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Next Meeting: Monday, July 24 2006

6:30 pm Refreshments, Members A - G

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

NO Member Market

7:00 pm Meeting Starts

This month's speaker: Betsy McCrory

This Month's Program: Bromeliad Basics

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bob Stevens

While the last couple of meetings have been contentious, it's time to put all those matters to rest. Please plan on attending this month's meeting where we have important business to consider in order to put our Society back on track.

Members have requested a new standing rule addressing a code of conduct for our society. I regret that this is necessary, however it can be a policy that ensures that our meetings and events are enjoyable occasions for everyone. This new standing rule will be considered at this month's meeting.

Unfortunately, our previous vice president failed to confirm our holiday party date with Leu Gardens so we have lost the use of that room in December. We need to decide what to do – given that we have the best cooks and always have the best pot luck dinners, it is a shame to lose our party. What would you like to do this holiday season? We are looking for suggestions.

We have received requests to start providing programs on bromeliad basics and so, at this meeting, Betsy McCrory will offer a program on that topic.

There will be no member market this month.

See you on Monday night.

Thank You Sponsors of the Mother's Day Show

Phyllis Baumer-Orlando
Butch & Quyless Force-Apopka
Steven Wagner & Shawn Shamrock-Orlando
Sudi Hipsley-Leesburg
Ruby Fielding-Leesburg
Karen & Michael Andreas-Merritt Island
Boggy Creek Bromeliads (Betsy McCrory)-Kissimmee
McCrory's Sunny Hill Nursery (Ward McCrory)-Eustis
Nancy & Ed Hall-Macon, GA
Plants 'n Things (George Aldrich)-Ocala
Jimye Kay & John Russell-Sanford
Color Zone Tropicals (Grant Groves)-Winter Garden
Bay Lake Bromeliads (John Boardman)-St Cloud

Also:

Betty Salvas-Darden Restaurants for sponsoring the Judges Luncheon

Orlando Fashion Square Mall for allowing us to have our show in their beautiful Mall

Thank you everyone for your support to making our show a success!

Thank you to the chairmen of all the committees for The Mother's Day Show

Awards: Sudi Hipsley
Classification: Grant Groves
Clerks: Steven Wagner
Entries: Quyless Force
Judges: Ron & Carolyn Schoenau
Placement: Bob Stevens
Plant Sales: Eileen Laird
Publicity: Pam Flesher
Schedule: Karen Andreas

Thank you to all the Host & Hostess that came a spent time talking bromeliads with the public and all the plant sale helpers.

Everyone helped to make this years show a success.

Since we have already penciled in next year at the mall now is the time to go looking in your collection and see if there is a couple of plants that might be that winning plant for next year. Set them aside and start babying them and let's have an even bigger show next year.

Thank you everyone,
Betsy McCrory, Show Chair

Do you have an interesting bromeliad in your collection; or a plant with a great inflorescence? Is your garden at its "peak"? Maybe you just like photographing your bromeliad collection. Share your plant and garden photographs with the society members by emailing your photographs to the editor, TDWAMMER@cfl.rr.

The meeting was called to order by president Bob Stevens at 7:00 PM. There were 48 people in attendance. Visitors were introduced.

Bob announced that the board of directors has appointed Butch Force vice president. Butch will fill out the remainder of this year's term.

Butch conducted show and tell.

Philip Hamilton from Deleon's orchids was the guest speaker. Mr. Hamilton gave an overview of orchids and their care and demonstrated how to repot. He answered several questions from the audience at the end of his program.

A break was called at 7:50; the meeting reconvened at 8:10.

Bob called for approval of the April and May minutes. Dean Fairchild came to the podium and read a lengthy letter protesting the motion that passed at the previous meeting wherein a member whose behavior had been unacceptable at the Leu Gardens sale was barred from the next year's sale. Karen Andreas made a point of order, that the motion was not a legal one under Roberts Rules of Order.* Nevertheless, Dean Fairchild continued. Pam Flesher read her letter in which she said a group had met with Robert Bowden and had recorded their conversation. John Boardman and Gary Signs also read letters of complaint. In the middle of Gary's recitation, Jim Pearce shouted an expletive at Karen Andreas. Bob ejected Jim from the meeting; Karen left.

Bob called for a volunteer to take notes for the minutes; no one volunteered. At that point, a member of the audience pointed out that there was a tape recorder hidden behind a plant on the show and tell table. Bob picked it up; Eloise Beach took it from him.

