



*March 2006*

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BROMELIAD  
SOCIETYs  
CALOOSAHATCHEE  
MERISTEM**

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**X Anamea 'Dianne'  
Ananas bracteatus x Aechmea 'Burgundy'**

This new cultivar was discovered among the collection of Dianne Molnar during a visit by Geoff Lawn, of Perth, Australia. It has been officially registered with the BSI BCR using the name of the CBS President.

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# THE CALOOSAHATCHEE BROMELIAD SOCIETY

MEETING TIME AND PLACE:

**March Meeting:** SUNDAY March 19th, 2006

ST. JOHN the APOSTLE CHURCH 3049 MCGREGOR Ave. FORT MYERS.  
DOORS WILL BE OPEN AT 12:30 FOR SETUP. Please bring FRIENDSHIP  
plants to share with our members.

## February Program and Workshop

This month we are having our annual fundraising auction to benefit  
the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies. There will be no Raffle or  
Workshop.

**(SEE ARTICLE IN THIS ISSUE)**

From 1-2 PM donations will be accepted for the Auction. The volunteers  
will label the items with the donor's name, the plant or item description  
and item #. Certain plants will be selected for the Silent Auction and  
will be set up with bidding sheets. The other items will be set-up for  
display. You will have an opportunity until the end of the break to place  
your bids for the silent auction and review the other items prior to the  
start of the Auction. Don't forget to pick up your bidding numbers  
from the registration desk. And Please bring cash or checks to pay for  
your purchases. No credit card or debit cards will be accepted. Lets  
all have a fun time!

Unfortunately all tables and space will be needed for the display  
of auction and silent auction plants, so MEMBERSHIP SALES  
WILL BE BANNED AT THIS MEETING. However, if you have  
extra "FRIENDSHIP PLANTS", please bring them to share with  
the membership.

The Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society is an active Affililate of:



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Society



Bromeliad Society  
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# SOCIETY NOTES

## Welcome new members

Oscar & Marie Hoffman

Judy K. Boyette

## The 2006 Roster and Yearbook

The New 2006 Photographic Roster and Yearbook will be available to paid-up members at the March Meeting. Although we are allotting only one copy per household, there are several 2005 Rosters still available. If you need one for the car or to have next to the other phone in your home, feel free to take these. As a courtesy to our members who cannot get to the meetings, the Treasurer (Betty Ann Prevatt) will mail the Roster and Yearbook to you for a \$1 fee. We would rather you attend the March meeting to pick up this valuable document and enjoy our planned program and meeting. We will continue to have the Roster available at future meetings.

## To Our CBS Volunteers

CBS wishes to thank all of those members who stepped forward to assume committee positions.

We still have openings for the Fort Myers/ Lee County Garden Council Representatives from the CBS. This is mostly a social gathering of the representatives from the numerous garden clubs and societies in Lee County. They meet bimonthly on the third Friday from September to May. Currently the meetings are held at the Riverside Activities Building off of Palm Beach Blvd. in Fort Myers. The next meeting, which is the "Annual" Meeting will be held March 17th. We are allowed three representatives and three alternates.

The major issue involving the Council is the acquisition of a permanent meeting location for member societies following the sale of the Garden Council Building to Lee Memorial Hospital. Besides attending these meetings and representing your society, you would need to give a report to the membership either in person or submit one to the Editor of the newsletter for distribution. PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH BETTY ANN PREVATT BEFORE MARCH 17TH if you would like to attend the upcoming meeting. It is a nice outing

for someone 5 times a year and you will become more involved with your society.

I also want to thank those individuals, especially Deb Booker and Dianne Molnar who have volunteered to help with the assemblage of the monthly Newsletter. And thanks to all of our members who are sending in articles and pictures in response to my request for more member input. Please continue to submit to the Meristem "Homing Pigeon Round". We are all interested in what is happening to our members and on their patios and in their yards.

## **Events Close to Home**

This is the time of the year, with the dry season and moderate temperatures, when we can enjoy the outdoors in Southwest Florida. Special Projects Chairs - Deb Booker and Tom Foley are working diligently to provide us with opportunities to enjoy our hobby.

