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30th Mothers Day Weekend Show Awards --Orlando Fashion Square--May 6-8, 2005

Mulford B. Foster Best of Show, *Cryptanthus microglazioui*, John Boardman

Morris Henry Hobbs Best of Show – Artistic, *Dyckia platyphylla* x ‘Carlsbad’, John Boardman

Best of Show, Novice, x*Neophytum* ‘Galactic Warrior’ Bob Stevens

Sweepstakes in Memory of Geoff Johnson, George Aldrich

Novice Sweepstakes, Bob Stevens

Award of Cultural Excellence, *Dyckia* ‘Cherry Coke’, John Boardman

Best Neoregelia in Memory of Audrey McCrory, *Neoregelia* ‘Carcharodon #1’, John Boardman

Best Species in Memory of Wally Berg, *Vr. erthyrodactylon*, J. Boardman

Best Cryptanthus Species, *Cryptanthus microglazioui*, John Boardman

Best Cryptanthus Hybrid, *Cryptanthus* ‘Sweet Tooth’, Eloise Beach

Best Judges Entry, *Canistrum fosteriana* x *triangulare*, Carolyn Schoenau

Division I (individual), *Neoregelia* ‘Carcharodon #1’, John Boardman

Division II (multiples), *Neoregelia* ‘Charm’, Betsy McCrory

Division III (horticultural displays), *Tillandsia funckiana*, Eloise Beach

Division I, Section A (individual, non-blooming), *Vriesea (hieroglyphica* x *fosteriana)* x *fosteriana*, Grant Groves

Division I, Section B (individual blooming), *Billbergia* ‘Cold Fusion’, George Aldrich

Division II, Section A (multiple, non-blooming), *Vriesea erthyrodactylon* variegated, John Boardman

Division II, Section B (multiple blooming), *Cryptanthus* ‘Café au Lait’, George Aldrich

Division III, Section A (horticultural display, single), *Tillandsia duratii*, Eloise Beach

Division III, Section B (horticultural display, multiple), *Canistrum triangulare*, Ed and Dot McNulty

Division IV, Section A (decorative container), *Tillandsia ionantha* var. *maxima*, George Aldrich

**John Boardman with his
Crypt. microglazioui
Photo by Pam Flesher**



Next Meeting: Monday, May 23, 2005

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

6:30 pm Refreshments, Members G - L

6:30-6:55 Member Market

7:00 pm Meeting Starts

Speaker: Robert Bowden, Director of Leu Gardens

President's Message

I congratulate everyone who entered bromeliads in this year's show. In spite of three hurricanes, one tropical storm, one tornado (in Ocala a couple of weeks ago), a crazy hot-cold-hot-cold winter and spring, you all still found great bromeliads to enter for judging. Central Florida has a reputation of staging a quality show and, in spite of all the weather trials and tribulations, you all did so once again.

Our sales this weekend were the best we have had in years, and so it appears that our new location was an unqualified success. We will be able to continue to support bromeliads, Leu Gardens, the Bromeliad Society International and the Florida Council for the next year, thanks to the many efforts of our sellers and members who worked the sales booth.

We had a new show category this year, one for art, and discovered two artistic individuals in our society. George Aldrich entered pyrography, the art of burning designs into wood. John Gilbert entered a Neoregelia watercolor. I know there is plenty of artistic talent in our society, and I hope this will encourage more artistic entries next year.

Thanks to Betty Salvas, Darden Restaurants once again sponsored our judges' luncheon, a tremendous savings for our society.

After our recent shows at the old location, Orlando Fashion Square was a breath of fresh air. The mall management and staff are so helpful and attentive. We simply could not have asked for a better location or staff to work with.

So many people worked hard to make this event a major success. Thank you all so very much for your continued support of the Bromeliad Society of Central Florida.

On a business note, at Monday's meeting, we will be considering a new standing rule for adoption. You will find the proposed rule on page 7.

See you Monday night!

Karen Andreas

Show and Tell!

For this month's Show and Tell, bring your show plants (or art) and share your tips on growing, grooming and creating!

