



THE CALOOSAHATCHEE BROMELIAD SOCIETY'S

MERISTEM

Sept-Oct 2019



Bromeliad Show and Sale

Judged Show, Thousands of BROMELIADS for sale!

ARABA SHRINE TEMPLE

2010 Hanson Street Fort Myers

(Just South and Across Cleveland Ave from Lee Hospital)

Saturday Dec. 14th 2019 9AM-4PM

Sunday Dec. 15th 2019 10AM-3PM

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THE CALOOSAHATCHEE BROMELIAD SOCIETY

September Meeting— Sunday, Sept 15th
October Meeting-- Sunday, Oct 20th

**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 September Meeting

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at the October Meeting (this may change)

The Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society is an active Affiliate of:



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September Program:
**“Bromeliad Taxonomy and Evolution--OR, What the Heck
are They Calling This Thing Now, and
Do I Need to Worry about That?”**
By Dr. Theresa Bert

Scientists who study and classify bromeliad species are currently involved in a whirlwind of studies using genetics to define and organize bromeliad genera and species. They have increased the number of subfamilies from 3 to 8. They are finding that many bromeliad species don't belong in the genera that they've been assigned to and that fixing the problem isn't easy. Their solution has been to add numerous genera to the bromeliad world. We'll look at the problems that have arisen in the bromeliad subfamily with the highest number of changes—the Tillandsioideae—and the taxonomic changes that scientists have made to address the problems. Were all of these changes necessary? And how will they affect us, as bromeliad growers?

Dr. Terrie Bert is a longstanding member of the Sarasota Bromeliad Society (SBS) and the Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society and has held multiple offices in the SBS. She also served the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies (FCBS) as a representative and officer for eight years and has authored multiple articles for the FCBS Newsletter. For the Bromeliad Society International, she has been a Florida Director, chaired several international committees, judged several shows, contributed articles to the BSI Journal, and has been an invited speaker at world conferences. Currently she is Curator of the Wally Berg Award of Excellence and a Master Judge. She cultivates more than 2,500 different bromeliads in about 35 genera. She also recently obtained her Master Naturalist certification from the Manatee County Extension Service. Terrie has a Ph.D. in marine biology and recently retired as a research scientist for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Terrie will be bringing plants from her vast collection to sell. And as the speaker, she will be the sole vendor at the meeting.

September Workshop “Managing Terrestrials” By Jeff Joffe

Dr. Jeff Joffe’s landscape at his Punta Gorda home highlights his preference for the terrestrial bromeliads, particularly Dyckias, Hechtias and other spiny plant Families. At our September meeting he will demonstrate how he works with these plants to keep them manageable with a hands on Workshop.

November Open-house “The Buckingham Estates”

A special event has been scheduled for November 2nd 2019. Three of our members with homes in the Buckingham area of Fort Myers will be hosting a tour of their gardens.

Starting at 9AM until 11 AM our first stop is the large wooded estate of Dale Kammerlohr. A few years ago Dale purchased the home of Dr. Sam and Hattie Lou Smith, as well as the adjacent property. During the time since, Dale has augmented the decades of growing bromeliads, orchids and other tropical plants first collected and established on the property by the Smiths. There are many old and new surprises to be seen.

From 11AM to 1PM, we move to the gardens of Betsy and Bill Burdette. Many of us should be familiar with their property from the numerous parties they have hosted for nearly 30 years. Hurricane Irma has changed much of the landscape, but Betsy, Bill and friends have been hard at work restoring its former beauty.

We end our adventure, from 1PM to 3PM at the home of Carly Pfalz, our Special Projects Chair, who has organized this event. This will not be the first time we have been invited to Carly’s piece of Paradise. In the years since our last visit, the views have only gotten better and more interesting.

Refreshments will be served at this final stop. Friends and family are welcome to enjoy the collection of tropical and semi-tropical plants of our Buckingham members.

**Dale Kammerlohr 3460 River Run Lane Buckingham
Betsy and Bill Burdette 4931 Shady River Lane Buckingham
Carly Pfalz 6451 Buckingham Road Buckingham
Other contact info available in your rosters.**

October CBS Workshop/ Program

Tentatively, we are working on a possible program about selling and exhibiting at the CBS December Show and Sale. Further information will be available as the date draws near.

