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Bromeliad Society of Central Florida

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## August 2017

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, August 16, 2017

**Where:** Leu Gardens, 1920 N. Forest Avenue, Orlando, FL 32803

**6:30–7:00** is pre-meeting time for purchasing plants from the guest speaker

**Meeting begins at 7:00 pm**

### No Member Market in August

**Please bring snack, raffle, and show and tell plants to the meeting.**

**Please try to label your raffle and door prize plants, even if you only can write something such as “unknown Neo hybrid”, every little bit helps the members who are trying to learn about different types of bromeliads. Plants should be clean and insect & frog free!**

## This Month’s Speaker

Dave Johnston from Pinellas Park FL will be the speaker at the August 16th Bromeliad Society of Central Florida meeting. Dave will be bringing plants to sell so there will be no member market this month. See you at Leu Gardens on August 16th between 6:30 and 7:00.

## About This Month’s Presentation and Guest Speaker, Dave Johnston

Dave's program is entitled Billbergias Are Awesome Part 1. We start by taking a look at Billbergia species that are worth growing and move on to outstanding Hybrids from throughout the world. Along the way talking about some notable Billbergia hybridizers.

Dave has been growing Bromeliads for 32 years now and is the owner of Bromeliads Galore, a collector’s nursery in Pinellas Park. He is past 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 representative.



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## The President's Message

Happy August to everyone,

The Extravaganza is over and it was a great experience. I managed to add to my collection and got a couple of Cryptbergias from expert hybridizer Ken Stokes. Even though our Society wasn't the host group, BSCF was represented nicely with our volunteer work. Thanks to Betsy and Greg K for running the cash registers all day. And Betsy for running the cash register at the auction that night. Karen and I provided needed help in the check-out department. Sudi was also providing a lot of help. I hear the workshops were great.

I would like to thank all those who attended. And a special thanks to our members that donated plants and items for the auction held after the banquet Saturday night. Marty, Craig, Lisa, Georgia (and Sabrina from McCrory's Sunnyhill Nursery), Eloise, Grant, and John all donated items. Lisa made up some great gift baskets and labeled two of them in honor of Dean Fairchild. Very nice to see BSCF on so many auction items. Thank you again for your donations. And the bromeliads were beautiful.

Please make sure that any items you bring for our monthly raffle or auction are clean and disease free. And if possible, please put a name to each plant. If you don't know the name, at least the genus, i.e. Aechmea, Billbergia, Cryptanthus, etc. And if you aren't sure, just ask one of the members at the meeting. Always nice to be able to know what you have won and are taking home. Thanks.

I won't be at the August meeting. See you at our September meeting.

mike

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## 2017 Bromeliad Extravaganza Garden Tours

Here are some photos from the wonderful garden tours that were part of this month's Extravaganza. The Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies and the Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay did a wonderful job selecting the gardens and organizing the tours, all three gardens were different and all were just beautiful. Something for everyone. I didn't get a lot of photos as I was too busy wandering around in "blissed out" garden discovery mode. Enjoy!

Aechmea 'Star of Linda'







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## Monthly Meeting Minutes

### Bromeliad Society of Central Florida — 19 July, 2017

The meeting was opened at 7:00 pm by VP Marilyn Howser who introduced Charlie Birdsong, our guest speaker.

Charlie spoke about *Sunny Broms on the Sunshine Coast*, the 19<sup>th</sup> Australasian Bromeliad Conference that was held at the end of March this year in Queensland, Australia. The keynote speaker was Chester Skotak and there were a wide variety of other speakers, including our own Eloise Beach! There were plenty of nursery and garden tours...Charlie even got to meet Grace Goode. Charlie shared some wonderful photos from the conference and garden tours, very inspiring! It was clear to see that the bromeliad community is alive and well down under. When Charlie spoke about the international bromeliad community it became clear that life-long friendships are formed over the years of being part of just that, a community.

### The meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm by President Mike Saunders.

Mike thanked Charlie for his *Bromeliads Down Under* presentation.

### Meeting minutes approved:

21 June 2017

### Treasurer's Report:

Mike gave the Treasurer's Report for Betsy; Betsy will file the report for audit.

### Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies Extravaganza

The Extravaganza is coming up quickly, it is August 4–6. The hotel rate has been extended until the 31<sup>st</sup>. Remember that you can go to the plant sale on Saturday even if not attending the Extravaganza. We need 5 donation plants for the rare plant auction – please email Mike if you are interested in donating a plant or item for the auction.

### Welcome!

New Member Paul Morris and Guest Randall Baker

### Vice President Marilyn Howser's report:

- Our guest speaker for the August meeting, Dave Johnston, is speaking about Billbergia.
- She has spoken to the folks at Mead Gardens about us having a greenhouse tour in addition to a get together to check out the garden before the GROWvember event. One possibility is that we would just have subs from Publix...possibly to be planned for the end of September. Marilyn will have more info at the next meeting and see how many members are interested.
- Thanks to Charlie – come visit any time!

## Old or Unfinished Business

### GROWvember

Just a quick mention about the November event: once again, set-up is now 8:00 Friday am. The sale is starting on Friday at 1:00 pm and lasts through the Preview Party. 1:00 pm–6:00 pm Friday for sales. 8:00 am–4:00 pm for Saturday sales. Let Mike know if you would like to sell plants at the event.

### Webmaster/Wouldn't somebody love to do a website?

We are still in need of a volunteer that is interested in working on a Society website!

## **Newsletter Editor needed!**

We are in need of a Newsletter Editor – if interested please let one of the officers know!

## **New Business**

There were two proposals concerning whether non-bromeliad plants should be allowed as donations for the raffle table, door prizes, and as auction plants. These two proposals were sent out in the July Orlandiana:

- #1** At Society meetings only bromeliads will be allowed for donation as door prizes, raffles and auctions. Members can bring non-bromeliad plants and items for sharing with members.
- #2** At Society meetings bromeliads, non-bromeliad plants and plant related items will be allowed for donation as door prizes and raffles. Only bromeliads will be allowed for auctions (silent or public).

Eloise Beach had a third proposal, one of bromeliads and bromeliad related items:

- #3** At Society meetings bromeliads and bromeliad related items will be allowed for donation as door prizes and raffles. Only bromeliads will be allowed for auctions (silent or public).

We had a ballot vote and proposal #2 has won.

## **Announcements**

### **August 4–6, 2017**

Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies Extravaganza

### **May 29–June 3, 2018**

BSI World Conference in San Diego, California

### **November 3–4, 2017**

Mead Gardens GROWvember Fall Plant Sale

**Florida Council Judge School** – there will be 6 classes, \$25. per class. If anyone is interested please see Mike.

**Our next meeting is on August 16th**

### **Show and Tell**

Plants were brought in by Mike McMahon Penny Bullard, and Pam Flesher. Thanks for sharing your beautiful plants, oddities and knowledge!

Door prizes and raffle table tickets were drawn.

The meeting concluded at 9:00 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Karen Steinberg.

## List of Upcoming Events

### August 19–20, 2017

Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society Annual Fall Plant Sale  
Sanford Garden Club  
200 Fairmont Drive, Sanford, FL 32773

### November 3–4, 2017

Mead Gardens GROWvember Fall Plant Sale  
Mead Botanical Gardens  
1500 S. Denning Dr., Winter Park, FL 32789  
BSCF will have a booth at the event for Plant sales.

### May 29–June 3, 2018

BSI World Conference in San Diego, California  
<http://www.bsi.org/new/conference-corner/>

**The next World Bromeliad Conference will be held in San Diego, California. It will be held May 29–June 3, 2018. Now is a great time to join the Bromeliad Society International as we are offering 25 discount to new memberships! [www.bsi.org](http://www.bsi.org)**



## Our Meeting Next Month: Wednesday, September 20, 2017

The Bromeliad Society of Central Florida meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month from 7–9 PM at Leu Gardens, 1920 N. Forest Avenue, Orlando, FL 32803. You'll enjoy informative programs, Show & Tell, plant sales, refreshments & door prizes. Members also receive a monthly newsletter—all for only \$15 per member, plus \$5 per additional family member (no charge for full-time students). Visitors are always welcome.

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