There are no notes from the rest of the meeting.

Note from the Board of Directors: The motion proposed by Dean Fairchild was not a legal motion*; more than half the members left the meeting; the meeting was being recorded without anyone's knowledge, a violation of Florida Statue.

* Roberts Rules of Order

Newly Revised 2000

Pages 304-305

“37 The motion to Reconsider [a previous motion] has the following unique characteristics:

a.) It can be made only by a member who voted with the prevailing side. In other words, a reconsideration can be moved only by one who voted *aye* if the motion involved was adopted, or *no* if the motion was lost...This requirement for making the motion to Reconsider is a protection against its dilatory use by a defeated minority.

The making of this motion is subject to time limits, as follows: In a session of one day – such as an ordinary meeting of a club or one-day convention – the motion to Reconsider can be made only on the same day the vote to reconsider was taken.”

Dean Fairchild made the motion at the June meeting and he voted against the original motion in May. John Boardman seconded the June motion; however, he was not present for the original motion in May and therefore did not vote affirmatively. The motion to reconsider was not made on the same day as the original motion (in May). Consequently the entire motion to reconsider was out of order.

2006 World Bromeliad Conference
San Diego, CA



Best of Show Horticulture – Hobbyist *Billbergia alfonso-joannis* Joyce Brehm

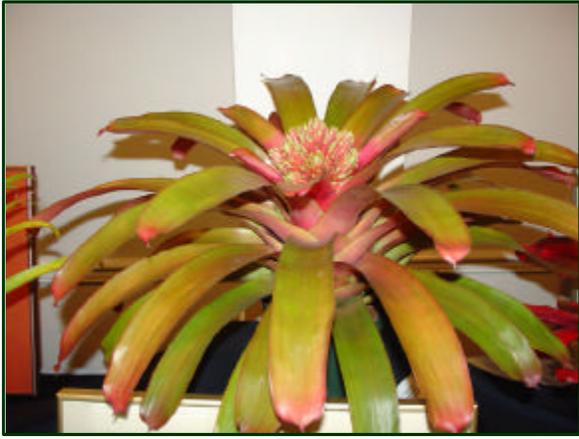
**Tillandsia
juncea**
Best of Div. VI
Horticultural
Display –
Multiple and
Best Tillandsia



Left: *Quesnelia marmorata* (variegated)
Best of Division II
Sect. A
Best New Cultivar &
Breeders Award
Commercial
Michael's Bromeliads

Right: *Tillandsia (deppeana x imperalis)*
Best of Division I
Sect. A
Pam Koide Hyatt





Best of Show Commercial - x *Nidumea* 'Pernumbra' – Michael's Bromeliads



Best New Cultivar & Breeders Award - Hobbyist
Neoregelia 'Sunday Picnic' Sharon Petersen



Best of Division VI Sect. A - *Deuterocohia brevifolia* on lava rock Joe Quijada

Photographs by Michael Andreas

Minutes of the Bromeliad Society of Central Florida

May 22, 2006

(Note: it was requested that these minutes be reprinted in the body of the newsletter)

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by vice president Gary Signs. Visitors Shirley Followell and Emma Losh were introduced as were new members Susan and Bob Humeniyk and Roy Laughlin. Jane Russo is also joined as a new member. There were 48 people in attendance.

Sudi Hipsley conducted Show and Tell with the three bromeliads she brought.

The guest speaker was Teresa Watkins, with the Florida Yards and Neighborhoods programs from the University of Florida/IFAS. She spoke on how to integrate bromeliads in the landscape.

A break was called at 8:05 and the meeting was reconvened at 8:15.

Dorothy Mahler is giving up her greenhouse. She will be selling bromeliads on June 10, from 10:00-2:00. Gary said he would send out email with the information and directions.

Betsy McCrory gave the treasurer's report: \$1237.06 in checking; \$11,227.72 in money market; \$35.00 cash on hand; total assets are \$12,499.78. The report was accepted and filed for audit.

Because the newsletter deadline fell in the middle of the Mothers Day Show and Sale, postcards were used as meeting notices for this month. Consequently the minutes for the April meeting were not distributed; they will be included in the June newsletter.

