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

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**June 2021**

**Next meeting: June 16, 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](http://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

I wish all of you a joyous June. Hard to believe that 5 months of 2021 are behind us, as well as our Society's two major activities, Leu Gardens sale and Mother's Day Show and Sale. Thanks again for all you participated and to all those who bought beautiful bromeliads from our members. Always nice to add to your collection. I certainly did.

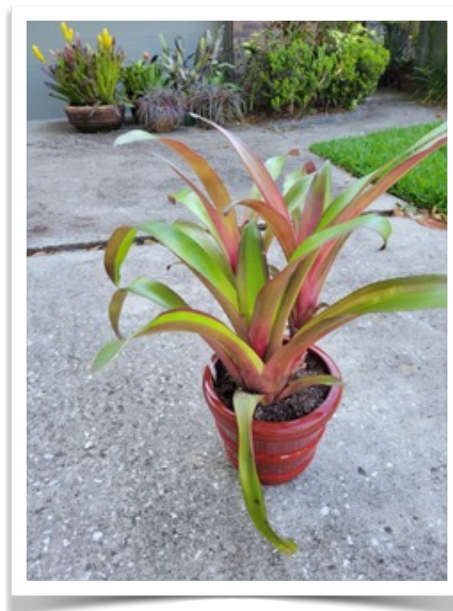
Thanks to Marilyn for a great Mother's Day Show and Sale. New location in the Fashion Square mall and we did well with sales. We will have a discussion this fall, probably our October meeting, as to whether to have the Show part of 2022 Mother's Day Show and Sale, and any possible changes to the Show.

Congratulations to John Boardman for being the 2021 Mother's Day Show and Sale Sweepstakes winner, as well as Best in Show for Horticulture and for Artistic. He had many gorgeous bromeliads. Want to also send a shout out to Telka for putting 16 entries in the Show. Certainly made me feel guilty for not even cleaning up one plant for the Show. Thanks Telka. Some great entries.

We had a great May meeting. Very well attended. Thanks to everyone that participated in our Christmas in May gift exchange. It was a lot of fun and we got some wonderful bromeliads.

We have a great speaker this month. Dave always brings some great plants for sale so make sure you bring plenty of cash with you. And it's a great subject, Billbergias. Hope to see everyone there. See the photo of Billbergia 'Wicked', a beautiful brom I got at a members market this past fall from Dave and Cathy Schubert. Got one plant that then bloomed and put out 2 fantastic pups, now as large as the original plant.

Mike



## May Minutes

### Bromeliad Society of Central Florida Meeting Minutes Wed May 19, 2021, 7 - 9pm

**Program:** No program at the May meeting as it was our society celebration after the Mother's Day Show. We had a plant exchange since we were unable to have one in December 2020. We enjoyed pizza , salad, homemade cookies, and a photo presentation by Marty Folk, of the 2021 Mother's Day Show entries and award winners while we dined. Thanks Marty. Everyone had a good time.

Business meeting was called to order at 7:45 pm by Pres. Mike Saunders. He welcomed members and guests.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the April 21, 2021 meeting were published in the newsletter. There being no corrections, they stand approved as filed.

**VP Report:** Marilyn Howser announced the upcoming programs. In June, Dave Johnston will be speaking on Billbergias and in July, member Mike McMahon, on Tillandsias. Two great programs.

Pres. Mike presented Vice Pres. Marilyn with the book, Bromeliaceae III by Francisco Olivia-Esteve, in appreciation of all her work as Show Chairman for the Mother's Day Show.

**New member:**

Gail Padgett  
Greg Spak & Cristie Stacey, returning members

**Treasurer's Report:** Only income was membership dues and raffle. We had expenses for the upcoming show.

Pres. Mike announced if you have any photos or articles for our newsletter, contact our editor, John Vecchitto or for the FCBS (Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies) please forward to or contact Carole Wolfe at [Bromscape@outlook.com](mailto:Bromscape@outlook.com) or [813-391-1542](tel:813-391-1542).

