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**Next Meeting: Monday, September 27, 2004**

**6:30 pm Refreshments**

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

**6:30-6:55 Member Market**

**7:00 Meeting Starts**

**This month's Program:** Karen Andreas will show pictures from the Bromeliad Society International's 16<sup>th</sup> World Conference, held in August in Chicago.

**Raffle Plants: All Members**

**Show & Tell: All Members**

**Refreshments E - K**

**Due to technical difficulties last month's minutes will be available at the meeting or in next month's newsletter.**

## **President's Message**

This certainly has been a hurricane season none of us will ever forget! I hope that you all are safe, your homes are secure, and that your bromeliads have survived! One thing I have learned through Charley and Frances is that these are the most resilient plants!

I want to thank everyone for their patience and good work on the Bylaws proposals we discussed at last month's meeting. I commend the members of the Bylaws Review Committee – Betty Salvas, Lee Missavage, and Bob Stevens – as well as you all for your thoughtful consideration of our governing rules.

October is a busy bromeliad month in Florida. Tropiflora holds its annual Fall Festival the first weekend of October. The Extravaganza, the statewide sale, is October 23-24 – look for information in this newsletter as well as flyers at the meeting. Each society that is a member of the Florida Council provides five rare bromeliads for the Rare Plant Auction at the Extravaganza. If you have a bromeliad you can donate, please let me know. Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society also has its annual sale at the end of the month, October 30-31 at Terry Park in Ft. Myers. We will have a chance to replenish and replace bromeliads!

At this month's meeting, we'll have pictures from the 16<sup>th</sup> World Bromeliad Conference and an opportunity to trade hurricane stories. See you Monday night!

**Karen Andreas**

## Estate saga continues

The Henry Nehrling gardens and cottage are up for sale again. For over 40 years, this historic Gotha property was also the home of BSCF founding member, Julian Nally. Mr. Nally purchased the property in 1934, after Nehrling died, and grew acres of bromeliads on the site.

By Beth Kassab | Sentinel Staff Writer | Posted August 26, 2004

GOTHA -- Members of the Henry Nehrling Society have twice endured the heartache of broken promises and could suffer a similar pain again this year.

First, there was the surprise interest from domestic diva Martha Stewart, who secretly toured the remains of famed botanist Nehrling's gardens in early 2003 and talked of offering to preserve them before she became caught up in legal troubles.

Then there was the deal that fell through just hours before the society was scheduled to finalize its purchase of the property about nine months ago -- thwarted by legal restraints on the land that weren't discovered until the last minute.

Now, it looks as if the society's 3-year saga to save the kudzu-covered gardens and the cottage where Nehrling lived as he experimented with more than 3,000 plants for the U.S. government is coming to a final unhappy ending.

Owner Barbara Bochiardy, who has lived in the cottage that pre-dates 1900 and cared for the grounds since she and her late husband bought them in 1981, has again put the land up for sale.

Bochiardy says she has resisted selling to someone who might destroy the gardens and cottage that is on the National Register of Historic Places, instead waiting to see if the society could come up with the money to restore it and open it up to the public.

But she can't wait any longer. "I would prefer that it's preserved," Bochiardy, 74, said. "But my daughters are adamant: Mother needs out."

After two knee replacements and more than 20 years of climbing an old outdoor staircase to get to her second-floor bedroom, the for-sale sign went up on Hempel Avenue again this month.

The asking price is \$795,000, almost \$300,000 higher than the amount the Nehrling Society negotiated with her the first time around despite several felled trees and a damaged garage in the wake of Hurricane Charley.

"We're trying to get some angel to come in and help us," said society president Ken Nickeson.

Even if the society finds the money it needs to buy the land, deed restrictions could prevent it from opening the public exhibit and education center planned.

Restrictions discovered just before the society was to close the deal last year say that the Nehrling property is part of the Lake Nally Woods subdivision -- which surrounds it on two sides -- and must abide by its rules, which do not allow for the operation of a public botanical garden.

