



# Orlandiana

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Next Meeting: Monday, March 28, 2005

6:30 pm Refreshments, Members P - Z

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

7:00 pm Meeting Starts

No Member Market this month

This Month's Speaker: John Russell of Russell's Bromeliads in Sanford, Florida will be speaking at the March meeting. John and his wife Jimye Kaye specialize in the Genus *Tillandsia*.

John has been on numerous plant collecting trips to Central and South America.

John will be discussing *Tillandsia* growing methods and mounting techniques.

Mr. Russell will have plants available for purchase.

## President's Message

I am cautiously optimistic that spring is in the air and soon the chilly days will be behind us! March was off to a great start with the Leu Gardens Sale. BSCF had brisk sales and a lot of people interested in learning about bromeliads. A big thank you to everyone who worked this event!

Our next big event is the annual Mothers Day Show and Sale, held May 6, 7 and 8 at a new location – Orlando Fashion Square Mall. I am pleased to announce that there will be a new show category this year. George Aldrich, Judges Chairman, suggested that we included a category for original bromeliad art. There was some tremendous art at last summer's World Conference show - quilts, rugs, stained glass, woodwork, and watercolors were entered. Details will be available at our meeting this month.

This month's program is by our long-time friend John Russell, owner of Russell's Bromeliads in Sanford. John always offers plenty of information, served with some good humor and fun. He will be showing how to mount *Tillandsias* – it's a program you don't want to miss!

See you Monday night!

**Karen Andreas**

# MINUTES OF MEETING

## BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA February 28, 2005

President Karen Andreas called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Announcements: Karen reminded everyone to sign in and obtain your door prize tickets. It's time to pay Annual Dues. Supply Store was open. Seedlings were available from the greenhouse of our late member, Jim Mahler. Bromeliad Field Guides and Cultural Manuals are available for sale.

Karen welcomed guests Wanda Hansen, Jay Maxwell and Steve Abele. Get well wishes go out to members Butch Force and Jingo Lutz.

SHOW & TELL: Karen Andreas conducted show and tell with one bromeliad brought by Quyless Force.

Bob Stevens could not be present because of work. Karen introduced Tom Broome whose program was about Cycads and Dyckias.

After a 10 minute break, Karen called the meeting back to order. Carmen Morgan was the winner of both silent auction plants.

OLD BUSINESS:

MINUTES: There were no changes to minutes. Betty Salvas made motion and Dotty Mahler seconded; the minutes were approved as published.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Betsy McCrory announced a copy of report is on back table if anyone would like a copy. We received \$492.00 and dispursed \$643.00 for a balance of \$161.12. Money market fund received \$8.42 interest with a balance of \$12,501.92. Cash on hand is \$35.00. Grand total of assets is \$12,698.04. Copy of report given to secretary to be included with minutes.

John Boardman asked if there is any interest in more cork, hangers, or other supplies needed for care of Bromeliads. Thanks to John Boardman for manning the store and to Eloise and Jim for pickup and delivery of the supplies for the store.

LEU GARDEN SALE is March 5 and 6. There is a sign up sheet going around for members to help sell plants, etc.

MOTHER'S DAY SALE will be in May. Chairmen are needed for Hospitality (coordinate and provide snacks and drinks for judges and clerks) Security (keep an eye on plants for judging) and for Entries (during the setup Friday night to make sure plants get in the proper category.) Flyers are available for this show and will be available for next two months. This Show and Sale is being held at Orlando Fashion Square Mall on East Colonial Drive.

### NEW BUSINESS

Mary Ann Utegg, Horticultural Exhibit Superintendent for Central Florida Fair contacted the Society to solicit a member who is willing to setup a table one night at the fair and talk about bromeliads. Carmen Morgan volunteered.

BSCF is now an affiliate member with the Florida Federation of Garden Club. We will have a listing in their membership directory and they will advertise our events. Affiliate Membership costs \$25.00.

Upcoming Programs: Check your newsletter for information.

Recognized two new members who joined during meeting: Wanda Hansen and John Barnes.

There was no additional New Business.

Drawing for door prize and raffle plants was held.

Meeting adjourned.

