

FCBS October 2019
MINUTES OF THE FLORIDA COUNCIL OF BROMELIAD SOCIETIES
October 26, 2019

Opening:

Mike Saunders thanked the Bromeliad Society of the Palm Beaches for lunch at the Mounts Botanical Garden. The meeting started at 12:57pm.

FCBS Member Representatives Present:

Bromeliad Society of Central Florida: Betsy McCrory & Mike Saunders; Bromeliad Society of South Florida: Patricia Gonzalez & Mike Michalski; Bromeliad Society of the Palm Beaches: Nick Bethmann & Tom Ramiccio; Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society: Jack Dunlop & Jay Thurrott (alternate for Calandra) ; Gainesville Bromeliad Society: Sandy Burnett & Steve Provost; Sarasota Bromeliad Society: Marian Kennell & Nancy Abramson; Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society: Greg Kolojeski & Sudi Hipsley; Treasure Coast Bromeliad Society: Lynn Marino; Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society: Vicky Chirnside; Bromeliad Guild of Tampa: Tom & Carol Wolfe, Weevil Committee: Jay Thurrott & Dr. Howard Frank

Absent Members: Webmaster Mike Andreas, Calandra Thurrott, Linda Sheetz & Richard Poole

Guests: Steve Provost, BSI Archives; Barbara Partagas, BSI; and Mark Kennell.

Officers Reports:

Minutes of June meeting: Sandy Burnett, Secretary, submitted this report four weeks after the meeting and representatives had two weeks to respond. Draft Three Minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report: Sudi Hipsley submitted the Treasurer's report which will be filed for audit.

Committee Reports:

Webmaster—Michael Andreas submitted the following October Web Report:

"Posted the November 2019 issue of the FCBS Newsletter. The latest FCBS newsletter can always be access from the "What's New" page or, if you want to access all the newsletters, they can be found under "About FCBS" along with information about meetings and rotation schedules.

Newsletters can also be accessed at <http://fcb.org/newsletters.htm>

Dr. Howard Frank has asked me if we can move his "Bromeliad Biota" web site from the University of Florida server where it now resides to the FCBS server. Howard is afraid of losing the server space since he is now retired and is not sure how much longer they will keep his pages online. This should be easily accomplished as Howard's site consists of only a few pages. He will be able to update and make revisions.

If you are interested, Howard's current site is at <http://entnemdept.ufl.edu/frank/bromeliadbiota/>

Michael Andreas, Webmaster"

FCBS Newsletter Report: Carol Wolfe discussed the use of Dropbox link on the FCBS webpage to share the newsletter. It is much easier to send the newsletter out. Special thanks to Michael for his suggestion of using Dropbox. <http://fcbs.org/newsletters/FCBS/2019/11-2019.pdf> Carol asks for each member society to provide her with a list of speakers and topics held in 2019 which she will post in the February 2020 newsletter (send by 1/15/2020). She also thanked the team effort in producing the newsletter to Jay, Tom, Greg, and Theresa. She's been Editor for the last 5 years for a total of 21 issues. Carol also thanked everyone for photos submitted. Nice job, Carol!

Weevil Committee: Jay Thurrott said that the committee is stymied at the present. There is an issue with the *Tillandsia utriculata* from Belize, a published paper suggests that it may not be the correct species/or a separate species. The Weevil committee is open to suggestions. Jay spoke with Bruce Holst and the difficulty obtaining DNA analysis. There will be a weevil meeting on November 22nd at Selby Gardens to discuss the weevil problem, FCBS member societies are welcome to attend.

FCBS Roster: will be due in March 2020.

Archives: Steve Provost announced that materials collected by Carolyn Schoenau were received and that Bruce Holst gave original photos used in BSI Journals. The digitization process is to start before the end of the year.

BSI news: Wes Schilling and Herb Plever died recently.

Greg Kolojeski and Marian Kennell: See attached handouts. Still looking for Chairs and volunteers.

New, first-time membership to BSI as of Nov 1st, \$15 for electronic BSI journal. Individual electronic \$25 and dual electronic \$35. Rates for printed journal still available. Must be a BSI member to register for WBC 2020. Hope to have 200 registrants.

Marian Kennell announced that Tom Ramiccio will be Chair of Publicity. She also asked how to do "In Memory of"—list of deceased in brochure, slide show presentation? What if member societies join together to host a lunch or early breakfast for the international guests (10-20 people), or make a raffle basket? Plants will be needed for judging too.

Jay Thurrott suggested a "meet & greet" held by the FCBS, there's no option for a cash bar at the hotel, hors d'oeuvres \$40/dozen and higher and there would be a 24% service charge. Greg Kolojeski asked about having it at another location in Sarasota. Discussion ensued. Unanimous vote agreeing to pay up to \$3,000 for some type of event hosted by the FCBS.

Each member society to purchase an ad in the WBC 2020 program.

