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Next Meeting: Monday, February 28, 2005

6:30 pm Refreshments

Where: Leu Gardens, 1920 N. Forest Ave. Orlando

7:00 pm Meeting Starts

This Month's Speaker: Tom Broome **About Our Speaker:** In 1986 Tom Broome started a nursery and landscape company called ' B&B Landscape and Nursery'. Tom started collecting rare cycads in 1988 and the year after got serious and started buying multiple cycads to use for breeding colonies. In 2000, Tom went full time to the nursery, and changed the name to The Cycad Jungle. Tom has been president of The Central Florida Palm and Cycad Society, and is currently the central VP of the CFPACS. Tom is currently the president of the Cycad Society, which is world wide with members in 20 countries. Tom has been growing Dyckias for 10 years and has amassed a collection of unusual ones and also a few of the more cold hardy species which he uses in the landscape.

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Raffle Plants: All Members

Show & Tell: All Members

Refreshments: I - O

President's Message

Karen Andreas

Springtime is a busy season for bromeliad people! The Leu Gardens Sale is the first weekend in March and our society will be selling bromeliads there. Look for the sale rules in this issue of our newsletter. Please volunteer to help at our booth. It's an opportunity to attract new members as well as sell your extra bromeliads! Remember to let Bob Stevens or Butch Force know if you are going to sell. They need to know by our February meeting. What a treat to spend a weekend at beautiful Leu Gardens!

Seminole Bromeliad Society and Blossom World will be holding the fifth annual Bromeliad Bonanza on March 13; Tampa has its show and sale March 18-20; and Gainesville Bromeliad Society participates in the Kanapaha Gardens Spring Sale. Looking forward to April, Tropiflora has its annual spring open house the first weekend of the month; Seminole has its Spring Show and Sale on the 16-17; and South Florida has its annual show and sale on April 23 and 24. Before you know it, May will be here with our own annual show and sale!

It is with great pleasure that I announce that the Bromeliad Society of Central Florida has applied for Affiliate Membership with the Florida Federated Garden Clubs. For a \$25 annual membership fee, we will be listed in their roster of members, have our events promoted through their publication and be available as a bromeliad resource for garden clubs throughout the state. It's great exposure for our society and an opportunity to affiliate with more plant people!

I hope you are enjoying our improving weather. It's time to get out in the gardens again!

Out & About with Pam Flesher

March 5, BSI Judges School – contact Betty Ann Prevatt for information. Ft. Myers

March 5 & 6, Leu Gardens Annual Plant Sale

1920 N. Forest Ave., Orlando, FL 32803 Phone: 407-246-2620, www.leugardens.org
Free Admission Hours: Both days 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. except for early admission on Saturday at 8:00 a.m. for Leu Garden Members only. Our society will have a booth and members are encouraged to participate. More information will be at the meeting and in the newsletter.

March 13, 5th ANNUAL BROMELIAD BONANZA: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Blossom World Gardens, 1405 Pine Way Drive, Sanford. There will be bromeliads on display, plants for sale and educational exhibits. A Silent Auction will feature many unusual bromeliads and books and pamphlets dealing with bromeliad culture. Two seminars at 11 AM & 2 PM. For more information contact: Bud Martin 321-363-7351 or Sudi Hipsley 352-504-6162.

March 17-20, 50th Annual Everybody's Flower Show

Florida East Coast will have a bromeliad display. Ocean Center, Daytona Beach

March 18 -19, Gainesville Bromeliad Society

Kanapaha Gardens Spring Sale,
Gainesville will have its bromeliad sale at this event.

March 18, 19, & 20, "Bromeliads and All That Jazz"

Bromeliad Show, Sale, & Rare Plant Auction, presented by the Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay, Inc. Location: The Tampa Garden Center, 2629 Bayshore Blvd., Tampa, FL Free Admission to Show & Sale Hours: Friday 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Banquet & Rare Plant Auction at 7:00 p.m. (Reservations required \$19.00 per person) Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information contact: Tom Wolfe, Show Chairman, Cell: 813-391-1542 or e-mail: bromeliadsociety@juno.com

March 19 & 20, Spring Plant Fair

Marie Selby Gardens, 811 South Palm Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34236
Phone: 941-366-5731 www.selby.org Hours: Both days 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Admission Special: \$6.00 (Early admission for members only at 9:00 a.m. on March 19.)