2005 Mothers Day Weekend Show By the Numbers

Number of:

Exhibitors: 18

Show entries: 135

Awards of Merit (scoring 95-100): 66

Blue Ribbons: 54

Red Ribbons: 15

Division I (individual): 57

Division II (multiples): 25

Division III (horticultural displays): 12

Division IV (decorative container/artistic): 6

Division V (novice and judges): 29

Division VII (artistic expression): 6

[Excerpt from:] **BENEVOLENT BROMELIADS** *Racine Foster*

In the Feb. 9, 1944 "Staff Meetings of the Mayo Clinic" which Dr. C. W. Mayo was kind enough to send us we learned that the absorptive qualities of Spanish Moss for use in surgical dressings had been investigated with interesting results. ". . . the dried moss will retain its absorptive power better than a substance like cotton, as the liquid taken up is stored chiefly inside the leaves and cells, instead of merely being held between adjoining strands." . . . Florida moss will take up from six to ten times its dry weight of water." [Taken from **Journal of the Bromeliad Society - Volume 2, Number 3**]



The minutes for the April Meeting will be available Monday at the May meeting.

For a description of these pictures please see page 6.







The following is a description of the photographs on pages 4 and 5. Photographs taken by Michael Andreas.

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Morris Henry Hobbs Best of Show - Artistic
Dyckia platyphylla x 'Carlsbad'
John Boardman

Division III *Tillandsia funckiana* (right) and Division III Section A
Tillandsia duratii (left)
Eloise Beach

This was one of several bromeliad art in wood pieces entered by George Aldrich.

John Gilbert entered this original water color of a *Neoregelia*.

Best of Division IV, Section A - Decorative Container
Tillandsia ionantha var. *maxima*
George Aldrich

Best of Show, Novice
x *Neophytum* 'Galactic Warrior'
Bob Stevens



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Sweepstakes in Memory of Geoff Johnson
Neoregelia 'Passion' represents the 23 blue ribbons
awarded to George
George Aldrich

Gary Signs entered this *Tillandsia* tree as a display entry.

Neoregelia 'Inkwell' reverse
Michael and Karen Andreas

Division III Section B
Canistrum triangulare
Ed and Dot McNulty

Guzmania lingulata 'El Cope'
Grant Groves

Guzmania 'Tutti Frutti Yellow'
Georgia Orser



Proposed Standing Rule

Dale Laird has proposed the following Standing Rule for consideration at Monday night's meeting:

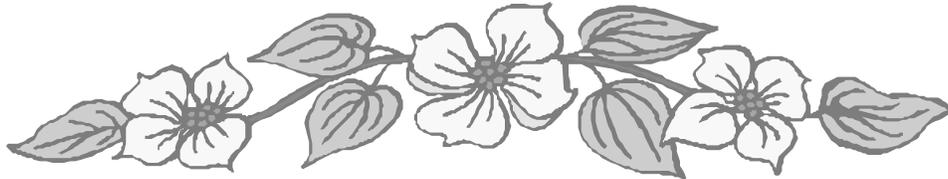
I intend to make a motion for a complimentary membership in the BSI paid for by our Society to be offered as a door prize monthly.

This membership will be without restrictions to current membership in the BSI. The only restriction is that the person who wins it must be a current member in our Society.

In years past, the BSI membership was offered to those who were not a member of the BSI. Across the room comments were heard each month, "Oh I am not qualified for that since I am already a member," and people would zone out on the rest of the message about the BSI.

The overall goal of this complimentary membership is to promote the BSI and hopefully to increase the overall membership. As it is offered each month, the BSI is talked about and a short message given for advantages of membership in the BSI. In doing so we would want to make available membership forms for those interested in signing up that may not have won.

I feel making the complimentary membership available to the members of our Society who are present for the door prize drawing will generate more interest in the BSI rather than restricting it.



Thank you, Show Sponsors!

Thank you to the following people for their generous support for our 30th Mothers Day Weekend Show and Sale:

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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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