**Mother's Day Show:** Thank you to our sellers Marilyn Howser, Marty Folk, Evan McCrory, Georgia Orser and thank you everyone that helped at the Show. In three days, 464 plants sold with a total of \$8300. Thanks to John Boardman as Judges Chairman

Thanks to Pam Marion as Awards Chairman. The awards were beautiful.  
 Thanks to Eloise Beach as Clerks Chairman and Robin Norton and Pam Marion as clerks.  
 Thanks to Karen Steinberg, Mike McMahon, Marty Folk, Evan McCrory, and Georgia Orser.  
 Thanks to Katherine Vaccaro and Teresa Eddy for publicity.  
 Nice job everybody!  
 Thanks to John Boardman for 19 entries, Telka diFate for 16 entries and entries from Marilyn Howser, Marty Folk, Evan McCrory and Georgia Orser.  
 Congrats to John Boardman for Best in Show, both Horticulture and Artistic, and for being the Sweepstakes winner.  
 In the Fall we will discuss whether to continue with the Mother's Day Show and Sale, to just have a sale or a show once every other year.

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**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, June 16, 2021.

### **Show and Tell:**

Mother's Day Show Novice Winner, Robin Norton, showing *Vriesea fenestralis*. Congratulations, Robin!

Tickets were drawn for the plant exchange.

Vice Pres. Marilyn announced that she will not be Vice Pres. next year but will help acquaint anyone with the position. So if you are interested please contact Marilyn and find out what all the duties are for Vice Pres., maybe even shadow her. Many things that Marilyn handles at the meeting are not part of the Vice Pres. responsibilities.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Pam Marion

## Upcoming Events

### **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

Hi all

Just a reminder the next Bromeliad Society of Central FL meeting will be June 16th, 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.

Marilyn Howser 🍌

## Guest Speaker

Our speaker for June is Dave Johnston. Dave will be speaking on Billbergias.

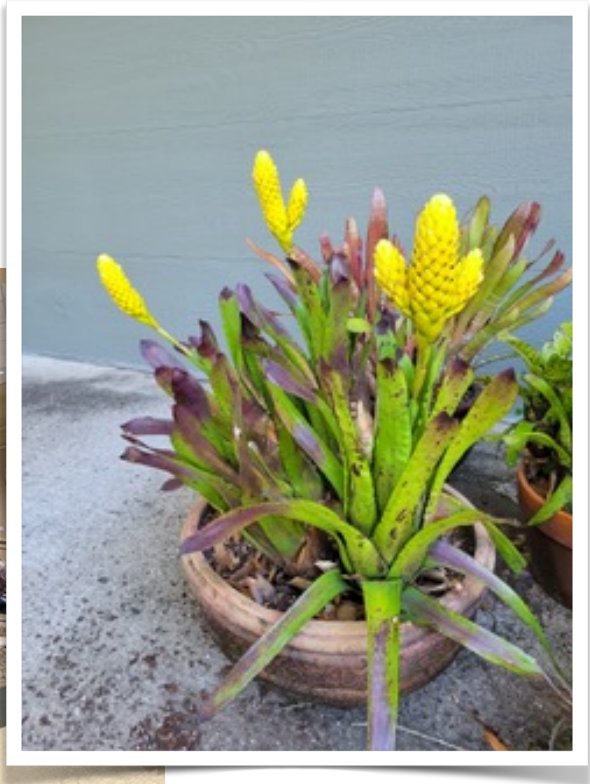
Dave will be bringing broms to sell and he has beautiful broms.

Dave has been growing Bromeliads for over 32 years and is the owner of Bromeliads Galore, a collector's nursery in Pinellas Park FL.

