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

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Next meeting: TBA following covid 19 restrictions

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 marvelous May to all. Hard to believe the 46th Mother's Day Show and Sale is upon us. Hope everyone can make it out to Fashion Square sometime Friday, Saturday or Sunday to see the beautiful bromeliads that will be entered into the judged show. They are always some magnificent bromeliads. And you can also add to your collection with the sale. Several of our members will be selling.

Tell your family and friends about our Show and Sale at Fashion Square. We will be near the escalator & elevator that goes up to the second floor where the theater and food court are located. Looking forward to seeing everyone this weekend.

Thanks again to Pam and John for a great program at our April meeting. We will not be having a speaker at the May meeting. It will be a time to socialize and visit with your fellow members. We will also be doing the gift exchange that was postponed from our December meeting. Bring a clean, and pest free bromeliad, wrapped up to conceal it's identity. Each member that brings a gift will be randomly chosen to select a wrapped gift. So remember to bring a gift if you want to bring one home.

Look forward to seeing everyone at our two activities this month. Have a magnificent May.

Mike



April Minutes

Bromeliad Society of Central Florida Meeting Minutes Wed April 21, 2021, 7 - 9pm

Program: Marilyn Howser introduced speakers Pam Marion and John Boardman. Their presentation on “The Natives Are Coming” covered all sixteen Florida native bromeliads, plus two hybrids. There were many interesting details, including warnings about the dangers of the Mexican bromeliad weevil. This invasive species threatens all bromeliads, not just natives, but can be controlled with systemic insecticides. Several members brought beautiful plants to enrich the program.

Business Meeting was called to Order by President Mike Saunders at 8pm. He thanked all who brought plants for the auction and raffle tables and food for the refreshments table.

We welcomed New Members:

Joshua and Nicole Goenner
Carl Zeak from Merritt Island

Minutes: The minutes of the February 15, 2021 meeting were published in the Newsletter. There being no corrections, they stand approved as filed.

Treasurer’s report: We are in great shape and netted about \$3,000 on the Leu Gardens sale. The complete report will be filed for audit.

VP Report: Marilyn Howser announced that next month’s meeting will be held **Wed, May 19**. We will celebrate our big Mother’s Day event with pizza and salad courtesy of the Society. We will do a bromeliad gift exchange to make up for not having done one in December. Please bring a beautiful plant that you’d enjoy receiving, hidden in a gift bag or box. Everyone who brings a plant is eligible for a chance to pick one. There will be no auction or raffle, but there will be a Member Market.

Old Business: Details regarding the Mother’s Day Show and Sale May 7 - 9 at Fashion Square Mall were discussed. Members were encouraged to enter plants, to sell plants (five show entries required to sell) and to volunteer. Set-up begins at 7pm Thursday evening.

New Business: None

Show and Tell: Pam Marion showed an *ananas* 'tricolor'; Karen Steinberg showed a couple of natives, including some blooming *usneoides* (Spanish moss); John Boardman showed a blooming *billbergia*.

Auction and Raffle: The meeting concluded with our ever-popular chances at plants donated by members.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Vaccaro

Upcoming Events

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

May 7th to 9th, 2021

11 AM to 7 PM, Friday and Saturday

12 PM to 6 PM, Sunday

[Fashion Square Mall](#)

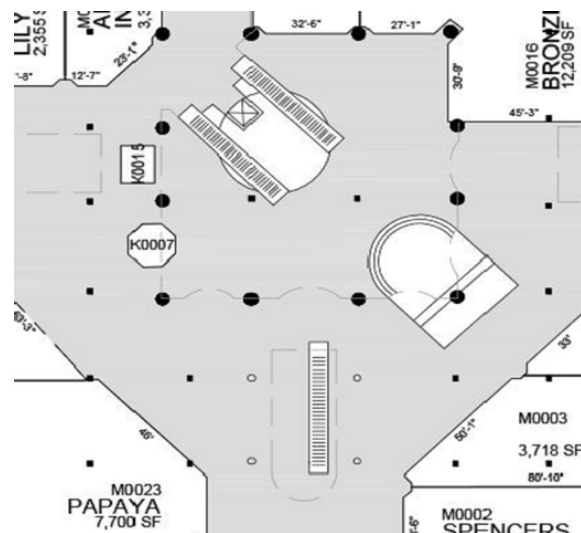
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The **Bromeliad Society of Central Florida** has had a plant show and sale for many years on Mother's Day weekend.

Fashion Square Mall Map: (Click to enlarge)



World Bromeliad Conference 2022

The **World Bromeliad Conference** was rescheduled from 2021 to **June 7-11, 2022**. The host hotel will be the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Sarasota. If you are unable to attend, your registration will be refunded following our conference refund policy. Up to the year the conference is to be held you can get a 100% refund, once the year of the conference begins you get a 50% refund, and within 30 days of the conference there is no refund. Since the date of the conference was moved by one year, you can get a 100% refund until **December 31, 2021**.

Events will include tours of two of the world's leading Bromeliad nurseries ([Michael's Bromeliads](#) and [Tropiflora](#)), a visit to the



renowned [Marie Selby Botanical Gardens](#) (with free admission for conference registrants), a number of notable speakers, an opening conference reception and welcome address, a banquet with a rare plant sale and auction, a plant sale with numerous sellers, a fantastic judged plant show, and more.

Vice Presidents Comments

Wishing everyone good luck with your Mothers Day entries. Looking forward to seeing you there and at the meeting on May 19th.



Marilyn Howser 🍌

April Pictures



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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