March 26 & 27, Orchid & Bromeliad Expo & Sale

Hours: Both days: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission: \$12 adults, \$6 children (4-11)
Location: Flamingo Gardens 3750 S. Flamingo Road, Davie, FL 33330-1614 From I-95 North or South. Take I-595 West to Flamingo Road. (Exit #1B) Turn South for 3 miles on Flamingo Road. For More Information: Call (954) 473-2955

Welcome New Members

Jerri Wiesenfeld-Jacksonville FL
Edward & Elizabeth King-Titusville FL
Will & Georgia Orser-Apopka FL
Vince Navarra & Don McCormick-Orlando FL
Gary Signs-Orlando FL

Welcome Back:

Mary Ann & John Gilbert-Winter Park FL

MINUTES OF MEETING BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

January 24, 2005

President Karen Andreas called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Karen wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Announcements: It is time to pay Annual Dues. Supply Store open; hangers are on backorder. Bromeliad Field Guides-Card Packs are \$5.00 each. Cultural Manuals are \$2.00 for members, non-members \$3.00. Flyers are available for Tampa Sale and Show in March.

Karen recognized new members: Ed and Elizabeth King from Brevard County; Vince Navarra, Steven Wagner's guest. Introduced visitor: Jack Peachey from Fruitland Park.

Member Shirley Massey passed away on January 21. The BSCF board of directors authorized a donation in her name from the society.

Karen Andreas recognized new officers for 2005: Karen Andreas, president; Bob Stevens, vice president; Betsy McCrory, treasurer; Quylless Force, secretary.

Show and Tell was conducted by Ed Hall and Bob Stevens.

Ed and Nancy Hall, members since 1970s, are selling their collection on February 5, from 9 am until? Ed and Nancy are moving to Georgia.

Karen introduced our guest speaker, Tom Wolfe. Tom joined Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay in 1965. He served 14 years on BSI Board; served 6 years as president of BSI; and chaired the 1992 World Conference. Due to Tom's efforts, Selby Gardens will ultimately be designated World Headquarters for BSI.

Tom presented an interesting lecture on miniature Neoregelias with beautiful plants to show and sell.

There was a 10 minute break.

Karen called for meeting to resume. Bob Stevens announced the winners of the Silent Auction.

Old Business

There were no minutes for December due to Holiday Party. Thanks to Carmen Morgan and Carmen Blanco for putting together a great feast. Thanks also to Eloise for bringing the microwave and Betsy for the coffee pot and coffee. If you would like to share recipes, please submit them for publication in the newsletter.

The Audit Committee: Sue Rhoads and Kathy Phinney have completed the audit for 2004. Sue submitted a letter that the audit was completed and that all is in order.

Treasurer's Report: Betsy McCrory announced Profit and Loss Statement is available on back table with the proposed budget for 2005. Betsy reported December checking account balance of \$313.00, money market balance of \$12,493.50 and cash balance of \$35.00 for a total of \$12,841.50. There was a loss because of the Florida Mall Charges for the Mother's Day Show. Orlando Fashion Square is not charging us a fee. Copy of Report was given to Secretary.

Freeze Cloth 25'x50' \$21 is available in back.

Karen said that approximately 15 people attended the field trip to Michael Kiel's. She thanked Steven Wagner for arranging it.

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Bromeliad People From Around the World, Penrith Goff

by Steven Wagner



South East Michigan is a long way from the native habitat of many Bromeliads from tropical South America. The distance of miles and different weather conditions has not stopped the travel of Bromeliads to the northern states. Not only will you find Bromeliads being grown in Michigan, you may be surprised to learn that the Great Lake State has a Bromeliad Society. Penrith Goff is the President of The South East Michigan Bromeliad Society. The talented Mr. Goff is also the Editor of his society's newsletter. This interest in Bromeliads began when Penrith was a young boy and came across the occasional article in garden magazines.

The S. E. Michigan Bromeliad Society was founded in the mid-1970's. At that time most of the members lived in or near Detroit. At present, most of the forty society members are widely dispersed in the metro area. To compromise, the meetings are held in different locations each month. Some members will find the

meeting conveniently close to home. Other members will find the location too far away to travel. The S. E. Michigan Bromeliad Society holds its annual show and sale at the [Matthaei Botanical Gardens](#).

Penrith and his wife Ingeborg have been married since 1962. They live in Northville, Michigan, which is 30 miles west of Detroit.