### **Fakahatchee Preserve Walk**

Again this year our society will have the opportunity to participate in a private tour of the Fakahatchee Preserve in Collier County. Tom Foley is now taking reservations for the limited number of spots for this tour. The cost is \$25 per member for this scenic walk into this protective area, home to native bromeliads, orchids and animals. This outing has been scheduled for **Monday, May 1st**. Details and directions will follow in the April Meristem. Please contact Tom Foley at [tefoley24@earthlink.net](mailto:tefoley24@earthlink.net) or call him at 239-458-4656. For information on-line about this unique park off of Alligator Alley go to these sites -

<http://www.floridastateparks.org/fakahatcheestrand/default.cfm>

[http://sofia.usgs.gov/virtual\\_tour/pgfakahatchee.html](http://sofia.usgs.gov/virtual_tour/pgfakahatchee.html)

<http://aquat1.ifas.ufl.edu/fakahat.html>

<http://fcbs.org/articles/Fahkahatchee.htm> (article by L.Giroux)

### **Open House at Michael's Bromeliads**

Owners and members of our society - Donna and Michael Kiehl of Michael's Bromeliads in Venice, Florida are hosting an Open House for members of the CBS on Sunday, March 26th from 9 AM to 4 PM.

"We'll have drinks and some light snacks so if anyone wants to bring a lunch there are plenty of places to relax and enjoy. We'll be around all day so the hours can be whatever works best for the members. Anytime after 9:00 AM until 3 or 4 o'clock ?? We'll look forward to having the club visit. Thanks, Michael"

Coming from the Fort Myers area follow these directions -

Take I-75 North to exit #193 toward Venice. Take a right on Jacaranda Blvd - go 0.7 mi. Turn right on Border Rd. - go 1.6 mi. Turn left on First Dirt Road. Arrive at 973 First Dirt Road on the left.

If you wish to choose your plants before you get to Michael's, go to

**<http://michaelsbromeliads.com>** for his online catalog.

Pictures of nearly all the listed bromeliads can be found at [www.fcbs.org](http://www.fcbs.org) (the website of the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies.)

### **Plant Sale**

You might recall the announcements, which Geri Prall made about upcoming plant sales in Cape Coral at our last meeting. Although by the mailing of this issue, the sale at the Jaycee Park will be over, I want to remind you about the sale at Eco Park in Cape Coral on Saturday, March 25th. For additional info contact Geri Prall at 542-2245 or at [sw\\_fl\\_palmecad@hotmail.com](mailto:sw_fl_palmecad@hotmail.com).

Directions: From U.S. 41, take Colonial Parkway west over the Midpoint Memorial Bridge. The entrance to the park will be on the right beyond the toll booth (\$1.00 toll). You will see the sale area before you reach the toll booth. For those already in Cape Coral, there are signs from the Coralwood Mall directing you.

### **Request for Bromeliads**

An unfortunate lack of communication has resulted in the removal and destruction of nearly all of the beds of bromeliads at the Bob Mason Park in LaBelle, previously planted by the local Garden Club. Terri Lazar is on a mission to replant the Park with donated bromeliads. Any hobbyist or commercial growers with excess bromeliads, which they wish to donate are urged to contact Terri Lazar at 863-675-2392 or at [TERRILML@earthlink.net](mailto:TERRILML@earthlink.net). This time there will be signs posted to avoid "botanically challenged" county workers from making a similar blatant error in the future.

### **The Other Bromeliad Societies**

The Bromeliad Society of Central Florida has been in existence for many years and has hosted 2 very successful WBCs in Orlando, the home of "Father Bromeliad", the late Mulford B. Foster. Their newsletter, the "Orlandiana" is an excellent source of information. Steven Wagner is the Editor and Karen Andreas has been a major contributor of articles. I recommend that everyone should log on to [www.fcbs.org](http://www.fcbs.org) and go to "Member Societies - BSCF" and review the series of articles on the bromeliad genera written by Karen in past newsletters.

