

GAINESVILLE BROMELIAD SOCIETY

Where Guests are Welcome and Members Are Encouraged!

January Meeting Details

January 2012

TIME: Sunday, January 22nd - 2:00 PM

PLACE: UF Entomology/Nemotology Building, Natural Area Drive east of the Performing Arts Center on Hull Road, U of F. or the 5th left turn on Archer Road coming East from 34th Street.

PROGRAM: January 2012 – President's Message

I hope that all of you had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Look forward to seeing all of you January 22nd.

I will be giving a slide presentation of my trip to Costa Rica as this month's program.

George Aldrich

EVENTS: Refreshments will be served.



Obituary: For our dear friend and member: **Albert E. Muzzell (1942-2011)**



Albert E. Muzzell, aged 69, passed away on December 11, 2011 after a brief battle with cancer. He served in Naval Signals Intelligence during the Vietnam War, was a civilian pilot, a truck driver, a landscaper and ran for local office in Gainesville. Always politically active, Al served as Chairman of the Gainesville Plan Board from 1976 through 1978. Al was best known however, for his lifelong passion for bromeliads.

A South Florida native, Al developed an interest in bromeliads as a young man. He interned at Mulford and Racine Foster's "Bromel-La", where he acquired much of his expertise about early bromeliad selections and hybrids. Al's enthusiasm for learning about his plants gave him a great fund of information about their pedigrees and idiosyncrasies. Always willing to share his knowledge, a casual comment on a plant might lead him to a précis on the hybridizer or collector, when it was introduced and any problems growing it here in Florida.

After completing his degree in Horticulture from UF, Al eventually opened his own mail-order nursery, New World Bromeliads. He also became an accredited bromeliad judge and was very involved in the formation of the Jacksonville and Gainesville Bromeliad societies. He was also an ardent supporter of the FCBS project to find a biological control for the "Evil Weevil", *Metamasius callizona*. Plantsman, instigator and character, Al will certainly be missed.

Secretary's Notes: From Last Meeting, November 2011

President George Aldrich called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m. Seventeen people were present. He gave an update on Al Muzzel's condition and Irene Aldrich passed around a card for members to sign.

George talked about the Extravaganza held November 5. He said that 25 vendors sold plants, and \$25,000 worth of bromeliads exchanged hands. The rare plant auction brought in \$5,000. There was also a Cryptanthus judged show.

He thanked all the members who had provided refreshments throughout the year and mentioned some of the programs for 2012, including his January slide program of Chester Skotak's nursery and a bromeliad collecting in Costa Rica. He also said that Dennis Cathcart from Tropiflora would speak in May and that the Kanapaha Spring Festival would be March 24-25.

The slate of officers for 2012 was presented by Cynthia Park and approved unanimously. The new officers are as follows:

Co-Presidents: George Aldrich and David Silverman

Vice President: Irene Aldrich

Secretary: Lois Wood

Treasurer: Lorene Junkin

Darrow Mixon brought in bromeliad calendars he had made for 2012. He offered calendars to members for \$8.00 each, with all proceeds going to our society.

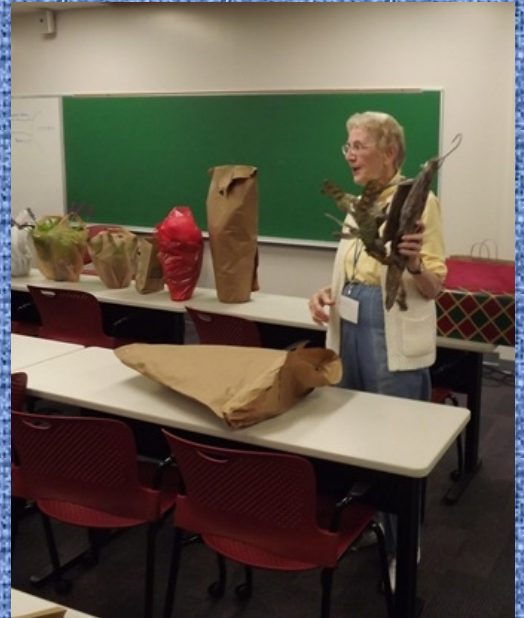
Ron Schoenau said that a member of GBS (he couldn't remember who) had asked about the name of a Billbergia bought from Betty Ann Prevatt when she spoke at our meeting. He said that Betty Ann thought the Billbergia might be Cherry Bomb.

As an addition to the GBS library, Nancy Mason suggested that we might purchase a soft bound copy of "Searching for Miss Fortuna" by Chester Skotak. Ron Schoenau offered to donate his copy to the library.

Members took a break for refreshments. Show and Tell plants were brought by Peggy Mixon and Nancy Mason. A Christmas plant swap followed and the meeting concluded at 3:50 p.m.