The restrictions also prohibit the property from being divided into smaller lots, making it less valuable to developers.

Members of the Lake Nally Homeowners Association said they would consider a vote to allow the public botanical gardens if the Nehrling Society agrees to build a 7-foot-high brick wall around the perimeter at an additional cost of at least \$100,000.

"We are in favor of the property being preserved, but we have concerns about the security and privacy of homes that are adjacent to it since it's going to become open to the public," said Sandy Crawford, president of the homeowners association.

Nickeson said the society would like to be able to offer small landscaping classes and other educational events on the property, but doesn't expect it to attract large numbers of people at one time.

He said the society is split as to whether it should agree to build the wall if it's able to move ahead again with the purchase.

Next month, the society will have a better idea of just how much money it needs after the Orange County Commission votes on whether \$500,000 it set aside to help the Nehrling Society two years ago will roll over into next year's budget.

"There's a very good chance" that will happen, said Commissioner Teresa Jacobs, who represents the area, though she wrote a memo to county officials alerting them of the restrictions that could ultimately force the society to abandon its plans.

"I think the county's commitment has not changed," she said. "But there are some real legal restraints. It's an issue that really isn't in our hands."

As Bochiardy walked around the grounds on a recent morning, pointing out the colorful lily blossoms, red pineapples and bamboo that peek out from the weeds, she said she will miss her home of more than 20 years.

"It's so peaceful out here," she said. "The only thing I hear is an occasional noise on the turnpike."

Though the cottage is listed on the National Register, it's not protected from demolition should a new owner choose to bulldoze it.

She said she doesn't want to see the property become just another address in increasingly trendy Gotha, where at least five upscale housing developments -- some with homes that reach beyond the million-dollar mark -- are under construction or in the planning stages.

Suzi Karr, Bochiardy's real estate agent, said she's already had phone inquiries since the for-sale sign went up, though some have been from developers wanting to splice the property into multiple lots, which isn't allowed by the deed restrictions.

"We just have to find someone to donate the money so these people [the society] can have it, because that's what Barbara and I want," Karr said.

Jim Thomas, vice president of the Nehrling Society, said he isn't calling the property a lost cause yet and is holding out hope that someone will come forward to help.

"We're just going to beat every bush we can find," he said.

## **Out & About With Pam Flesher**

**September 18 & 19, 2004, San Diego Bromeliad Society Show & Sale**, Show times are 12pm - 4pm on Saturday & 10am - 4pm on Sunday. Balboa Park, Casa del Prado complex. Come get a look at the venue for the WBC 2006

### **September 19 - 25, 2004, Marie Selby Gardens Free Admission Week**

Hours: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Admission is free Sunday, Sept. 19 through Saturday, Sept. 25. Enjoy an open-air and under-glass museum of thousands of orchids and bromeliads. Stroll winding pathways along Sarasota Bay and visit the Tropical Display House with hundreds of blooming orchids. This tropical oasis was recently named one of America's Top Ten Botanical Gardens. 811 South Palm Avenue, Sarasota, Florida 34236. Tel: 941.366.5731. [www.selby.org](http://www.selby.org)

**October 1 - 3, 2004, Tropiflora Fall Festival**, Hours: Friday 8-5, Saturday 8-5, Sunday 10-3

**October 9, 2004, Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies Meeting -**

### **October 9 & 10, 2004, 14th Annual Fall Plant Festival, University of South Florida Botanical Gardens in Tampa**

Hours: Saturday 10 am - 4 pm; Sunday 10 am - 3 pm The annual fall fund-and friend-raising event to support the programs of the USF Botanical Gardens. This is the best not-to-miss event of the season! \$3 admission; USFBG members and children under 12 are admitted free! USFBG members may enter at 9:30 am both days for exclusive shopping! Free parking. In addition to great items in our Plant Shop and Book Store, shop at over 70 vendors including local plant clubs and societies, commercial growers from all over the state selling plants and plant related items; botanical illustration class student exhibit; free lectures and more; food and drinks - hotdogs, fresh squeezed lemonade, and ice cream; free children's activity area with fun arts and crafts and a cool maze for the little gardeners to play in! For more information, please call 813-974-2329 or [www.cas.usf.edu/garden](http://www.cas.usf.edu/garden)