# Our Annual Auction

By Larry Giroux

Again this year we have set aside the month of March for our annual fund raising Auction to benefit the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies. The entire meeting except for the business portion, will be devoted to this event. The normal Workshop time will be used for Setup and the program will consist of a silent and standard Auction.

**Purpose:** The Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies is a unique organization founded in Florida nearly 30 years ago to join together approximately 12 local Bromeliad Societies and coordinate their activities. With its own Board and representatives from each of the Societies, at quarterly meetings held at locations around the state, the FCBS has dealt with bromeliad issues relating to bromeliads and hobbyists here in Florida.

Top on the agenda for nearly 15 years has been the support for the eradication of the Mexican Weevil, "The Evil Weevil", which is devastating Florida's native Bromeliad populations as well as plants in private collections.

10 years ago with financial support from the Florida Council, the Website, FCBS.org, was created by Michael Andreas. Due to his enthusiastic, conscientious and persistent efforts as well as informational contributions from hobbyists and commercial growers from around the world, this Website has become the greatest source of the information about bromeliads on Earth.

This year the FCBS is contemplating a new challenge. It is unlikely that because of the hurricane devastation to New Orleans, the 2008 World Bromeliad Conference will be held as scheduled in that city. Discussions are now under way among the member societies of the FCBS, to find a location and a Society or Societies to host this event here in Florida.

Monies raised with our Auction will be donated to the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies in order to support their continuing efforts here in our state.

**Donations:** As I mentioned at the February meeting, all types of bromeliads and bromeliad related items are eagerly solicited for the Auction. Foremost, nice clean bromeliads are requested. Orchids and other tropical plants have also been donated in the past. Gardening tools and gardening supplies are bid on. Artwork and collectibles are always desirable. Books and gift certificates enjoyed. Please be generous.

**Auctions:** Besides a classical Auction with an auctioneer, with individual bidder numbers and verbal bidding, depending upon the number of donations, a Silent Auction will be held during the Auction hours. Tables will be set up with items and individual bidding forms. Members will have an opportunity to upgrade bids during the afternoon. Throughout the Auction and at the discretion of the Auction committee, bidding on an item will close and the winner will be announced.

**Volunteers:** For the Auction to run smoothly, organization is necessary. Volunteers as record keepers, set up, runners, cashiers, commentators, security, etc will be needed. Some individuals will be asked prior to the event to help, but hopefully others will come to the meeting with the offer to assist.

**Payment:** Unfortunately we are ill-equipped to accept credit cards or debit cards.

Please bring cash or checks to pay for your purchases.

**Check out:** Let's not let the chaos following the Auction put a damper on all the fun and excitement. We will all be trying to pay for our treasures and collect them as fast as possible, but let us all leave in good spirits with our correct winnings. With your cooperation and our volunteers, we will keep everybody happy.

## **Garden Happenings**

**By Geri Prall**

The bearded, red suspenders wearing co-host of HGTV's People, Places and Plants as well as The Victory Garden, Roger Swain was in town as the Key Note Speaker at the SW Garden & Landscape Conference held on February 18th. Roger spoke on Planting Villages: How Gardens Make Good Neighbors. Before heading back North, Roger and his wife Elizabeth toured the Edison Home and Gardens, ECHO, Selby Gardens, and the neighborhood private garden of David & Geri Prall in Cape Coral.



Roger Swain, along with David Prall, admires a blooming (15 year old) specimen of Agave guinegola at Palm Tree Gardens (the Prall's home) in Cape Coral.



Again Roger Swain and David Prall pose along side a Coccothrinax crinita "Old Man Palm". In the foreground is Roger's wife Elizabeth Swain and Debbie Hughs from the LCFMGC who accompanied the Swains during their visit to Lee County. Photos by Geri Prall.

## Blooms in the Garden

Marlene Long sent these pictures to me with the following note -

Dear Dr.Larry:

I talked to you at our last meeting regarding the door prize I won that Steve Hoppin donated. Here is a picture of the Aechmea orlandiana 'Hayward' in all its glory.