Betsy reported that all the money collected during the Mothers Day Show and Sale has been deposited. She does not have the final tally yet, but it appears that sales were close to last year's sales, which set a record for the society. No one anticipated the amount of sales this year in the new location inside the mall, and by Sunday, there was little stock left. Betsy thanked the committee chairs for their work on behalf of the society; she especially thanked Betty Salvias and Darden restaurants for once again sponsoring the judges luncheon.

Betsy and immediate past president/secretary Karen Andreas addressed the members about a problem with a particular member's behavior at the Leu Gardens sale in March. The BSCF sales chairman for this sale, Russ Gregg, lodged a written complaint about the member's actions and the director of Leu Gardens, Robert Bowden, also lodged a complaint. BSCF president Bob Stevens interviewed the Leu Gardens staff directly involved with the member and Bob filed a written report of those interviews. The complaints were shared only with the board members and were not distributed to any one else. The member in question screamed and yelled at the sales chairman, screamed profanities at the Leu Gardens staff in front of the public during several encounters, and blocked traffic during Sunday breakdown, again swearing at the staff. Mr. Bowden indicated on several occasions to Bob and Karen that the behavior has escalated (this member has a history of verbally abusing Leu Gardens staff) and is no longer tolerable. He wanted BSCF to handle the situation, otherwise the society would not be invited back to the Leu Gardens sale next year. Betsy and Karen explained that BSCF bylaws do not give the board any authority in dealing with a situation such as this. When asked if board members had discussed the situation with the member, Karen and Betsy indicated that they (Karen and Betsy) had not, mainly because the board has no authority to deal with problem members and any solution, sanction or actions would not be legal nor enforceable. Only the membership could handle this kind of problem. They were asked if the board had any recommendations and Karen explained that the board had unanimously agreed to recommend suspending the member from the Leu Gardens sale in 2007, with a letter of apology to Leu Gardens staff and to BSCF sales chairman Russ Gregg. If the letters of apology are tendered, the member may request reinstatement for the Leu Gardens sale in 2008; if not, the suspension is permanent. However, any spouse, partner or business partner could sell; only the member in question would not be allowed to be present. A motion to that effect was made and seconded. More discussion followed and the question was called. The motion to call the question was passed, with one dissenting vote. An amendment was offered to require the written apology within 30 days. The amendment was passed with one dissenting vote. The amended motion was passed with three dissenting votes.

A suggestion was made during the discussion to consider a code of conduct requirement for the society. The issue of selling bromeliads from under the table before sales are officially opened (something witnessed by Mr. Gregg at the Leu Gardens sale) was raised. Since there is no official policy on either matter, the board will consider both issues and report back at a later date.

Vice president Gary Signs then announced that, due to differences with members of the board, he was resigning the vice presidency immediately. Because he resigned before the end of the meeting while he was chairing, member Neal Ekengren handled the results of the silent auction, door prize and raffles.

There was no one to formally close the meeting, and it ended at 9:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Andreas

Welcome New Members

Daniel Almaguer-Orlando
Steve DeCresie-Central Florida Zoo
Dan Franklin-Apopka
Mike Gimeno-Tampa
Bob & Suzan Humeniuk-Orlando
Roy Laughlin-Rockledge
Jackie & Jamie Lawson-Micco
Charlene Palm-Satellite Beach
Jane Russo-Sanford
Lori & Jennifer Sanborn-Orlando
Stephen Skalak-Orlando
Christine Warren-Orlando

WELCOME BACK

Bill Weckbacher-Orlando



Out and About with Pam Flesher

August 19 & 20

Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society

Bud Martin at 321-363-7351

Fall Tropical Plant Sale at The Garden Club of Sanford

Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Contact: Sudi Hipsley at 352-728-5002 or The public is invited. Admission is free.

September 30

Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies' Extravaganza

Hosted by the Bromeliad Society of South Florida

Miccosukee Resort and Convention Center

500 S.W. 177 Ave., Miami, FL 33194

Phone 305-925-2555 or 877-242-6464

<http://www.miccosukeeresort.com/resort.html>

E-mail: bromsmiami@aol.com

Room rates: single or double \$95.00, Suites \$139.00

Rates in effect until August 29.

Sale, Banquet and Rare Plant Auction will be in the same location.

Special: Spend one night and reserve 2 banquet tickets

and you will receive a free copy of Elton Leme's

Canistropsis: Bromeliads of the Atlantic Rain Forest!

All banquet attendees will receive a select bromeliad from both Deroose Nursery and Deleon Nursery.

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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