PLANT SALE RULES and DECORUM

Please review the SALES RULES carefully.

1. Plant vendor identification, necessary sales labels and allocation of table space will be assigned and provided by Chairperson, Brian Weber brianweber1b@aol.com, Brian 941-256-4405 (cell)
2. Sale hours for the general public will be Saturday, December 14, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday December 15th, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
3. Plants will be received Friday, following the setup of the sales area in the Sales building. (Setup time to be announced at the CBS November meeting). Unsold plants must be removed Sunday, by 4:00 p.m. or become the property of CBS.
4. All plants must have TWO TAGS - A white or near white tag which indicates plant's name (it may have your ID on it). The second tag should be a colored tag either obtained from the Sales Chairman or a colored one previously used at a CBS Sale. *The sale price must be legibly written in INK with a permanent marker on the Blue (or colored) Sale Tag. To be consistent and make it easier for our customers & cashiers, please put the price with a \$ on top of the tag, vendor code towards the middle of the tag.* All plants and other sale items should be labeled in this manner before arrival at the sale. While we encourage the reuse of previous years sale tags, please do not use any that have been cut shorter than 2/3 the original length. On large plants, especially those in the landscape area, please have a sticker or sign with the price to make it easier for customers to see without them having to lift the plant to see the tags that are attached to the bottom. Please consider ease of removal of the price tag by the cashiers when attaching tags.
5. To be eligible to sell plants, a CBS member must:
 - a. Be a member in good standing at least six months prior to sale. (Must be a member by June 15th, 2019 to sell at the December sale.)
 - b. Have attended a minimum of 2 meetings during

the previous year.

- c. Follow all Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society plant sale rules.
 - d. Help in the sales area and assist in clean up.
 - e. Enter a least 2 entries in the Bromeliad Show.
6. All plants must be priced in increments of one dollar (\$1.00) no .25, .50 etc.
 7. Plants must be clean and free from disease, insects, etc. Sales Chair may ask you to clean or remove dirty or infected plants.
 8. Twenty five percent (25%) of members' sale proceeds will be retained by CBS. Sales tax will be the responsibility of CBS.
 9. CBS will not be responsible for loss of plants or craft items, however, all reasonable precautions will be taken to insure their safety.
 10. Bromeliad oriented items (art, note paper, carvings, needlework, food, crafts, growing supplies, etc.) may also be offered for sale, subject to the preceding rules. These items should be labeled the same as plants, following rule #4.
 11. Vendors and Volunteers are the face of the Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society during this event. Please be cordial and helpful to buyers and other vendors. Should a disagreement or problem arise, bring it to the attention of the Sales Chairpersons or their representatives for help in resolving it.
 12. *Take Down - Screens in the case where they are used as a barrier may be removed 15-30 minutes before the close of the sale. You may organize & clean up your area in preparation for closing, but please do not remove sale plants prior to the closing time.*

For those who are either new members or unfamiliar with how we stage our Sale and Show the following is a breakdown of the proceedings.

SCHEDULE OF THE SHOW

Friday Dec 13th starting about 8 AM

If all goes as scheduled, the Shriners' workers will have set up all the 100 or so tables for the Show and Sale. Thursday a few of the members will be covering the tables and making final adjustments, we will be asking for volunteers at the Nov. meeting. Workers need to start arriving by 8AM at the latest to set up the Registration, Entries, Classification and placement areas. These workers should bring in their plants for early entry. We start as soon as we can to enter plants. My understanding is that Sellers will start bringing in their plants for the sale at about 10AM; sellers can drop off their entries if they have the proper paper work completed prior to dropping off their sale plants.

Friday Dec 13th 8:30AM

Entries and Classification officially open and will go until 12 Noon.

Friday 10AM

Sellers can have access to their booths (sooner if arranged by Brian Weber, Sales Chair). Unfortunately the Sales and the Show areas can not be shut off from each other so we ask that from 1 PM to completion of Judging (about 5PM) noise and loud conversations be minimized.

