



# Orlandiana

Newsletter of the Bromeliad Society of Central Florida  
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## The Annual Holiday Party

Tuesday, December 14, 2004

6:30 pm

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

**Please bring a dish to pass,  
with ingredients listed, (to avoid allergic reactions),  
& a bromeliad, cleaned, labeled, and wrapped so you can't tell what it is, if you wish to  
participate in the plant exchange.**

## President's Message

Come to our Holiday Party!

It's fun to get together at least once a year and share an evening of friendship and fine food. We have Carmen Morgan and Carmen Blanco to thank for coordinating this year's party. They have planned and worked through all the details for our holiday fare. Don't forget to bring a wrapped bromeliad for the bromeliad exchange. Our covered dish dinners are legendary – our members always bring a variety of treats – so be sure to bring your appetite as well as your covered dish!

We've had a good year, in spite of the hurricanes. So many of you donated time, plants and your talents to benefit our society; I am grateful for your generosity. We have a strong and active society because of your participation in our meetings, our shows and sales, your suggestions and your ideas. I thank all the members of the Bromeliad Society of Central Florida for their support and commitment to our bromeliad community.

Our vice president, Bob Stevens, treasurer, Betsy McCrory, and secretary, Betty Salvas, have worked as a team to support our society. Thank you, Bob, Betty, and Betsy, for your diligence and your work. Quyles Force comes onto the board in January as our new secretary; we all look forward to working with Quyles.

Our newsletter has evolved into a top-notch publication, thanks to the creative talent and hard work of Steven Wagner. There are so many people who work behind the scenes at each meeting. Sue Rhoads and Kathy Phinney run the refreshment table; John Boardman, Eloise Beach and Jim Pearce provide the society's supply store; Sudi Hipsley and Phyllis Baumer manage our library; Tina Hamilton helps out at the registration desk; Pam Flesher is always there with a helping hand. There are many members who pitch in and help throughout the year. Thank you all!

I look forward to seeing you all at Tuesday's dinner.

**Karen Andreas**

### From Dr. Henry Nehrling (1853 – 1929)

For brilliancy of color the plant world hardly produces anything equal to that of many species of Tillandsias. The beautiful *T. xiphioides* has showy white flowers which exhale a delicious perfume and *T. dianthoidea* (now *T. aeranthos*) has beautiful blue flowers. Both are natives of Uruguay and Argentina. In some of the parks of Buenos Aires all the branches of the huge Araucarias are decorated with these plants and when in flower at Christmas time convert these conifers into beautiful decorated Christmas trees.

For the rest of the article, please visit, [www.fcbs.org/articles/Henry\\_Nehrling.htm](http://www.fcbs.org/articles/Henry_Nehrling.htm)

 If you have a Library Book, Please remember to return it. 

## **Supply Store – Order December Supplies in Advance**

If you need supplies this month, please contact John Boardman and place your order in advance. John will bring your order to the Holiday Party but he will not be bringing the entire inventory of supplies – only those that have been ordered in advance. Call John at 407-957-5477 or email him at [jboard55@yahoo.com](mailto:jboard55@yahoo.com).

4" pots- 20 for \$1

5" pots-16 for \$1

6" pots- 12 for \$1

8" pots- 4 for \$1

10" pots-2 for \$1

5" labels 100 for \$3

Nutricote - slow release fertilizer 13-13-13 – 2 lbs. For \$3

Dyna-Gro liquid fertilizer 7-9-5 - 8oz. for \$4

Pot hangers - 25 for \$10

Wood slat basket with hangers - 2 for \$4

## **Welcome New Members**

Bob Johnson

Gary Signs

## **Come to the BSCF Holiday Party!**

**Tuesday, December 14**

**6:30 PM**

It's time again for us to gather for an evening of good fun, lots of bromeliad talk and the best pot luck dinner ever! Our members are known for their culinary arts – we always have a great meal together!