Handouts:

WBC 2020 Open Chairs

Cash Register Setup Coordinator

Raffle Baskets

Welcome Chair

Exhibits and Displays

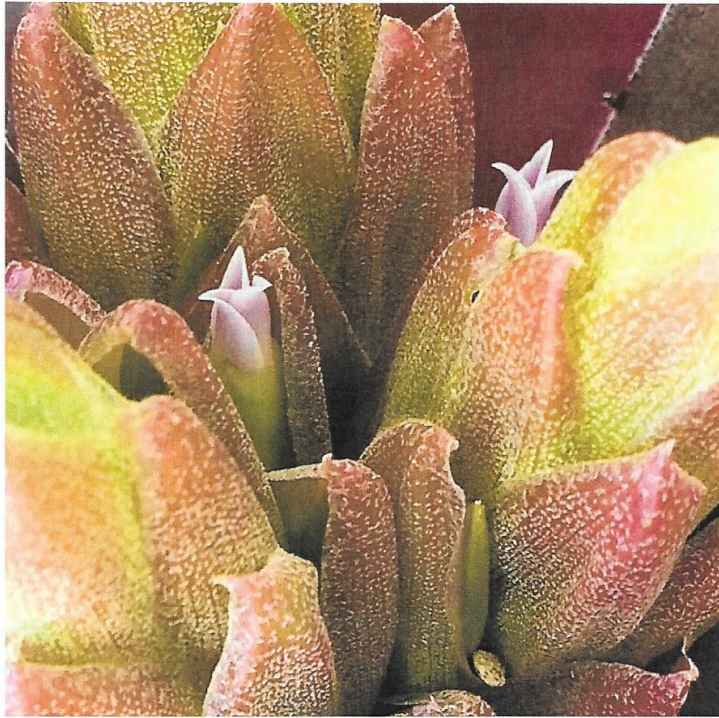
Audio Visual Coordinator

Security

Contact Info: WBC 2020 Conference Co-Chairs

Marian Kennell & Greg Kolojeski

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World Bromeliad Conference June 10-13, 2020 Hyatt Regency Sarasota

World Bromeliad Conference 2020

Join Bromeliad lovers from around the world at the Bromeliad Society International's 24th World Bromeliad Conference which will be held in Sarasota for the first time!

Attendees will have the opportunity to go behind the scenes at **Marie Selby Botanical Gardens** (with its collection of over 1300 Bromeliad species) and **Michael's Bromeliads** and **Tropiflora** with their collector-grade Bromeliads.

Mix and mingle with attendees from all over the world at the Hyatt Regency Sarasota with its beautiful waterfront setting and nearby fine dining, beaches, shopping, museums, and other sightseeing opportunities. Join us for the 70th anniversary of the **Bromeliad Society International** with this amazing opportunity to learn, grow and explore at the World Bromeliad Conference!

Speakers:

Elton Leme – Brazil
Eric Gouda – Netherlands
Ivon Ramirez – Mexico
Julian Aguirre-Santoro – Colombia
Graeme Barclay – New Zealand
Bruce Holst – Florida
Cristy Brenner – California
Jerry Rack – Ohio

Events:

Conference Opening/Reception
Judged Plant Show
A Huge Plant Sale
Optional Bus Tours
Behind-the-Scenes visits to:
Michael's Bromeliads
Tropiflora
Home Garden Visits
Guided Behind-the-Scenes Tour
Marie Selby Botanical Gardens
Banquet with Keynote Speaker
Rare Plant Sale & Auction



www.BSI.org

WBC 2020 Schedule

Tuesday, June 9, 2020 (pre-conference)
BSI Board Meeting, Judges School, and
Plant Show Entries

Wednesday, June 10, 2020

Morning:
Optional Bus Tour to **Michael's Bromeliads**
and a Home Garden Visit

Evening:
Official Conference Opening, Reception and
Welcome Address

All day:
Plant Show Judging

Thursday, June 11, 2020

Morning:
Optional Bus Tour to **Tropiflora**
and a Home Garden Visit

Afternoon:
Plant Sale Setup
Plant Show Open for registrants only

Late Afternoon:
Cocktail Reception

Evening:
Plant Sale Open for registrants only

Friday, June 12, 2020

Morning:
Bus Tour to **Marie Selby**
Botanical Gardens

Afternoon:
Four Speakers

Morning and Afternoon:
Plant Sale Open
Plant Show Open

Saturday, June 13, 2020

Morning and early afternoon:
Four Speakers

Morning and early afternoon:
Plant Sale Open
Plant Show Open

Evening:
Banquet with Keynote Speaker and
a Rare Plant Sale & Auction

More Information

For more information on WBC 2020,
just go to the BSI website at
<https://www.bsi.org> and click on the
WBC menu choice near the top.

After you register for the conference,
you can also make hotel reservations at
a special price with free parking and no
resort fees.

Conference Registration:

\$295 if paid by Dec. 31, 2019
\$335 in 2020 until May 26, 2020
\$395 at the conference

BSI Membership

To register for the conference, you need
to become a BSI member if you aren't
one already. Membership rates start at
only \$15 for first-time members.