## **Out & About with Pam Flesher**

### **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

### **April 2, Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society**

Half day Master Gardener Sale, Volusia County Fairgrounds in Deland  
9:00 AM – Noon

### **April 2 & 3, Bromeliad Society of Broward County Biennial Show & Sale**

Hours: Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission: Free.  
Location: International Fishing Hall of Fame, Dania Beach, FL  
For more information call Ann Schandelmayer at 954-583-1124

### **April 2 & 3, Orchid Show & Sale**

"Golden Treasures" 50th Anniversary Show presented by the Central Florida Orchid Society  
Admission \$3.00 Hours: Both days 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Free Parking Location: Central Florida Fairgrounds Expo Hall, 4603 W. Colonial Dr. (Hwy 50), Orlando, FL  
<http://www.cflorchidsociety.org>

### **April 9 & 10, The 17th Annual Spring Plant Festival**

70 vendors including local plant clubs and societies, commercial growers from all over the state selling plants and plant related items, botanical illustration class student exhibit, free lectures and more. Also visit the Garden Plant Shop and Book Store. Admission: \$3.00 (USFBG members and children under 12 free)  
Hours: Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Free Parking. Location: University of South Florida Botanical Garden, 4202 E. Fowler Ave., SCA 238, Tampa, FL 33620-5150 Phone: 813-974-2329 <http://www.cas.usf.edu/garden/>

### **April 24 & 25, Bromeliad Show & Sale**

Presented by the Bromeliad Society of South Florida Location: Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Rd, Coral Gables, FL 33156 Phone 305-667-1651 [www.ftbg.org](http://www.ftbg.org) Hours: Both Days 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission to the Garden & Show: \$10 Adults, \$9 Seniors 65 and older, \$5 Children 3-12, and free for members and children under 3.

### **MAY 6, 7, & 8 BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA ANNUAL SHOW & SALE**

Mother's Day Weekend New Location: Fashion Square Mall, Orlando, FL More details to follow in upcoming newsletters and at the meetings. Volunteers needed.

## **For Those Feeling a little Wilted or Under the Bench**

Get well cards sent to Butch Force and Jingle Lutz.

## **Welcome New Members**

John Barnes - Orlando  
Wanda Hansen - Orlando  
Sue Price - Winter Park

## Quesnelia

### By Karen Andreas

*Quesnelia* is a great bromeliad for the Florida landscape. Its various sizes, variation in inflorescences, and stoloniferous growth add interest to a collection even when the bromeliad is not in bloom. There are approximately 16 species in this genus; *Quesnelia* is definitely a bromeliad that deserves a closer look.

This genus was named for M. Quesnel, the French consul to French Guyana who first introduced this bromeliad to Europe. It is found in the central coastal regions of Brazil where it grows up to the ocean, on rocks, in pastureland and in coastal mountains. Coastal *Quesnelias* tend to be medium to large in size with brilliant pink inflorescences. Species that grow epiphytically (as air plants) in coastal mountains tend to be small, tubular species that often resemble *Billbergias*. The inflorescence is short-lived – about two weeks. While *Quesnelia* grows best in bright light to full sun, it can tolerate lower light conditions.



Generally members of this genus have spiny leaves, although the severity of those spines varies. Use spines to identify *Q. testudo*: the true *testudo* will have spines on its lower scape leaves (see picture). If those spines are not present, it is not *testudo*. It may be *Q. quesneliana*.

Give the larger varieties such as *Q. testudo* plenty of room. They grow vigorously and you will have a clump in no time. The smaller *Quesnelia* does quite well mounted, growing in baskets, or planted at a base of a tree, which it will climb.

*Q. humilis* is a smaller member of this genus (8-10 inches high). Its bright red inflorescence holds flowers that Steens describes as "orange at the base, shading to bright red and then tipped with purple." It is a vigorous grower, growing stoloniferously (the new pup is on a stem-like growth – or stolon).

*Q. imbricata*, in habitat, is epiphytic (an "air plant"), saxicolous (grows on rocks) and terrestrial (grows in soil or on the ground). Its orange-red inflorescence stays in color for up to a month. When grown in full sun, its leaves turn a bronze color.



*Q. liboniana* grows on trees and rocks. Its flowers are dramatic - navy blue and orange-red.

*Q. marmorata* pups with short stolons, making it idea for mounting or cascading out of a pot. Its leaves are green with brown or deep maroon blotches. Padilla reports a fruity scent emanating from the center of the plant prior to it blooming.



*Q. quesneliana* grows mainly as a terrestrial bromeliad in sand by the edge of the ocean but is also found on trees in open pastureland. Grow in bright filtered light for compact growth. Williams reports that it is one of those bromeliads that needs to throw a couple of pups before it will bloom, so do not remove the pups right away.

*Q. 'Tim Plowman'* is a popular cultivar of *Q. marmorata*. Its known for its tall, upright leaves that curl at the top. Do not overwater this *Quesnelia* and make sure it is not in wet or soggy soil – its curls will straighten!

More pictures are available at the Bromeliad Encyclopedia, the web site of the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies. Go to <http://fcbs.org>, then to the Photo Index.

Next time you meet a *Quesnelia*, take it home!