### **October 23, 2004, Bromeliad Extravaganza** Hosted by Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society

**PLANT SALE** The plant sale will be held at the Florida Botanical Gardens, located at 12175 125 Street North, Largo, Florida 33774. The sale hours 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 pm., a holding area is available for purchased plants. There will be guided tours of the Gardens at 10:00 am; 12:00 pm. and 2:00 pm. for a fee of \$1.00 per person. Food vendors will be on site from 11:30 am. until 4:00 pm. For vendor/sales information, contact Gary Lund 727-586-5865 or [glund@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:glund@tampabay.rr.com). Also see information sheet in this newsletter.

## 16<sup>th</sup> World Bromeliad Conference

The Bromeliad Society International's 16<sup>th</sup> World Conference was held in Chicago last month, hosted by the Bromeliad Society of Greater Chicago. Several members of the Bromeliad Society of Central Florida attended and enjoyed the auctions, sales, seminars and banquets. Come to the meeting on Monday night to see more pictures from this world class event.



**Head Table -Bottom row: xNeophytum 'Burgundy Hill' (George Aldrich); xVrieslandia 'Harmony' (Nelwyn Anderson); Guz. 'Diana' (Deroose).**

**Top row: Best in Show, Hobbyist, Tillandsia mooreana (Frank Hayden); Best in Show, Commercial, Guz. 'Olive' (De roose).**



**Division 1 Section Award: Guzmania sanguinea (Barb Temchuk). Grown in Chicago.**

**Among many other things, Chicago is noted for its candy. This Cryptanthus is made out of solid white chocolate.**





**Dot McNulty and Bill McCrory at the plant sales opening night. Irene and George Aldrich are in the background.**



**‡Mulford B. Foster Best in Show, Hobbyist: *Tillandsia mooreana*, (Frank Hayden)**

**◄Division II Section Award: *Tillandsia ehlersiana*, shown by BSCF member George Aldrich.**



**Congratulations to BSCF Member George Aldrich**

Bromeliad Society of Central Florida member George Aldrich made it to the head table at the World Conference six times. Congratulations George, on your hard work and expert growing!

- Div. II *Neophytum* 'Burgundy Hill'
- Div. II Sec. *Tillandsia ehlersiana*
- Div. III *Catopsis morreniana*
- Div. IV *Dyckia* 'Brittle Star'
- Div. IV Sec *Quesnelia marmarata* 'Tim Plowman'
- Div. VI Sec B *Tillandsia streptocarpa*



## Bromeliad Word Search

A L C A N T A R E A W I M A B  
I V A E M H C E A J P U P I I  
K A I S D N A L L I T K I L L  
C X I H N W N C F Y O A T E L  
O N A L K L T Z H B C I C G B  
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ACANTHOSTACHYS	NEOREGELIA
AECHMEA	NIDULARIUM
ALCANTAREA	OCHAGAVIA
ANANAS	ORTHOPHYTUM
BILLBERGIA	PITCAIRNIA
BROMELIA	PUYA
CANISTRM	QUESNELIA
CRYPTANTHUS	TILLANDSIA
DYKIA	WITTROCKIA
FASICULARIA	
HOHENBERGIA	

## Update: What's in a Name

by Michael Andreas

In last month's newsletter was a reprint of an article from the Bromeliad Society in Houston explaining the format for bromeliad names. The article was originally published in 1984; since that time, there have been a few changes to the rules of taxonomic names.

Specifically I am addressing this paragraph from that article:

"When a hybrid has been named, the second word(s) following the genus name is the hybrid name, or collective epithet. Before 1959 hybrids were given Latin names and these are preceded by an x. Examples: *Aechmea x morrisoniana*, *Vriesea x mariae*."