Join the BSI at <https://www.bsi.org>. Start
by clicking on the **Big Show World**
Bromeliad Conference 2020 logo
and then select Make your reservation
now.

BSI MEMBERSHIP RATES			
Journal	First-Time Member	Indiv.	Dual
ONE-YEAR RATES			
Electronic Only	\$15	\$25	\$35
Printed Journal			
US Bulk	\$35	\$50	\$60
US First-Class	\$40	\$55	\$65
Int'l Air Mail	\$45	\$60	\$70
THREE-YEAR RATES			
Electronic Only	N/A	\$70	\$100
Printed Journal			
US Bulk	N/A	\$140	\$170
US First-Class	N/A	\$155	\$185
Int'l Air Mail	N/A	\$170	\$200

See you at WBC 2020 in June!

<http://theWBC2020.com>

70th Anniversary World Bromeliad Conference 2020

2020 Dates:	Tuesday June 9	Wednesday June 10	Thursday June 11	Friday June 12	Saturday June 13	Sunday June 14
Events:	<p><i>Continental Breakfast at Board meeting, 8:30-9:30</i></p> <p>Board Meeting, 9-5</p> <p><i>Boxed Lunch at Board meeting: 12-1</i></p> <p><i>Continental Breakfast at Judges school, 8:30-9:30</i></p> <p>Judges School, 8-5</p> <p><i>Boxed Lunch at the Judges school: 12-1</i></p> <p>Plant Show Entries, 4-9 PM</p> <p>Board Dinner, 6-8 Offsite</p>	<p>Bus Tour to Michael's Bromeliads and a local garden visit, 8:30-12</p> <p>Plant Show Entries (with prior approval), 8-9 AM</p> <p><i>Continental Breakfast at Show entries, 8:30-9:30</i></p> <p>Plant Show Judging, 9-5</p> <p><i>Boxed Lunch (for judges, clerks, and showroom volunteers): 12:30-1:30</i></p> <p>Official Conference Opening, Reception & Welcome Address, 6-7:30</p>	<p>Bus Tour to Tropiflora and a local garden visit, 9-12</p> <p>Awards Placement, 9-12</p> <p>Plant Sale Setup, 1-4</p> <p>Plant Show open for registrants only, 2-5</p> <p>Cocktail Reception, 5-6</p> <p>Early Admission to Plant Sale for Lottery Winners, 5:30-6:00</p> <p>Plant Sale open for registrants only, 6-8</p>	<p>Buses To Selby Gardens, 9-11:45</p> <p>Seminar 1, 1:00-2:00</p> <p>Seminar 2, 2:15-3:15</p> <p>Seminar 3, 3:30-4:30</p> <p>Seminar 4, 4:45-5:45</p> <p>Plant Sale open to public, 9-6</p> <p>Plant Show open to public, 9-6</p> <p>Evening: Open</p>	<p>Seminar 5, 8-9,</p> <p>Seminar 6, 9:15-10:15</p> <p>Seminar 7, 10:30-11:30</p> <p>Seminar 8, 1:00-2:00</p> <p>Plant Sale open to public, 9-3</p> <p>Plant Show open to public, 9-3</p> <p>Banquet with Keynote Speaker, Rare Plant Sale Auction, 6:30-10:30</p>	<p>Cryptanthus Society Meeting, 9-12</p>

Note: This tentative schedule is preliminary in nature and is subject to change.

Judge's School: Vicky Chirnside, second class on November 2nd.

Chairman Mike Saunders: Thanks to all that attended the Extravaganza 2019 and thanks to FWCB society for buying gift bags and their donation.

Old Business

Extravaganza 2019: Betsy McCrory reported that 157 registered for Extravaganza 2019, there were 2 refunds and 210 room nights booked at the hotel. Sales revenue was \$21,711.50. The raffle baskets made \$1,000. The Friday night plant sales earned \$9,000. Betsy McCrory reported that the net proceeds to FCBS was \$4,085.78. Mike Saunders advised of the need to look at 2019 FCBS Rare Plant auction procedure & set up guidelines & post on website so all can be aware of auction protocol.

New Business

- a. BSI mailing for 2020 World Conference/Greg Kolojeski: will be sent to "Minute Man". BSI will pay for it. Unanimous approval.
- b. FCBS Facebook page/Greg Kolojeski: looks dormant. Nothing posted in the last 7 years, 863 followers. A silent and free advertising site. Greg willing to serve as additional site administrator. Unanimous approval.
Mike Saunders will discuss with Karen Andreas.
- c. Dropbox link cost: \$119.88/year. Unanimous approval to pay the fee.

Updates and news from Member Societies.

Next meeting February 22, 2020 by the FECBS.

2020 Officer rotation: Chair—Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay
Vice-Chair-Sarasota Bromeliad Society
Secretary- Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society

Gift BSPB Shirt to Mike Saunders from the BSPB/Tom Ramiccio & Nick Bethmann for all his service.



Meeting adjourned at 2:55pm.

Respectfully scribed, Sandy Burnett, Secretary