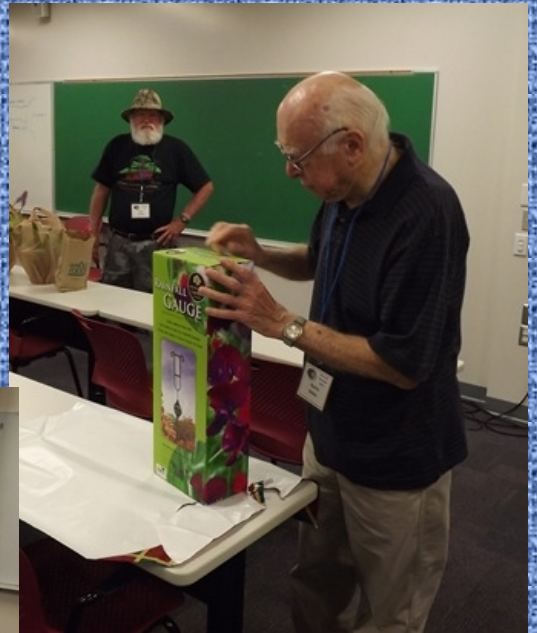
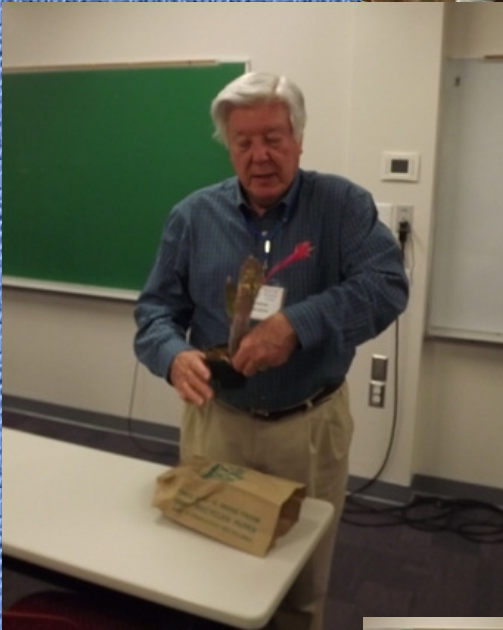
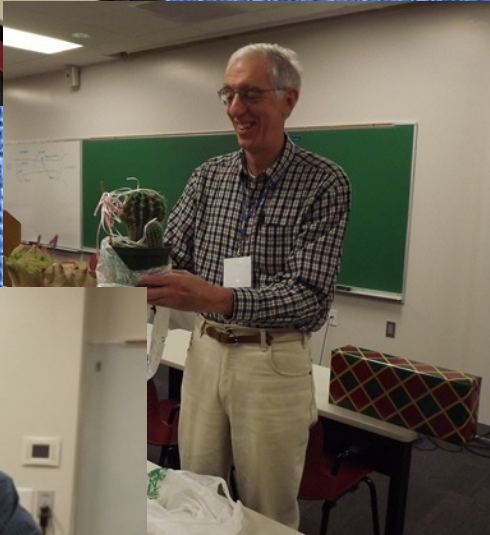
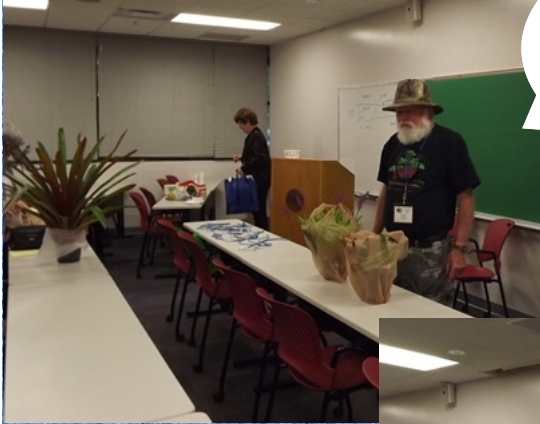
Nancy Mason
Secretary

November Share-A-Gift



More Photos

Now...which one do I want?





September 24th - September 30th

2012 Bromeliad Society International World Bromeliad Conference

hosted by Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies
The Caribe Royal, 8101 World Center, Orlando, FL 32821
For Hotel Reservations, see link below
Rooms starting at \$119 US

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

Tours include:

Color Zone Tropicals
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Russell's Bromeliads
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CURRENT TREASURY REPORT:

Balance 11/1/11		Receipts	Disbursements	\$1,498.97
	Receipts: Calendar Sales	72.00		
	Disbursements: BSI Dues	30.00		
Balance to Date: 12/31/11		\$102.00		\$1,540.97

New Bromeliad Blog to check out: <http://www.bromeliadsmycollection.blogspot.com/>
Bromeliads "My Collection" (Australia) Lovely Plants!

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