Now, however, the use of the "x" is no longer valid. For example, *Vriesea x mariae* is now called *Vriesea* 'Mariae' and *Aechmea x morrisoniana* is now *Aechmea* 'Morrisoniana'.

Latin names are no longer used for hybrids, but those named before 1959 are considered holdovers and their form has been modified as above.

## The Rest of the Story, Dr. Larry Giroux Explains Cryptanthus Mix

At the August meeting, several *Cryptanthus* brought in for Show and Tell were grown in coarse white substance that looked like Perlite. There was interest in this growing medium for *Cryptanthus* and so I contacted Larry Giroux, editor of the *Cryptanthus Journal* and member of the Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society, for information since I acquired the *Cryptanthus* from him. Here is what Larry wrote:

"I had collected the plants nearly three months before the *Cryptanthus* Rare Plant Auction [at the World Bromeliad Conference], so I was obligated to grow them. Since there are importation rules for California, Australia and probably other countries with reference to the presence of "dirt" on the plant or roots, I decided to grow them in a soil-less mix so they could easily be shaken clean or the roots could be picked cleanly. I grew them in "coarse sponge rock" with the pots sitting in trays filled to at least ¾ inch of a weak solution of soluble fertilizer (such as Peters 20-20-20). I was worried at times when I was away that the water level would be reduced

and the plants would dry up, but fortunately that never happened. The upper portion of the media in the pot stayed relatively dry with less chance of "crown rot," while the roots could reach for the water as necessary. I had originally planned on just taking the plants out of the pots and placing them in zip lock bags, but I found that it was safer to transport them in the pots in file boxes."

Karen Andreas

## Register Now

For the Seventeenth World Bromeliad Conference  
 Hosted by  
 Bromeliad Society International  
 And  
 The San Diego Bromeliad Society,

Location: to be announced—Dates: to be announced

\$115.00 – August 11, 2004 through September 30, 2004  
 \$140.00 – October 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005  
 \$165.00 – July 1, 2005 through April 30, 2006  
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Add \$30.00 if you are not a USA BSI Member.  
 Add \$40.00 if you are not an International Member.

(You will automatically become a BSI member and receive the *Journal of the Bromeliad Society*)

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Your name as it appears on your CARD (Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

All registrations paid through September 30, 2004 are 100% refundable until May 1, 2006  
 All registrations paid after September 30, 2004 are 70% refundable until May 1, 2006

Send to:  
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BANQUET  
 The Banquet is being held at the Holiday Inn Select,  
 3535 Ulmerton Road, Clearwater Florida 33762.  
 The Banquet, a "Florida Style Buffet" starts @ 6:00 pm.  
 the cost is \$19.95 for each individual.

THE MENU:  
 Cheese and fruit, fresh vegetable tray with dip, selection of salad,  
 roast beef carved by the Chef, crab legs, chicken,  
 baked potato with all the trimmings, medley of vegetables, rolls and butter,  
 dessert, coffee, decaf and tea. The reservation form is at the bottom of this page.

RARE PLANT AUCTION  
 The Auction will start @ 7:30 pm. in the banquet room, auction plants are provided  
 by the Florida Council via individual clubs,  
 additional donations of appropriate plants and items are respectfully  
 requested. To make donations contact Michael Kiehl, #941.488.4011.

ROOMS  
 Are available for a reduced rate of \$79.00 per night, contact the hotel for reservations,  
 mention the event the "BROMELIAD EXTRAVAGANZA on October 23rd.  
 Holiday Inn Select,  
 3535 Ulmerton Road, Clearwater, FL 33762, 727-577-9100

THERE WILL BE A CASH BAR AVAILABLE  
 FROM 6:00 P. M. THROUGHOUT THE BANQUET,  
 TILL THE END OF THE AUCTION.

BANQUET REGISTRATION \$19.95 each  
 Checks ONLY made payable to F.W.C.B.S.

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