Mr. Goff grows in a 9' x 22' lean-to greenhouse. Weather is the first and foremost challenge. At the beginning of the growing season, the Michigan temperature can rise and then plummet, keeping Bromeliad growers on guard. All this is repeated at the end of the growing season, Mother Nature's reminder that winter is on the way.

During the winter season, it is not unusual for the sun to make an appearance only one or two days a week. After weeks of winter clouds, the sun came out and burned a *Neophytum* which Penrith had grown in full sun all summer long.

When asked what Mr. Goff enjoys about bromeliads his reply was, "I enjoy the endless range of plant form and architecture, the incredible color, and the drama of the blooming process, the fact that--being so temperature tolerant, and free of pests and diseases--they are very easy to take care of. I enjoy the fact that, regardless of season, there are always things in bloom, and that very many bromeliads are strikingly beautiful plants even when not in bloom. I am also constantly amazed at their dogged insistence on surviving."

Penrith's other hobbies include gardening, drawing, lecturing to garden clubs, volunteer work on the bromeliad collections at the Detroit conservatory and at Matthaei Botanical Gardens.

On the cover of each month's S. E. Michigan Bromeliad Societies newsletter is original artwork by Penrith. He has been kind enough to share his drawings of *Aechmea Orlandiana* 'Ensign', and *Cryptanthus* 'Anne Collins' with us. ☞



Farewell to Ed & Nancy Hall

Life Members Ed and Nancy Hall are moving to Macon, Georgia. Ed and Nancy have been married for 47 years. They were introduced to bromeliads by Nancy's mother shortly after moving here in 1969

A 16' x 20' commercially manufactured green house will be erected in Ed and Nancy's new yard. Several hundred bromeliads, just part of their collection will be moving into the green house.

Besides housing the Halls' amazing award winning bromeliad collection, the green house will be used to start vegetable plants from seed, and store some tropical plants used for interior scape.



Nancy & Ed in their garden, photo taken by Shawn Shamrock

Some of Nancy and Ed's favorite memories, of The Central Florida Bromeliad Society are; the early bromeliad displays they created at the Winter Park Mall orchid Shows, the two World Bromeliad Conferences and the two Extravaganzas hosted by BSCF. They were hard work that resulted in a lot of great memories. Last but not least, the friends they made from being active members in the society.

While the Hall's will not be able to have a tropical

garden similar to the one at their Florida home, they are anxious to have a chance to grow many of the more temperate plants such as iris.

Nancy's warm smile, Ed's sense of humor, and the plant knowledge they share with members will be greatly missed! ☞

BSCF PLANT SALE RULES – Leu Gardens Sale - March 5 and 6, 2005

1. **You must sign up by February 28** if you want to sell at this event. Contact Bob Stevens at 352-516-2710/stevensbobl@aol.com or Butch Force at 407-886-4814/LForce6766@aol.com. Confirm your BSCF Membership/ID number and the approximate times you will be working in the Sales Booth.

Sale Hours: Saturday, March 5 8:00 AM-5:00 PM (setup Friday by 7:00 PM)
Sunday, March 6 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

2. Everyone who sells plants MUST:

- A. Be a member in good standing of BSCF as of March 1, 2005;
- B. Abide by these Sale Rules;
- C. Work in the Sales Booth during sale hours: At least 4 hours (50 or fewer sale plants)
At least 8 hours (51 or more sale plants)

(You do not have to work the entire time yourself if you designate someone else to work in your place.)

ANYONE FAILING TO SATISFY THE ABOVE WORK REQUIREMENT WILL FORFEIT AN ADDITIONAL 25% OF HIS OR HER GROSS SALES.

3. Only bromeliads may be sold by members. Only the Society may sell books, mounting materials, pots and other items.

4. Set up will be Friday afternoon, March 4 by 7:00 PM. You may be able to bring in plants before 7:45 AM Saturday morning. There is no limit to the number of plants you may bring, but please be courteous to others. SPACE IS LIMITED. You must furnish your own table, if desired. You should also plan to display part of your plants on the ground.

5. **25% of your gross sales will be deducted as a donation to BSCF.** Florida sales tax will be collected from the customers.

6. **Plants must be priced in EVEN DOLLARS.** The minimum price shall be \$1.00. Plants should be priced and labeled BEFORE they are brought to the sale.

