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**Next Meeting:
Monday, May 24**

6:30 pm Refreshments
6:30-6:55 pm Member Market
7:00 pm Meeting Starts
Where: Leu Gardens
1920 N. Forest Avenue, Orl. FL

Speaker: Jim Steele of Kerry's Bromeliads in Homestead

Program: Kerry's Bromeliads
is one of the largest bromeliad wholesalers in the country. Jim will be talking to us about bromeliad production.

Refreshments: C - H

Raffle Plants: All members

A Big Thank You!
By Betsy McCrory

The 29th Annual Bromeliad Show & Sale is now a memory. This show would not have been possible without a lot of help from dedicated members of our society. I would like to thank the following chairs for all their hard work. Awards: Magali & Grant Groves; Classification: Michael Andreas; Clerks: John Boardman; Entries: Betty Salvas; Judges: George Aldrich; Placement: Bob Stevens; Plant Sales: Ron & Carolyn Schoenau; Publicity: Pam Flesher; Schedule: Eloise Beach and our president Karen Andreas. I appreciated everyone's 110% in making this show a success. If you didn't have a chance to come by the show you missed a beautiful show. There were 165 entries. Some very rare. I would also like to thank all of the members who helped in plant sales and on security.

President's Message

Our annual Mothers Day Show and Sale was a great success, thanks to everyone who entered bromeliads in the show, brought bromeliads to sell and worked during the weekend. We had an especially seamless set up and break down, thanks to the many people who helped. Thank you to Betsy McCrory for chairing this event and to the other show chairmen whose names you will find in Betsy's report in this newsletter. Thank you to all our members who volunteered and thus made this such a successful event for our society.

Now that our annual bromeliad event is concluded, it's time to look ahead to the next big event, the World Bromeliad Conference. The sixteenth annual Bromeliad Society International conference is August 11-15 in Chicago and is an opportunity to talk bromeliads with fellow enthusiasts from all over the world. You can register on-line at <http://bsi.org>, or pick up a registration form at our meeting.

In the meantime, our vice president has lined up an interesting guest speaker for this month's meeting. See you all Monday night!

Karen Andreas

Minutes of Meeting
Bromeliad Society of Central Florida
April 26, 2004

The meeting was called to order by President Karen Andreas at 7:00 p.m.

Karen reminded members to sign in, pay dues and purchase raffle tickets at the back table. She pointed out the supply store, silent auction table and refreshment table for the benefit of new members and guests.

Karen welcomed guests to the meeting and introduced new members Sherry and Gary Luing.

Bob Stevens led members in presenting their Show and Tell items.

Bob Stevens introduced John Boardman, Pam Flesher and Karen Andreas, who demonstrated how to trim, clean and pot plants in preparation for a show or sale and tips on what judges look for in show plants. Some interesting cleaning materials were clear diet soda, Ivory liquid soap and extra-long tweezers.

At 8:10, Karen Andreas announced a ten-minute break.

Minutes – There being no discussion, Carroll Holland moved that the Minutes of the March meeting be approved; Sudi Hipsley seconded; and the Minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report – Betsy McCrory reported that in the month of March BSCF received \$477.00 and disbursed \$185.86, for a remainder of \$416.92 in the checking account. The Wachovia Money Market Account received \$9.21 interest, disbursed \$1,500 to Leu Gardens and \$300 to 2004 World Conference, leaving a balance of \$12,831.63. Cash on Hand is \$35.00. The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Leu Gardens Sale – Eloise Beach thanked everyone who worked at the sale as well as all who came and shopped. Betsy McCrory reported sale income of \$7,166.02 and

expenses of \$5,722.69, for a profit to BSCF of \$1,443.33.

Mother's Day Show and Sale – Betsy McCrory explained parking, distributed maps and information sheets. Pam Flesher passed out flyers to be posted in public places by members. Sign-up sheets were circulated for members to work at the show.

Next Meeting – Bob Stevens announced that Jim Steel of Kerry's Bromeliads in Homestead will be the speaker at the May meeting. Also, the members' plant sale will be open again next meeting.

The evening's silent auction results were announced, door prizes and raffle tickets were drawn and prizes distributed.