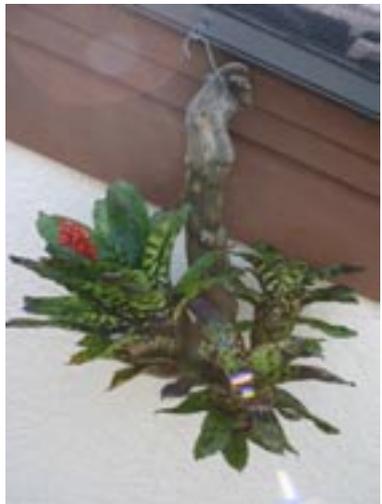
Also there are two other pictures of blooming bromeliads in my garden, or should I say one in the garden and one on the lanai. I have been told the Quesnelia testudo is a very common bromeliad to own, but when it blooms with many others of its kind, it is glorious and draws much attention. The Neophytum 'Galactic Warrior' is probably my favorite!!! The red, green and white striping of the leaves makes this a better Christmas plant than any poinsettia could ever be. It is just fabulous and I love it.

Thanks for all you do for the club, we appreciate it as new members learning as we go.

Frank and Marlene Long

(Ed. note: It is true that Quesnelia testudo (there is some disagreement on the name, some feel the correct name is Q. pseudotestudo) has become a popular yard plant, but

not always by choice. This bromeliad is cold tolerant and propropagates quickly. Its sharp spines, stiff leaves and pointed tips make it dangerous near walkways. 'Galactic Warrior' is a cross of a Neoregelia and an Orthophytum, hence the Bi-generic name Neophytum. It loves sun and lots of fertilizer. Spring is the season for the blooming of many of the patterned Aechmeas, such as this "Hayward" a cultivar of the species Ae. orlandiana.)



## **The Kinzie - Prevatt Connection**

The Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society has been very fortunate to have had for these past 20+ years the association of Eleanor Kinzie and her daughter Betty Ann Prevatt. Not only have they provided the membership with their support as officers and committee chair holders, but they have been our unofficial gardening supply store.

Owners and operators of the Kinzie Wholesale Nursery in Fort Myers, they have graciously offered to purchase any available supplies and equipment our members might need to aid in their growing. Betty Ann has been available at meetings and at their business to help you find what you need from her extensive catalogs. Everything from plastic pots to nutricote to sponge rock can be ordered. And as most of you know who have tried to find these items at retail stores, they are not easily located.

So take advantage of this additional benefit of your society and remember to thank Eleanor and Betty Ann for their generosity and commitment they have given us all these years.

### **THE AIR PLANT**

This tuft that thrives on saline nothingness,  
Inverted octopus with heavenward arms  
Thrust parching from a palm-bole hard by the cove-  
A bird almost—of almost bird alarms,

Is pulmonary to the wind that jars  
Its tentacles, horrific in their lurch.  
The lizard's throat, held bloated for a fly,  
Balloons but warily from this throbbing perch.

The needles and the hack-saws of cactus bleed  
A milk of earth when stricken off the stalk;  
But this,-defenseless, thornless, sheds no blood,  
Almost no shadow—but the air's thin talk.

Angelic Dynamo! Ventriloquist of the Blue!  
While beachward creeps the shark-swept Spanish Main  
By what conjunctions do the winds appoint  
Its apotheosis, at last-the hurricane!

By Hart Crane

(Submitted by Deb Booker)

## Happenings in Naples



Jim Bixler, a CBS member from Naples sent me these pictures of a bromeliad tree he created in his back yard. He claims to have whipped up this tree garden in about 10 minutes. We'll have to ask him to give us more details about its construction when we see him at a meeting. Thanks Jim for the photos.



A bromeliad booth at the SW Florida Yard and Garden Show this past month.



A closeup of some of the blooming plants at this Naples Plant sale. Photos by Jim Bixler

# HOW I GOT STARTED

By Tom Foley

Growing up I had heard many stories and had seen many pictures from my Uncle Tom (Seuss) about his bromeliads and the Broward County Bromeliad Society of which he was one of the founders. He passed away in January. I have many fond memories of our conversations, especially after I became involved with his passion, bromeliads.