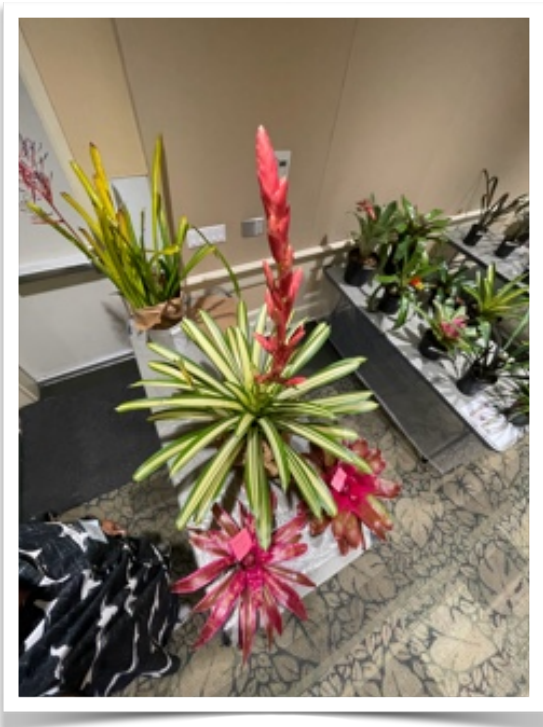
Dave has served as president of the Tampa Guild 5 times and the West Coast Society twice. He has pretty much served in every capacity of the clubs including Florida Council rep.



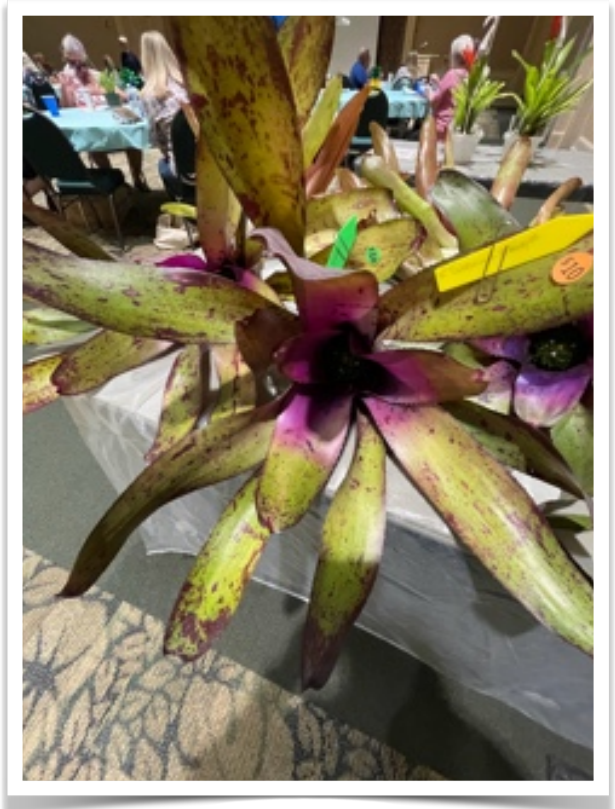
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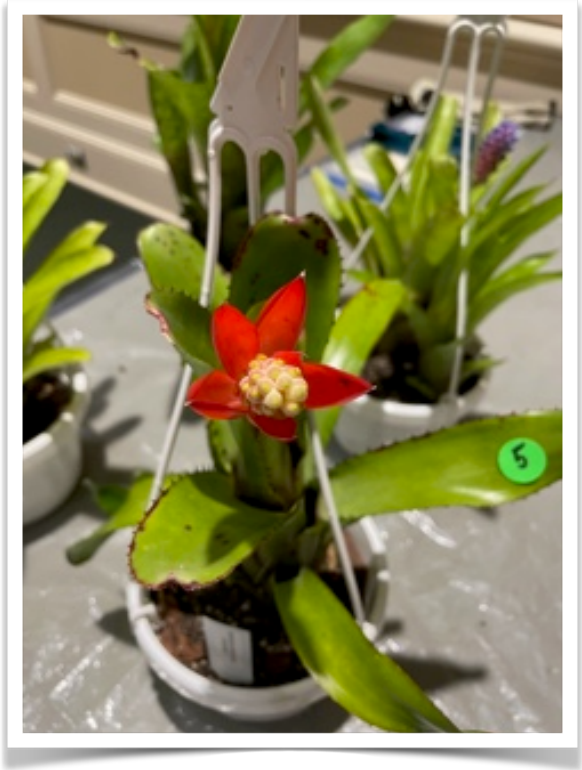
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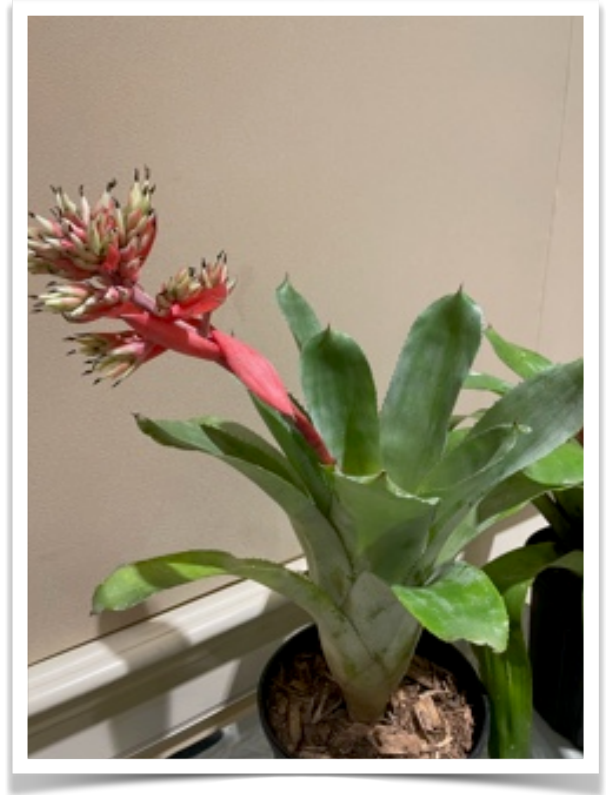
*Vriesia* 'Volcano'