There being no further business to come before the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Salvas, Secretary

Member Market Sales

The Society allows members to bring in bromeliads for sale or trade at the meeting. One of our biggest concerns is that the sales corner does not interfere with the meeting. If it proves to be a problem then we will cancel the Market. Here are the rules. The Market will take place from 6:30 until 6:55, strictly. No sales, after the meeting starts. A member can only bring twelve (12) plants for sale or trade. Sellers should bring a plant or plants to donate to the raffle table. Plants should be pest free and labeled. The Member Market will only be conducted on meeting nights where the speaker is not selling plants so watch your newsletter for notice.

Clean Bromeliads, Please!

By, Karen Andreas

At last month's meeting, everyone participated in a discussion on how to clean bromeliads. Members shared cleaning tips, from toothbrushes and long tweezers to Ivory soap to lemon juice and diet non-cola soda; everyone has a favorite method. One thing that everyone agrees on, however, is the importance of cleaning bromeliads, not only for shows but also for sale, for raffles, door prizes and auctions. There is nothing more disheartening than winning a new bromeliad only to find dirt, scale and other critters in residence.

After selecting a bromeliad for sale, show or donation, 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. It's good plant etiquette to treat the plant regardless of whether you see scale or not. Use Safer soap or Ivory liquid soap 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.

Please clean your bromeliads before selling or donating them.

Advertise in Orlandiana

Advertising space is now available in Orlandiana. The price for a business card advertisement is \$10.00 per month or \$100 for 12 months if paid in advance. See Steven Wagner or Betsy McCrory at the next meeting.

Bromeliad Sources

Bromeliad Sources is provided as a service for our members. Nurseries listed are recommended and have been used by our members. If you know of a nursery specializing in bromeliads or you own a nursery with bromeliads and would like to be listed, contact Karen Andreas at karen@digital.net or at 321-453-0366.

Blossom World Gardens

Bud Martin, 1405 Pine Way, Sanford, FL 32773
407-321-0838
Call for hours, Bromeliads and other plants.

Boggy Creek Bromeliads

Betsy McCrory, 3615 Boggy Creek Rd, Kiss. FL 34744
(407) 348-2139
Open Saturday & Sunday, 10am-2pm or by appointment
Specializing in Landscape Bromeliads (Aechmeas and Neoregelias)

Eloise Beach, Apopka

By appointment, 407-886-8892 or FloridaPRO@aol.com
Wide variety of genera; variegated & unusual varieties; landscape bromeliads.

Russell's Bromeliads

John and Jimye Kaye Russell, Sanford, 407-322-0864
Wholesale and Retail, call for appointment.
Specializing in Tillandsias, assorted Neoregelias. Grape wood and mounting supplies available as well as books and other bromeliad supplies.

Tropiflora

Dennis and Linda Cathcart
3530 Tallevast Road
Sarasota, FL 34243
800-613-7520
<http://www.tropiflora.com>
Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM,
Saturday, 8:00 AM – 3:30
Go to the website to read the Cargo Report, a newsletter and catalog, and to subscribe to the VIPP list, email notice of limited and rare bromeliads.

Welcome New Members

John Hiatt, Deland FL
Bill Soerries, Columbus, GA
Liliana & Jerry Flynn, Merritt Island
FL

Bert T. Foster



Photo courtesy of Pam Flesher

Born March 14, 1919, Philadelphia, PA, Died in Orlando on May 6, 2004

History and Career

Mr. Foster was Orlando's first landscape architect and founded Orlando's first landscape architectural firm which exists today as Foster Conant & Associates, on West Robinson Street in downtown.

He mentored many of the area's landscape architects.

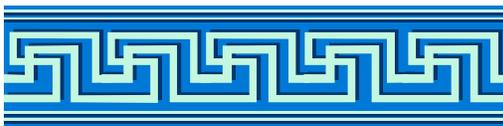
His Father, Mulford B. Foster, was the first person to collect Bromeliads in Brazil and bring them back to the US for growing and hybridizing. After Mulford's death, Bert continued his Father's work with his own nursery, Tropical Arts, Inc.

Family

Married to his wife, Grace, for 32 years

Mr. Foster had four sons: Ronald, who predeceased his father; Dennis; Steven; and Jeffery.

Mr. Foster is also predeceased by his step son, Marvin Brewer.