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## PLANT SALE RULES – Orlando Fashion Square - 2005

1. The Plant Sale Chairmen are Ron and Carolyn Schoenau 352-372-6589 [bsi@gator.net](mailto:bsi@gator.net)  
**YOU MUST REGISTER BY APRIL 26 IF YOU WANT TO SELL BROMELIADS AT THIS EVENT.**  
Register with **Betsy McCrory 407-348-2139 Betsymccrory@aol.com**  
Confirm your BSCF Membership/ID Number and approximate times you will be working at the sale.

SALE HOURS: Friday, May 7 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Saturday, May 8 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Sunday, May 9 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Plants will be accepted Thursday, May 5, from 10:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at Fashion Square Mall.

2. Everyone who sells plants MUST:
  - A. Be a member in good standing of BSCF as of April 1, 2005;
  - B. Abide by these Sale Rules;
  - C. **Place at least FIVE entries in the judged show;**
  - D. **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 for you.)

**ANYONE FAILING TO FULFILL REQUIREMENTS C and D WILL FORFEIT AN ADDITIONAL 25% OF THEIR GROSS SALES**

3. Only bromeliads may be sold by members. The bromeliads may be sold bare root, potted or mounted using decorative or non-decorative materials. Only the Society may sell books, mounting materials, pots & other items.
  4. Table space is very limited and will be ASSIGNED based on the number of sellers. Any extra plants you bring should fit under your table. Use of floor space must be approved by the Sale Chairman and conform to Mall regulations. Please be courteous to others.
  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 & 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 SAME side of label
    - B. Label with correct plant name (stays with plant)

Top of label	Bottom
PRICE	ID
- Sellers are strongly urged to affix a small self-adhesive PRICE sticker to a prominent place on a leaf. Experience has shown that plants sell faster when the price is easily seen.
9. Plants must be clean and in good condition, free from insects or disease. Potted plants should be well rooted, and pots should be clean. You may also sell mounted or bare root plants, but labels must be secure. Bare roots with soil attached may be bagged for neatness. (Bring some empty pots or trays for displaying bare root plants.) Questionable plants will be removed from the sale by the Sale Chairman. If your plants are not already Florida State Inspected, they must be in the Sales Booth by 9 a.m. Friday morning for official inspection by the Florida Department of Agriculture.
  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 picked up by the close of show on Sunday will be considered a donation to BSCF. Reasonable care will be taken, but the Bromeliad Society of Central Florida, Inc. cannot assume responsibility for any loss or damage to your plants.

## Leu Gardens Sale

Karen Andreas

Thanks to everyone who helped out at the Leu Gardens Sale on March 5 and 6. Set up was on Friday night. Eloise Beach and Jim Pearce, Betsy McCrory, Grant and Magali Groves, Evan McCrory and Jim Ford sold bromeliads. Eloise brought tents donated by Loomis Funeral Home in Apopka so that the tables would be covered. There was a good member turn out to assist with sales and answer questions. Special thanks to Betsy, who stayed throughout both days and handled all the receipts, and to Bob Stevens for chairing this event for our society. The weather was perfect, and we got to spend the weekend in the Gardens.



**Photograph taken by Gary Signs**

## Award Sponsors Needed

Each year at our annual Mothers Day weekend show, awards are presented for the winning bromeliads. You can sponsor an award for \$15.00; there is no limit on the number of awards you can sponsor! Your name will be listed on a sign displayed at the show thanking our sponsors for their support. You can pay by cash at our meeting or by check (made out to BSCF).

Help our bromeliad society by becoming an award(s) sponsor today!

## Time to Pick Your Show Bromeliads!

It's not too early to get ready for the Mothers Day Show and Sale, May 6, 7 and 8!

It's time to go through your bromeliad collection and identify potential plants to enter into the show, as well as those you may want to sell. Look for strong, healthy plants with good form and good color.

After selecting a bromeliad, the first thing you need to do is remove the debris between the leaves. You can do this by picking out the leaves and other debris (by hand or with a pair of long tweezers). Use a steady stream of water with some pressure from your garden hose to wash out any debris that remains behind. Next, check the plant for signs of scale – black fly speck scale or white scales. Use Safer soap or Ivory liquid soap and water to kill the scale. You can do this either by spraying the soapy solution onto the leaves or by filling a tub and dunking the plant. White scales will flake off, however black scale has to be removed. You can rub it off with your fingernail, sometimes by lightly brushing with a toothbrush or by using a scale scrubber. A light infestation of scale can be treated using Q-tips and rubbing alcohol. A final thorough flush with water completes the basic cleaning.

We will have our annual workshop in April with more grooming and potting tips for show. Start now and increase your chance of making it to the head table!

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.



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**March 2005**

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**Refreshments: P - Z**

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