7. **Your BSCF Membership Number will be your seller ID number.**

8. All plants must be CLEARLY marked with two labels:

- A. Label with PRICE and ID number on the SAME side of label;
- B. Label with correct plant name (stays with plant).

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Sellers are strongly urged to affix a small, self-adhesive PRICE STICKER prominently on a leaf. Plants usually sell faster when the price is easily seen.

9. Plants must be clean and in good condition, free from insect and disease. Potted plants should be well rooted, and pots should be cleaned. You may also sell mounted or bare root plants, but labels must be secure. Bare roots with spoil attached should be bagged for neatness. (Bring some empty pots or boxes for displaying bare root plants.) Questionable plants will be removed from the sale by the Sale Chairman. Plants will be inspected by the State.

10. **Members are encouraged to DONATE plants in good condition for the sale.** Label them as described above and simply write "BSCF" instead of an ID number.

11. Plants not claimed by 5:00 PM on Sunday, March 6, will be considered a donation to BSCF. Reasonable care will be taken, but the Bromeliad Society of Central Florida cannot assume any responsibility for loss or damage to your plants.

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New Business

Board had meeting in January to make plans for the year.

Budget prepared for 2005.

Bylaws: Mailed with February Newsletter which includes changes. Please review and these will be approved in March Meeting.

Received thank you from James Mahler's family for donation to Cancer Society and to the BSI in his name.

BSI Membership: Karen is conducting a study to find out why people do or do not belong. Renew yes/no, why?

Response: Butch Force, "Most of information is over the head of majority of bromeliad enthusiasts" "Would like more articles on how to grow, care, etc".

Response: Eloise Beach "Timeliness. Journal is so far behind. Makes it hard to promote to someone to join".

Karen commented on What Do They Do for US (Society/Members):

Membership Tool; Scientists must put in accredited publications to be discussed, reviewed; Affiliated Societies get things: Accredited Shows; Agreed on Standards; BSI approves; Obtain for No Charge, show awards and entry tags at low cost.

BSI needs to go beyond that to provide members with layman information on growing supplies, travel logs, growing information, etc.

If you have any input please give it to Karen. Tom Wolfe said he has heard this for years, but this information does not get to the editor.

Karen will advise as study progresses.

Leu Garden Sale: Bob Stevens and Butch Force are Co-Chairmen on this show. Contact them if you plan to be selling plants in the 2005 show. Bring your own tables and chairs. Setup early. Cannot get into the grounds close to show time. Dates are March 5th and 6th. Saturday 8-5 and Sunday 9-5. Setup is Friday. Parking is limited. General membership can help by bagging plants and talking about plants. February Meeting is deadline to notify Bob or Butch to sell.

Mother's Day Sale: We are changing location to Orlando Fashion Square Mall located on E. Hwy 50. There will be no charge for tables, space or skirts provided by mall. Betsy McCrory and Karen Andreas are chairmen for Show.

Speakers: Bob Stevens announced in February Tom Broom from Tampa with do presentation on fertilizer. He mixes his own fertilizer and will be selling. He specializes in Dykia which are cold tolerant.

Special Announcement: Eloise Beach "Plant rescue for Bill Frase, who died" "Selling property and anyone interested in free plants, must dig, please see her for address & details".

Door Prize tickets were drawn. Raffle tickets were called and plants claimed.

Meeting adjourned by Karen Andreas at 8:45 pm.

The Bromeliad Society of Central Florida, Inc. was formed in 1972 to encourage the exchange of information concerning the culture, identification and hybridization of the plant family *Bromeliaceae*; to promote & maintain public interest in bromeliads and to assist in the preservation of all bromeliads for future generations.



Meetings are held the 4th Monday of every month from 7-9 PM at Harry P. Leu Gardens, 1920 N. Forest Avenue in Orlando. For directions: 407.246.2620 or www.leugardens.org. You'll enjoy informative programs, Show & Tell, plant sales, refreshments & door prizes. Members also receive a monthly newsletter — all for only \$10 per member, plus \$2 per additional family member (no charge for full-time students). Visitors are always welcome.



BSCF is an affiliate of the Bromeliad Society International, Inc. and a member of the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies, Inc. and the Cryptanthus Society.

BSCF is a nonprofit Florida corporation recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) organization. Donations to this society are tax deductible in accordance with IRS regulations.



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Don't forget to bring a plant for the raffle table