Speaker

Dennis Cathcart's presentation, *New Explorations and Discoveries in Brazil--Part I*, was a great talk, according to those who were present for it. Alas, this editor and her husband were traveling and did not attend the meeting, and we missed an evening of great stories about the Cathcarts' adventures. Helga Tarver reports that they did achieve their objectives to find Dyckias and other terrestrial bromeliads and visit some of the bromeliad colonies they had known from past visits to Brazil. We eagerly await Part II about this recent Brazil trip.

Show and Tell

Reported by Helga Tarver; pictures by Nicole Matwijczyk

John Edwards

X *Guzvriesea* 'Happa', Herb Hill hybrid (picture below)

Chip Hill

Neoregelia 'Yang', Skotak hybrid

Neo. 'Margaret', Bullis hybrid

Neo. 'Cookie', Bullis hybrid

Neo. 'Alpha', Coolbaugh hybrid

Steve Littlefield

Tillandsia fasciculata, with abundant seeds (picture below)

Gary Lund

Til. streptophylla (picture below)

Franne Matwijczyk

Aechmea 'Firecracker' (not registered)

Ananas lucidus (picture below)

Aec. miniata var. *discolor* (picture below)

Nicole Matwijczyk

Edmundoa perplexa (picture below)

Vriesea warmingii (picture below)

Til. cacticola (picture below)

Helga Tarver

Til. concolor (picture below)

Til. concolor 'Cuicatlan'

Til. fasciculata var. *densispica*

Pictures of Show and Tell Plants



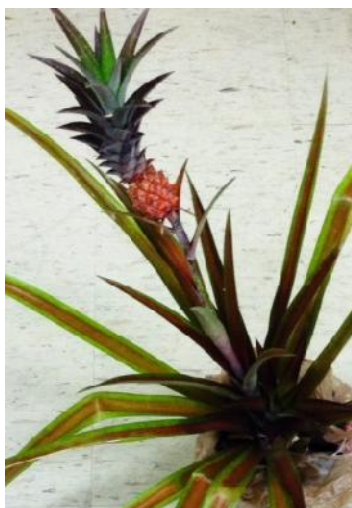
X *Guzvia* *Vriesea* 'Happa'



Til. fasciculata, with seeds



Til. streptophylla



Ananas lucidus



Aec. miniata var. *discolor*



Edmundoa perplexa



Vriesea warmingii



Til. cacticola



Til. concolor

THIS AND THAT

Steve Littlefield's *Our Gang*

Shown on the right is a bromeliad painting by Steve Littlefield that appeared in the *Tampa Bay Times* Latitudes section on Sunday, July 13, 2014. It was featured in an article on four new exhibits currently on display at the Dunedin Fine Arts Center where Steve is on the faculty. His picture, *Our Gang*, is part of the exhibit of several dozen works by the center's faculty that includes giclée prints, watercolors, drawings, oils, acrylics, mixed media, fiber arts, pastels, ceramics and jewelry. The exhibits are in celebration of completion of the first phase of a five-year renovation project at the center. The center is located at 1143 Michigan Boulevard in Dunedin and the exhibits run through August 17. More information about the exhibit is available at dfac.org and 727-298-3322.



Our Gang

In Bloom this Month



Aechmea bracteata var. *pacifica*, variegated



(Close-up of bloom stalk)

UPCOMING EVENTS, 2014

August 9, *Bromeliad Bash*—Bromeliad Sale

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

August 16-17, Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society Sale

The Garden Club of Sanford, Sanford, FL (Ben Klugh at Klughka@yahoo.com)

September 8-14, 21st World Bromeliad Conference, *Bromeliads in Paradise*

Honolulu, Hawaii, USA (www.bsi.org/new/wbc-2014-registration-and-info)

October 3-5, Tropiflora Fall Festival and Plant Sale

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

October 11-12, USF Botanical Gardens Fall Plant Sale

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

December 6-7, Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society Annual Sale

Terry Park, 3451 Marion Street, Fort Myers (bprevattpcc@aol.com)

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