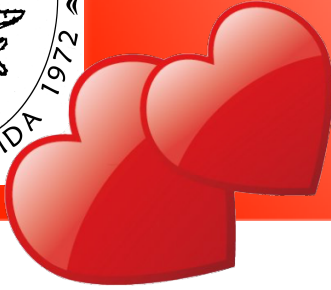




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**Newsletter of the
Bromeliad Society of Central Florida**

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Next meeting: Wednesday, February 17, 2021

Where: Leu Gardens, 1920 N. Forest Avenue, Orlando, FL 32803

6:30 –7:00 is pre-meeting time for purchasing plants from our guest speaker

Meeting officially begins at 7:00 pm

Please bring a snack, raffle/door prize plants, and show & tell plants to the meeting. Please try to label your raffle and door prize plants, even if you can only write something such as "unknown Aechmea hybrid", every little bit helps the members who are trying to learn about different types of bromeliads! Plants should be clean and insect free.

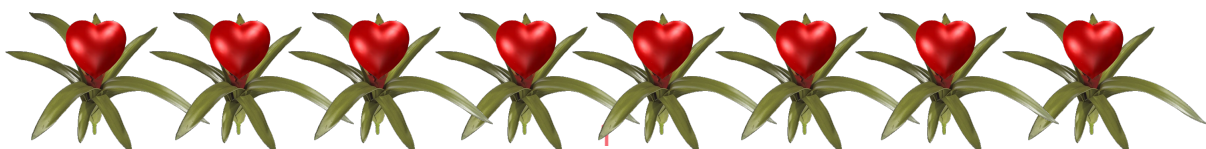
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Visit the Bromeliad Society of Central Florida Website at:

www.bromeliadorslando.com

You will find an activities page that lists our speakers for upcoming meetings, downloadable copies of newsletters, plant photos, a map to Leu Gardens, and more! This is a great place for the public to find out about our Society or send us a message. Check it out!



The President's Message

A fabulous February to all. We have certainly had quite a variety of temperatures this month and it isn't half over. Hopefully we will be getting more rain soon.

Our big plant sale at Leu Gardens will be Saturday, March 13 and Sunday, March 14, 9 am - 5 pm on both days. Admission to Leu Gardens is free. Face coverings are required as well as social distancing. This sale is one of our two big fundraisers for the year. Our Society receives 20% of each plant sold. All members can sell bromeliads, and only bromeliads, during the sale. Just make sure they are clean and disease/pest free. Our Society will handle all the sales and tax collection. And if you decide not to sell, you can certainly attend and find new additions for your bromeliad collection.

If you are interested in selling plants, please email Evan McCrory, s15stinger@gmail.com, by March 1. Set up will be on Friday, March 12. You are responsible for tables and tents for our spot in the sale. We will discuss details at the February meeting.

Leanne has agreed to serve again as treasurer this year. Thank you Leanne, and we are grateful. We still need a secretary for our Society. If we are going to continue operating as the Bromeliad Society of Central Florida, we need to have volunteers serve as officers. Cathy has generously filled in the last couple of meetings. And I would like to thank her for her help. But we need to permanently fill the position at the February meeting.

Our February meeting has two of our own demonstrating how to get bromeliads ready for our Mother's Day Show and Sale. All members are eligible to submit bromeliads for judging in the show. Thanks John and Pam for your time and knowledge.

See everyone at the February meeting.
Mike



April Minutes

Meeting Minutes – January 20, 2021 Bromeliad Society of Central Florida

Meeting started approximately 8:10 p.m.

Vice President Marilyn Howser's Report

December 16, 2020 Meeting – Cancelled.

Next BSCF meeting will be on February 17, 2021. Pam Marion and John Boardman, Members of the BSCF, will be speaking on, "How to Prepare Plants for the Mother's Day Sale."



President Mike Saunders' Report

November 2020 minutes were approved.

Thank you to Steve Byram, Vice-President of the Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay, for presenting, "Bromeliads 101," at tonight's meeting.

- Thank you to all who brought door prize and raffle items.
- A big thanks to all for the food items.
- Thank you to members who brought plants for sale at tonight's Members' Market.
- New Member – Liesel Haws was introduced to the group.

Treasurer's Report:

Mike Saunders gave the Treasurer's Report in Leanne's absence.

Financial report will be filed for audit.

- **No old business.**
- **New business:**
- The Leu Gardens plant sale will be on Saturday, March 13, and Sunday, March 14, 2021. Friday, March 12, 2021, is set up day. Any members are eligible to sell. 80/20 Member/Society split on sales. Evan McCrory is in charge of sales.

BSCF annual membership dues are due for 2021. \$15 per individual; an additional \$5 for another member of the household. Please pay your dues. BSCF Elections – Motion by John Boardman with multiple seconds to re-elect Mike Saunders as President and Marilyn Howser as Vice President. A Secretary and a Treasurer are needed. Pam Marion is the Librarian.

Announcements:

- Mike Saunders - The World Bromeliad Conference (WBC) is scheduled for June 9 to 13, 2021, in Sarasota, Florida. Visit bsi.org for more information. Registration fee is \$315 before March 31, 2021. There will be a rare plant auction at the WBC, and there will be a plant sale on Friday and Saturday which will be open to the public. Registrants will be able to attend the private sale on Thursday night.
- Mike Saunders – The BSCF website is bromeliadorslando.com. Please send articles and/or photos to Mike, Marilyn, or John.
- Mike Saunders - Reminder of the Mother's Day weekend sale and show.

