



Where Guests are Welcome and Members Are Encouraged!

Photo provided by Hjordis Owens, Editor; Taken in my backyard

September Meeting Details

September 2012

- TIME:** Sunday, September 23rd - 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:** From the President, David Silverman



For our meeting **Sunday, September 23rd at 2:00 pm**, members will host a fund-raising auction to benefit the Gainesville Bromeliad Society. Members, **please bring a nice plant to offer in auction. At the meeting please make a few comments about why your plant is interesting and provide us a starting bid.** This is a fine opportunity to enhance our treasury and should be lots of fun. All proceeds will go to our treasury. Please come with plans to buy one or more new bromeliads for your garden or patio. Visitors are most welcome.

Agenda:

- Discuss recruiting our representative to the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies
- Talk again about ways we can increase our membership
- Show and Tell and Door Prizes

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Secretary's Notes: From Last Meeting, August 2012

Our August 26th meeting started out in the Oak Hammock greenhouses. Everyone got to chat with Ron & Carolyn Schoenau about their collection of bromeliads and specifics about the greenhouse itself. We adjourned to the multi-purpose room in the Oak Hammock Commons Building, where President David Silverman opened with a thanks to the Schoenau's for hosting our meeting and providing refreshments.

Ron offered up 4 plants for door prizes: Tillandsia secunda (throws pups off its bloom spike); another Tillandsia (sends out adventitious pups, which are the grassy ones produced at the bases of plants; theirs is 3 feet high and not yet full-grown; this is not a cold-hardy species); a Neoregelia Fireball - ampullacea hybrid; and, Vreisea sucrei x erythroductylon hybrid (has a nice bloom; easy to grow; forms clumps).

We discussed the library holdings of Don Beadle, which he has offered up for sale. Beadle is the foremost Billbergia hybridizer, and his collection of books on bromeliads is extensive. Hopefully, BSI will procure a lot of this material and house it at Selby Gardens.

Ron and Carolyn shared information about the sales, shows, and tours at the **World Conference** to help orient any of us that are planning on attending. They also offered a history of the development of the **Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies**. It was organized in 1977 by Carol Johnson of Longwood, FL (Pineapple Place Nursery) in order to consolidate bromeliad-related activities amongst the various bromeliad clubs throughout the state. The Council meets quarterly with the location rotated amongst the clubs. The officers (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) are also rotated amongst the clubs. All positions, except treasurer, serve for 1 year (treasurer serves more than 1 year, for consistency). There are 2 representatives from each club, the president and one other officer. GBS is scheduled to fill the VP position soon and president after that. The meeting has been held at Oak Hammock before and Ron has reserved Oak Hammock for the next meeting, October 13, 2012. Lunch is provided by the hosting club, and is served at noon, with the meeting following, from 1:00 to about 4:00. All bromeliad club members are invited to attend. GBS moved that we provide \$300 to pay for the luncheon. The motion passed unanimously.

The September 23rd meeting will be a fun auction, which will help raise money for the GBS. Bring in a plant you would like to donate. Indicate the amount you would like as the starting bid.

Door prizes were awarded and the meeting adjourned at 3:45.

Lois Wood, Secretary