Years later, having moved to Lee County, I saw an announcement about a bromeliad sale that was going to be held at Terry Park. I went. Oh my, YES! I fell head over heels in love with all the plants.

I met with Gene McKenzie, who was familiar with my Uncle. She told me all about the CBS and when the next meeting would be held. So after the first of 2003 I went and joined at the January meeting. And a new adventure began.

Since that first sale, I have probably accumulated about 200 various hybrids and species in a yard that had originally nothing. I love everything about bromeliads and I am addicted. I find them a great stress reliever and relax by talking to the plants; and they talk back by giving beautiful blooms. Although I can't remember my absolute first bromeliad, I acquired so many so quickly, Pitcairnia remain my favorite genus. I wish there were a source for more of this group.

As Secretary, Set-up staff and FCBS Representative I am enjoying my hobby and my society even more. I encourage everyone to get more involved in any way you can. Your life will be much better for it.

(Ed. note: The genus - Pitcairnia and the related Pepinia, which Tom has a fondness for, consists of over 400 species. Of these, relatively few are grown in cultivation. Their unattractive grass-like foliage, larger size and their more rigid requirements as terrestrials, make them less desirable as patio and yard plants. However, over the last 10-12 years a few die-hard hybridizers including two of our own members, Jim Irvin and Dr. Sam Smith, have created hybrids, which are more showy in their foliage and blooms. These newer cultivars have made the Pitcairnia and Pepinia more respectable and worthy of collection and show entries. Below is one such cultivar - xPitinia 'Stephen Hoppin' with its wide discolor leaves, nice form and brightly colored inflorescence. This was created by Sam Smith from the species Pitcairnia smithiorum, which he and his wife Hattie Lou Smith discovered in South America and Pepinia sanguinea. On the back page is another desirable cultivar by Dr. Smith - Pitcairnia 'Hattie'. This was developed from Jim Irvin's cross P. 'Beaujolais' and P. smithiorum.)



Photos by  
Larry Giroux

# MEETING MINUTES OF THE CALOOSAHAATCHEE BROMELIAD SOCIETY.

DATE: FEBRUARY 19, 2006

LOCATION: St. John the Apostle Metropolitan Community Church, Ft. Myers, Florida . ATTENDANCE: 58 members and guests

**WORKSHOP:** "Using Your Society Library to Its Fullest Potential"

By whom: Sue Gordon, Chief Librarian. Start time: 1:10 P.M. End time: 1:25 P.M. Sue showcased the library and described its contents for the 30 members and guests present. She noted that the library contains bromeliad and other Florida gardening titles, as well as BSI journals, Cryptanthus Soc.Journals, Cargo Reports from Tropiflora and all past and current weevil information. As new bromeliad titles come to market, our Treasurer orders them. Thank you Sue on a job well done.

**CALL TO ORDER:** by Pres. Dianne Molnar at 1:50 P.M. Introduction of guest Janice Webb and new members Maria and Oscar Hoffman.

**MINUTES:** Motion by Rosemary Fleming to accept the minutes as printed in the February 2006 Meristem. Kay Janssen seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:** none