Mulford B. Foster Best of Show – Horticulture

Aechmea nudicaulis purpurea rosea

John Boardman

Morris Henry Hobbs Best of Show – Artistic

“River Motion”

Magali Groves

Photo by Eloise Beach



Best of Division I

Aechmea tayoensis

Eloise Beach



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Mothers Day Show
May 7-9, 2004

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Aechmea purpureorosea

John Boardman

Sweepstakes

George Aldrich

24 ribbons

Best of Division I

Aechmea tayoensis

Eloise Beach

Best of Division II

Dyckia ‘Brittle Star’

Eloise Beach

Best of Division III

Tillandsia funckiana

Jim Pearce

Best of Division I, Section A

Neoregelia carolinae ‘Black’ x *carcharodon*

Eloise Beach

Best of Division I, Section B

Neoregelia carcharodon

Eloise Beach

Best of Division II, Section A

Aechmea nudicaulis

John Boardman

Best of Division II, Section B

Cryptanthus microglazioui

John Boardman

Best of Division III, Section A

Tillandsia duratii

Eloise Beach

Best of Division III, Section B

Tillandsia streptocarpa

George Aldrich

Best of Division IV, Section A

Quesnelia marmorata ‘Tim Plowman’

Eloise Beach

Award of Cultural Excellence

Cryptanthus microglazioui

John Boardman

Best Novice Entry

Neoregelia ‘Charm’

Kathy Phinney

Best Judges Entry

Orthophytum navioides

Steve Hoppin

Best *Cryptanthus* Hybrid

Cryptanthus ‘Evon’

Eloise Beach

Best *Cryptanthus* Species

Cryptanthus microglazioui

John Boardman

Best Species, “In Memory of Wally Berg”

Aechmea tayoensis

Eloise Beach

Best *Neoregelia*, “In Memory of Audrey McCrory”

Neoregelia carolinae ‘Black’ x

carcharodon

Eloise Beach

Bromeliad Basics Removing Offsets

By Karen Andreas

Bromeliads reproduce by setting seeds and also by growing offsets, also known as pups, often from the base or from between the leaves of the mother plant. Removing pups generally is easy to do.

The decision on whether or not to remove pups depends on the growth habit of the bromeliad. *Neoregelias* generally need room to achieve a round, symmetrical appearance and so those pups should be removed. There are *Neoregelias*, however, that are the exception to the rule. *Neoregelias* that have “stoloniferous” growth such as ‘Fireball’ can be allowed to grow into clumps. Stolons are those woody stems that send the offset out and away from the mother as opposed to growing close to her base. Other bromeliads that have upright, tank-type growth may be allowed to grow in clusters. These include *Aechmea*, *Billbergia*, *Guzmania* and some *Vrieseas*. While you can let these grow into clusters, often removing the pups will stimulate the mother plant to produce more. Sooner or later, however, you will need to thin the clump to provide better air circulation and room for the increasing growth.

The general rule of thumb is to remove the offset when it is half to two-thirds the size of the mother plant. If your goal is to produce as many pups as possible, you can remove them at a smaller size, but leaving them until they get a little larger increases their viability. Remove the pup by using sharp clippers and cutting it as close to the base of the mother plant as possible. If the mother bromeliad is in a pot, you may have to remove it from the pot to get a clean cut. If it is in the ground, you may need to dig some of the soil away from the base so you can see what you are doing and make a good cut. Once the pup has been removed from the mother, you can let the cut end harden in the air before replanting. This gives the cut tissue time to toughen up before putting it in soil or mounting it. Dip

the cut end in Root Tone to promote root growth and also to provide fungus protection. Pot the newly liberated pup in a medium that drains well. You may need to stake it until it gets established in its new home.

Cryptanthus pups are the easiest offsets to remove. Once the *Cryptanthus* pup gets large enough, hold the pup and gently tug. If it is ready to be removed, it will release from the mother plant. If it resists, try again in a few days. Once you separate it from the mother, you may remove the small leaves at the base of the pup, dip the end in Root Tone and plant in a well draining potting mix.

Although most bromeliads bloom only once in their lives, their pups ensure that they live on in our collections – and provide extras for us to share!

Mothers Day Show Sponsors

The members of the Bromeliad Society of Central Florida would like to thank the following people and businesses for their generous sponsorship of our Mothers

Day
Show
and
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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.

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Memorial Day is Monday, May 31