If you have not already contacted Carmen Morgan or Carmen Blanco to let them know what covered dish you want to bring, please do so. They also need a head count so we will be sure to have enough tables. Carmen Morgan can be reached at 407-843-4658, 407-432-0406, or at [Forevergreen52@yahoo.com](mailto:Forevergreen52@yahoo.com). We will not have access to the microwave or the ovens in the kitchen at Leu Gardens, so be sure to bring your hot dishes hot, or plan on using a crock pot, chafing dish or some other heat source.

We also will have a plant exchange. Bring a bromeliad, clean, labeled, and wrapped so you can't tell what it is. Everyone who brings a wrapped bromeliad to exchange will receive a bromeliad.

There will be no business conducted at this meeting – it's a night for fun and fellowship. See you on Tuesday!

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
November 22, 2004**

**BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA**

The meeting was called to order by President Karen Andreas at 7:00 p.m. Karen reminded everyone to sign in, pay any outstanding dues, buy raffle tickets, bid on the silent auction and help themselves at the food table.

New member Gary Signs was introduced and welcomed. The following guests were also in attendance: Pam Flesher introduced Virginia Loy of the Broward Bromeliad Society, Steven Wager introduced his cousin Vince from New York, and Bob Johnson introduced his wife Catherine.

Bob Stevens led the Show and Tell portion of the meeting consisting of plants brought by Grant Groves.

Grant Groves presented the evening's program, which was a beautiful slide show of his trips to Hawaii in 1970 and 1990 highlighting the beautiful bromeliad gardens in that part of the world.

At 7:55 p.m. Karen Andreas announced a 10 minute break.

**Minutes** – There being no discussion, Pam Flesher moved that the minutes of the October meeting be approved; Helen Kwiat seconded; and the minutes of the October meeting were unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report** –Treasurer Betsy McCrory reported that at the end of October BSCF had a balance of \$427.97 in checking, \$12,478.6 in the Money Market account, and \$35 cash on hand, for a total of \$12,941.43.

**Freeze Cloth** – Betsy McCrory accepted orders during the meeting for freeze cloth. Members can pick up their order at the Christmas dinner.

**Election of Officers for 2005** – Karen Andreas read the following slate of candidates:

Karen Andreas – president  
Bob Stevens – vice president  
Betsy McCrory – treasurer  
Quyless Force – secretary

There being no additional nominations from the floor, Leroy Weaver moved that the proposed officers be approved; Carolyn Schoenau seconded; and the slate of officers for 2005 was unanimously approved.

**Field Trip** – Karen Andreas stated that BSCF has been invited to visit Michael's Bromeliads on December 4. On a show of hands, it appears approximately 15 members will attend.

**Holiday Party** – Carmen Morgan announced the annual Holiday Party will be on December 14. All attendees are asked to bring a wrapped plant and a covered dish. BSCF will supply the turkey, ham, drinks and utensils.

**Memorials** – Karen Andreas read portions of a letter from Bert Foster's widow thanking the Society for the donations to BSI and the Parkinson's disease Association made in Mr. Foster's memory.

Karen Andreas advised that BSCF member Jim Mahler died of cancer two weeks ago. The Society will make a donation to BSI and the American Cancer Society in Jim's memory. Karen pointed out that most of the plants on the raffle table at this meeting were from Jim's greenhouse.

**Dixie Stampede** – Betsy McCrory announced we have received an offer from Dixie Stampede for a group of 20 or more at the special price of \$34.25 per adult and \$17.21 per child. Performances are 6:30 p.m. Sun-Thurs and 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Fri-Sat. Anyone interested should contact Betsy.

**Next Meeting** – The December meeting has been moved to the 14<sup>th</sup> and will be the Holiday Party.

Bob Stevens announced the silent auction results, and door prize and raffle tickets were drawn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Salvas, Secretary

## **Town and Country Resort**

The next World Bromeliad Conference will be held in San Diego, CA, June 6 – 11, 2006



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**Thank you very much, to everyone who has helped make Orlandiana Great in 2004!**

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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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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## **Holiday Party**

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**Happy New Year!**