Show and Tell – Members presented various interesting plants. Places to obtain supplies Tropical Plant Products on Mercy Drive and Hicks Orchids & Supplies.

Door Prizes and Raffle Tickets were drawn. *Thank you to everyone who contributed to the tables and purchased raffle tickets!*

The meeting concluded at approximately 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Cathy Schubert

Upcoming Events

ROB BRANCH TROPICAL GARDENS FEBRUARY 2021 Garden Sale

The Garden will be open on Saturday, February 13th from 9AM – 3PM at 1315 38th Street, Sarasota.

Faith will be selling her rare Palms and other exotic plants. Betsy will have many Heliconias and other flowering & edible plants. David Ugucoini will have a rare collection of mounted bromeliads and other epiphytic plants. Gary Lute will be replacing Kathryn who sold staghorns; he will have a variety of rhipsalis and other succulent plants. I will have bromeliads – many adapted to full sun, aroids will be plentiful, along with orchids and many other exotic plants and trees that I grow.

Parking is always limited – so please consider coming together with friends instead of driving alone. BE CAREFUL NOT TO BLOCK DRIVEWAYS when parking your car. Overflow parking on Myrtle Ave.



MASKS / FACE GUARDS WILL BE MANDATORY

**Hand Sanitizer wipes will be available as you enter and exit the garden.*

Cash or check only please. We are not able to accept credit cards. Pay each vendor separately.

Thank you in advance for being conscientious and courteous.



Leu Gardens Annual Plant Sale

*Saturday, March 13, 2021
9 AM to 5 PM and
Sunday, March 14, 2021
9 AM to 5 PM*

[Leu Gardens Plant Sale](#)

1920 N. Forest Ave.
Orlando, FL 32803



The **Bromeliad Society of Central Florida** will have a booth with a large selection of great Bromeliads.

Bromeliad Society of Central Florida Annual Mother's Day Show and Sale

*May 7th to 9th, 2021
10 AM to 9 PM, Friday and Saturday
11 AM to 6 PM, Sunday*

[Fashion Square Mall](#)

3201 E. Colonial Dr.
Orlando, FL 32803

The **Bromeliad Society of Central Florida** has had a plant show and sale for many years on Mother's Day weekend.

World Bromeliad Conference 2021

June 9–12, 2021 - Sarasota, Florida

For more information check here:

<https://www.bsi.org/new/world-bromeliad-conference-registration/>



Signup for BSI
Membership
& Register for
WBC 2021

Vice Presidents Comments

Hi all

Just a reminder the next Bromeliad Society of Central FL meeting will be Feb. 17th, Please bring clean bromeliads for the door prize table and for the raffle table. If you're a new member and don't have broms to bring that is fine. We'll help you build your collection. If you have a special brom please feel free to bring it for the show and tell table. Also bring a snack to share for the food table.

We still have face shields if you would like one. They are \$1.50 and please bring the correct amount of money. No change will be available.

Hope to see you all then

🍌 Marilyn

Speakers

John Boardman and Pam Marion will be the speakers and will be talking about how to prepare your bromeliads for the Mother's Day Show. If you're a new member and have no idea what I'm talking about you sure will. John and Pam put on a fun program. John will be bringing broms to sell.





John Boardman started collecting bromeliads in 1982 after winning several bromeliads on a public television auction. He joined the Bromeliad Society of Central FL in 1990 and became active in showing bromeliads. Over the years John has served as Pres & VP.

At the 2002 World Bromeliad Conference in Saint Petersburg FL, he won Best Neoregelia with a mounted multiple of Neoregelia 'Ronald'. Years later he became an accredited Bromeliad Society International Master Judge.

John's favorite genus is Neoregelia for the amazing colors and patterns on the foliage. He grows bromeliads in Saint Cloud FL under a 35' x 30' greenhouse, also growing many different genera, but his favorite is growing variegated Neoregelias.

Pam joined the Bromeliad Society of Central FL in 1996.

Pam has held the following positions in the society: Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor and participated as a judges clerk at Mother's Day Bromeliad Shows.

She enjoys growing Tillandsias, Neoregelias, Vrieseas, Guzmanias and Cryptanthus as indoor and outdoor plants. Entering her first bromeliad show with Tillandsia fasciculata mounted on wood, she won Best Novice Division.

2021 Bromeliad Society of Central Florida MEMBERSHIP FORM

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

____ NEW MEMBER ____ RENEWAL

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City, State Zip +4 _____

Phone /Email _____

\$15 for first member, plus \$5 per each additional family member at the same address. Name Badges \$7 per member, if desired. Please check ____ if you would like a name badge ordered for you.

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____ Make checks payable to BSCF MAIL TO: **Bromeliad Society of Central Florida, PO Box 536961 Orlando, FL 32853-6961. Or bring to the January meeting.**

Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of every month, from 6:30-9:00 pm (buy plants from the speaker between 6:30-7pm) at Leu Gardens, 1920 N Forest Ave, Orlando, FL 32803. You'll enjoy informative programs, Show & Tell, plant sales, refreshments, and door prizes. Members also receive a newsletter. Please come join us!

Treasurer: Date _____ Check # _____ Cash _____

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