*Neoreglia* 'Takemura Princeps'



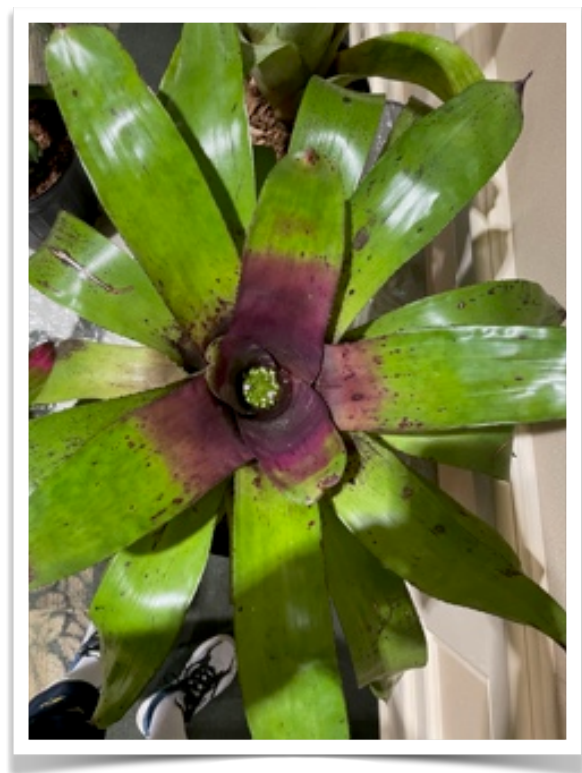
*Aechmea nudicaulis* var. *Aureorosea*



*Aechmea* 'Little Harv'



*Neophytum* 'Brian Weber'



*Neoregelia concentric* 'Plutonis'

## 2021 Bromeliad Society of Central Florida MEMBERSHIP FORM

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

\_\_\_\_\_ NEW MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_ RENEWAL

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State Zip +4 \_\_\_\_\_

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**\$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.**

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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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