**NEW BUSINESS:** Board proposal for 2006 donations:

\$500 to BSI Color Fund, \$500 to the Bromeliad Identification Center, Selby Gardens, \$500 to the Cryptanthus Society, \$200 to the World Conference Fund as well as \$100 ad in the World Conference Program. Motion by Vicky Chirnside to make these donations and seconded by Larry Giroux and the motion passed with a verbal vote of the members. Also noted was that \$500 from the sale of Gene McKenzie plants and items to be sent to the World Conference to be used for the Tillandsia seminar.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Larry Giroux has started a "Homing Pigeon Round"; if you know someone who is ailing or going on a trip or of an interesting plant event, let him know or better yet write an article and include a photo and he will edit it and get it into the newsletter. He has encouraged us all to become writers for the newsletter. Today was the last day to pay your dues to get in this year's roster and continue to receive the Newsletter.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Donna Schneider-Orchid Show in Miami - bus seats available for \$30 each. Bus to leave from Cypress Trace parking lot in South Fort Myers March 4th at 8 A.M. returns 6 P.M. Contact Donna or Betty Ann for information ASAP if you wish to go. Geri Prall- Jaycee Park plant sale March 4th and Eco Park plant sale March 25th. Thank you to Betsy and Bill Burdette for hosting the Christmas Party. **MARCH AUCTION:** Next month's combined Program and Workshop will be our Annual Fund Raiser for the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies. Larry Giroux requested donations from everyone as well as a good attendance to support this event. Betsy and Bill Burdette have agreed to host our 26<sup>th</sup> Birthday party in April at their home on the Orange River. *Watch for information in the April Newsletter. THE NEWSLETTER IS ONLINE AT WWW.FCBS.ORG.*

**DOOR PRIZE:** conducted by Luli Westra. Nidularium regelioides donated

by Dianne Molnar and won by Barbara Schneider.

**SHOW AND TELL:** Many beautiful plants in bloom shown to full advantage by Dale Kammerlohr.

**BREAK:** 25 minutes to eat and visit.

**REFRESHMENT SET-UP:** provided by Sue Gordon and many helping hands, thanks to everyone who shared something to eat.

**PROGRAM:** Name- Landscaping with Bromeliads provided by Tropiflora and presented by Brian Weber. Brian took us on a 25 minute tour of bromeliads photographed in the wild and many landscaped gardens around the world. Great program very much enjoyed by everyone.

**RAFFLE:** Commentary by Larry Giroux, with runners Ross Griffith and Gail Daneman

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 3:50 P.M.

**BREAKDOWN:** Thanks to all the hands who help break down the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ross Griffith, member CBS  
for Tom Foley, Secretary

## February Program

A dream starts with a vision. Dennis Cathcart, owner of Tropiflora, has had the opportunity to visit gardens and nurseries throughout the world. Brian Weber, a member of our society and a chief grower at Tropiflora narrated for us the program "Landscaping with Bromeliads", which documented many of the beautiful gardens photographed by Dennis on his travels. Visions from such exotic places as Java, the Philippines, New Zealand and Thailand showed us how determination and a lot of hard work can create a dream. Pictures from the "Berg Cage", the Sarasota yard and patio of Wally and Dorothy Berg, demonstrated the possibilities for the use of bromeliads in our own home and yard. Thank you Brian for the commentary and these beautiful images, which hopefully will inspire us to create our own special piece of paradise. (Additional images of the "Berg Cage" can be found at [www.fcbs.org](http://www.fcbs.org))

## February Workshop

Sweet and short, Sue showed spectators the special substantial selections of CBS's spectacular library. For over 25 years our library has grown with contributions from members and Society purchases, to become a first class reference source. Sue Gordon, our chief librarian, demonstrated how easy it is for members to take advantage of what the library has to offer. A handout outlining the specific contents of the library accompanied Sue's discussion. Thank you Sue for the information, in spite of the fact that I suspect you will be a lot more busy in the future, because of your demonstration..

## EVENTS CALENDER

### June 6th - 11th, 2006

**Bromeliads on the Border, 17th World Bromeliad Conference.**  
**Town and Country Resort & Convention Center 500**  
**Hotel Circle North, San Diego, California 92108, <http://www.towncountry.com>. You can register on the website**  
**[www.BSI.org](http://www.BSI.org)**

### April 22-23, 2006

**Bromeliad Society of South Florida Annual Show and Sale**  
**Fairchild Gardens, Miami**

### September 30, 2006

**Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies' Bromeliad**  
**Extravaganza**  
**Presented by the Bromeliad Society of South Florida**  
**Miccosukee Resort and Convention Center, Miami**

## **Got something of interest?**

**If any of you have special events other members**  
**would be interested in, please submit them to your**  
**editor. Please provide by the 1st of the month,**  
**prior to publication.**

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*Pitcairnia 'Hattie'* Photo by L. Giroux

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