



THE CALOOSAHATCHEE BROMELIAD SOCIETY'S MERISTEM

Jan-Feb 2020



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January Meeting— Sunday, Jan 19th
February Meeting Sunday, Feb 16th

**Our Meetings are at the Ft. Myers— Lee
County Garden Council Building
2166 Virginia Ave. Fort Myers.**

It is north of the Edison Gardens parking lot and about 1/2 miles north of our previous meeting location— Covenant Presbyterian Church. Virginia Ave is approximately 3 miles north of the intersection of Colonial Blvd. and McGregor Blvd. and is the 2nd Street north of the Edison Gardens

Doors open at 12:30 PM for room setup

Workshop about 1:15PM

Program approx. 2 PM

**Please bring food, Friendship plants, Raffle &
Show and Tell Items.**

Membership renewal fees are \$15/20 single/dual;

New member dues: \$20/25, single/dual.

Membership Sales are not permitted

at the January Meeting

**Permission for Membership Sales at the February
Meeting will be announced.**

The Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society is an active Affiliate of:



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January Program

By Anthony Warfield

For those who attended the CBS Bromeliad Show and Sale, you will recall the “Crypt table”. Again this year we were fortunate to have a group of outstanding plants with a majority receiving AM ribbons. Our newest member, Anthony Warfield entered for the first time; he exhibited a group of his outstanding *Cryptanthus*. Anthony has been a grower at Tropiflora Nursery for several years. Besides transforming the *Cryptanthus* House at Tropiflora into the largest commercial source of the greatest variety of cryptanthus in the country, he has applied his talents to growing other plants of the Tropiflora and his personal collections. At the January meeting he will divulge some of his tricks and tips on growing bromeliads . We are hoping he will bring plants for sale, so make some room in your garden.



To the (L) *C. 'Eternal Love'* one of Anthony's entries in the CBS Show demonstrating what the judges look for including great conformation, color markings and traits that the plant has been grown to its full potential. The picture below is the replanted and renovated cryptanthus house managed by Anthony at Tropiflora. Photos by Dr. Larry Giroux.



February Program

To be Announced

Jan & Feb Workshop to be announced

Winners of the 2019 CBS Bromeliad Show

Photos by Dr. Jeff Joffe and Dr. Larry Giroux; information by Dr. Larry Giroux



**The Mulford B. Foster
Best of Show Award**
(This is the Best Horticultural Entry
of Divisions I, II and III)
Exhibitor: Tom Cowell
Tillandsia concolor x roland-gossellini
Tom also won the Gene McKenzie Best
Tillandsia Award
(See front cover of this issue)



The Morris Henry Hobbs Award
(This is the Best Artistic Entry
of Division IV)

Exhibitor: Dr. Larry Giroux

Cryptanthus 'Eruption'

(See back cover of this issue)



The SWEEPSTAKES Award
(This is awarded to the exhibitor who won
the most AM ribbons of a qualifying 20
entries in Divisions I, II, III & IV A)

Exhibitor: Dr. Larry Giroux

Representative entry:

Aechmea recurvata var. benrathii

**Division I—
Best Individual Bromeliad**

Exhibitor: Michael Kiehl

Neoregelia
'Flame On'



**Division I Sec A–
Best Individual Foliage-
Bromeliad**

Exhibitor: Michael Kiehl

Neoregelia
‘Fancy Francis’



**Division I Sec B–
Best Individual Blooming
Bromeliad**

**Exhibitor:
Anthony Warfield**

Cryptanthus
‘Witchdoctor’

**Division II–
Best Multiple Bromeliad Entry**

Exhibitor: Michael Kiehl

xDycklirium **‘Megalodon’**





**Division II Sec A–
Best Multiple Foliage Entry**

Exhibitor: Betty Ann Prevatt

Billbergia stenopetala



**Division II Sec B–
Best Multiple Blooming Entry
and**

**The Bob Whitman Best
Cryptanthus Group
Species Award**

Exhibitor:

Dr. Larry Giroux

Cryptanthus teretifolius

**Division III Sec B–
Best Horticultural Display
Multiple Entry**

Exhibitor: Dr. Terrie Bert

Catopsis berteroniana



**Division III–
Best Horticultural Display Entry**

Exhibitor: Dr. Terrie Bert

Tillandsia ‘Lucille’





**Division IV Sec A
Best Decorative Container
Entry**

Exhibitor: Dr. Larry Giroux

***Cryptanthus*
'Faux Meniscal'**



**Division VI Sec A–
Best Judges' Challenge Entry**

Exhibitor: Jay Thurrott

***Cryptanthus* 'Absolute Zero'**



**The Warren Loose Best Cryptanthus Group Hybrid Award
Exhibitor: Dr. Larry Giroux *Cryptanthus* 'Tropical Heat Wave'**



Members' Choice Awards
(These awards are selected by vote of the CBS membership attending the Sale and Show on Saturday AM)

1st Place
Brian Weber

Deuterocohnia lorentziana

2nd Place
Brian Weber

Dyckia 'Arizona'

3rd Place
Dr. Gary Nelson

Neoregelia 'Lucifer'



HOLIDAY PARTY

Again we were blessed by a perfect day, ideal location, numerous donations and great food. Many thanks to our hosts Dale, Delia and Benji for their hospitality. Thanks also to the organizers and all who brought food, plants and all else.



Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society

Minutes for 20 October 2019

Call to order: 1:15 by President Cate Peterson

General meeting:

The CBS nominating committee new slate of officers for 2020 was announced and the election was scheduled for the November meeting. Reminder that the holiday party is December 8th in Buckingham at Dale Kammerlohr's place.

Betsy Burdette reminded folks to grab yard signs and flyers for the CBS show and sale in December. Betsy is working on press releases but recommends posting the show and sale flyers to e-mails, Facebook, other social media, and Craigslist.

Workshop/Presentation: Larry Giroux rallied support for the CBS show and sale in mid-December by reviewing preparations that members should take when evaluating potential show plants in their collection. Details of the weekend schedule, judging, and entry divisions are available in the September-October 2019 issue of the CBS Meristem newsletter. Show schedules will be available at the November meeting.

Attendance: 31 members and 2 guests present

New members: N/A

Guests: Dale Conyers, Benji Lopez

Door prizes: Bill Sheffield grew *Billbergia* ‘Flamenco’ and donated it for this month’s door prize. The winner was Elizabeth Migliore. A Don Beadle hybrid from the late 1980s, ‘Flamenco’ is a “narrow based flaring rosette to 24 inches tall with 15 to 20 leaves in rich deep red with some vague white spotting.”

Show and tell: Dale Kammerlohr

Raffle: Larry Giroux

Meeting notes submitted by Pete Diamond, CBS secretary.

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Minutes for 17 November 2019

Call to order: 1:20 by President Cate Peterson

General meeting:

The new slate of officers was announced and unanimously elected for the 2020 calendar year. See front inside cover of Newsletter for names.

Reminder that the holiday party is December 8th in Buckingham at Dale Kammerlohr’s place.

Vicki Chirnside updated the membership on what happened at the latest FCBS meeting, which focused largely on the 2020 BSI World Conference in Sarasota.

Vicki also requested that at least six volunteers sign up to be clerks for the CBS December show, running from Friday the 13th through Sunday the 15th.

The Edison Garden Festival is this coming weekend. CBS will have an information table at the Festival.

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Workshop: Larry Giroux and Betty Ann Prevatt updated the membership about the showing and selling bromeliads at next month’s CBS-sponsored event. Folks wanting to sell plants must enter at least two plants in the show. The maximum number of show plants to compete for the sweepstakes is 20. Vicki Chirnside and Luli Westra are handling entries and registrations. A request was put out for volunteers to place the show plants. Plants will need to be entered in the show according to the latest taxonomic classifications. There is a show category for unnamed plants, as well as the display-only grouping (for plants that are not evaluated by the judges), and the novice category. Merit judging of individual plants is first, followed by competitive judging.

For sales, the blue tag should have a price and the vendor’s ID (usually their

initials) below that. Whole dollar amounts only for prices. The membership sales table is for individuals selling small numbers of plants.

Attendance: 47 members and 4 guests present

New members: N/A

Guests: Wanda Schmoyer, Joe Smith, Keith Steinberg, Nicki Dougherty

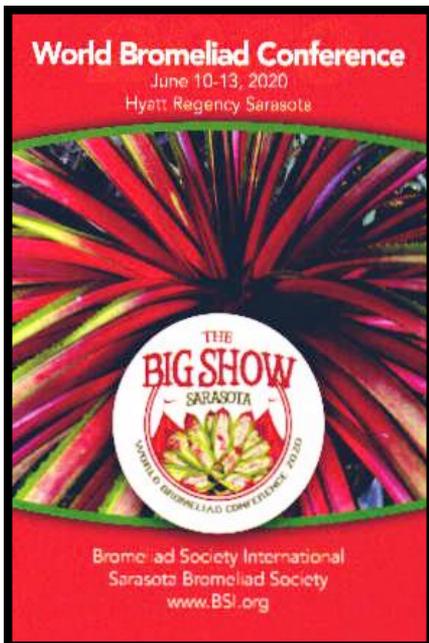
Program: Although bromeliads aren't toxic, per se, Marc S. Frank, an Extension Botanist at the University of Florida herbarium, delivered a talk about understanding plant toxicity. He answered questions pertaining to we mean when we say a plant is poisonous, what factors influence how our bodies react when we are exposed to poisons, and how do gardeners avoid exposure to plant toxins? As for why plants produce poisonous compounds, Marc says plant toxins are a form of self-defense, they protect plants from microbial infections, they provide a barrier between injured and healthy tissues, they give a competitive advantage over nearby plants (allelopathy), and they are a by-product of routine metabolic processes. He also cautions that it is not the substance that is toxic but the amount of the toxin delivered/administered/injected.

Door prizes: *Aechmea* 'America', grown and donated by Bill Sheffield, was won by Betty Ann Prevatt. According to the BSI cultivar register, 'America' is "a vegetative sport off *Aechmea* 'Blue Tango' which occurred in 2005 at Bullis Nursery, Princeton, Florida."

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Raffle: Larry Giroux

Meeting notes submitted by Pete Diamond, CBS secretary.



WORLD BROMELIAD CONFERENCE

to be held in Sarasota, Florida.

<https://www.bsi.org/new/conference-corner> For more information and updates.

At the January meeting Dues are due.

Last year many members waited several months to pay their dues.

A renewal form will be included in the January e-mailing of the Newsletter.

Please be prepared to pay at the meeting or mail dues to Betty Ann.



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2020 Dues are due at the January Meeting**