Friday 12:00Noon

The setup of the Show room should be completed and most workers will be asked to leave unless on other committees. Clerks should be meeting with Vicky Chirnside and becoming oriented with instructions and equipment. Judges are returning from their luncheon about 12:30PM and starting with their orientation. Clerks and Judges are assigned and Judging will start at 1PM. There will be occasional breaks and Hospitality will have tables set up with refreshments for the Judges and workers in the Show room. The kitchen and possibly a dining room area will be available during the Show and Sale for all other workers and vendors. Please see the Hospitality Chair and if you are able, bring in refreshments during the 3 days of the Show and Sale. All kinds of food and snacks are great. For

Friday 1 PM to ~5:30PM

The Judges are all volunteers. They travel here at their own expense. As a Thank You, we give them a gift certificate to be used at the Sale. Most will leave after the Sale so during breaks and at the completion of the Judging, the Judges will be buying from sellers who are set up. A cashier will be available also. As an incentive to the volunteer workers, they also will be allowed to buy from the sellers during these hours. Judges are often collectors and your best buyers. Clerks are needed to help with major award judging once the merit judging is completed as well as movement of plants.

Friday Afternoon following Judging

Setup of Headtable for display of winners and organization of Show Hall in preparation of public showing. Sale open to Judges and Volunteers.

Saturday 9AM-4PM, December 14th.....Show and Sale open to the public

Sunday 10AM-3PM, December 15th....Show and Sale open to public

Sellers who were unable to come on Friday should arrive early with their sale items, claim their designated spots and organize their space on Saturday morning. Please arrange to enter your 2 Show plants on Friday AM. You can replenish your tables anytime Saturday and Sunday. Doors open at Sat. 9AM and Sun 10AM to the public. Be sure you have checked with Brian, gotten your tags, ID number and table assignment in the weeks before the Sale. Read the rules. Unless you have permission from the Chair, you cannot break down your area until close of Sale at 3PM Sunday. Show plants and awards can be picked up at that time.

We have a special award, "The Members' Choice Award", which we give to the plant(s) voted by the members as their "Best in Show" from among those which did not get to the head table. We ask that all members vote for this award on Saturday morning for display in the afternoon.

Saturday and Sunday is when we need volunteers to help at checkout...cashiers, tag pullers, carriers, box makers, holding area receivers and guards. Hospitality is important so we can continue to work these two days. Check with the Hospitality Chair about food and working the Kitchen and break room.

We are planning on having a Workshop and / or Program about preparing entries for the Show at the meetings prior to the event. Members of any Garden Society can enter our Show. You can enter as many entries as you wish, but only 20 are eligible for the Sweepstakes Award. Vendors are required to enter at least 2 exhibits. Except for plants in the Artistic Arrangement category, you must have owned the plants for at least 6 months (purchased before June 15th 2019). Below are the Divisions of plant entries. You will receive the Official Show Schedule with all the Rules and information at the October and November meetings. They will be available in printed and electronic forms.

DIVISION I - Individual Specimen Plants: Blooming and non-blooming.

A single plant, may include only immature offsets too small for removal from the mother plant. Plants may be potted only in standard non-decorative container, such as clay, plastic, terra cotta, unadorned bonsai pots or styrofoam. The pot must hold potting media and may have a top dressing. Neither the pot, media nor top dressing should add or detract from the entry (e.g. do not use brightly colored pots or glittery top dressing).

DIVISION II - Multiples (Clumps): Blooming and non-blooming

A single pot containing two or more adult plants with or without pups that are naturally interconnected. (In other words, you can't have two individual, non connected plants in the pot.) Plants may be potted only as directed for Division I.

DIVISION III - Horticultural Displays: Blooming and non-blooming

A single specimen or multiples which may be started from one or more than one plant and allowed to grow and multiply in a natural fashion with emphasis on horticultural excellence. Horticultural Display entries must show permanence or evidence of actually growing in its container or mount (e.g.) attachment of roots or generations of growth). Entries started from more than one plant may be made up of either the same or different genera, species or varieties. Some judicious pruning out of old mature plants and spent inflorescences is expected. This division will contain all plants which are in non-standard, non-decorative containers such as plain tree fern pots, pea gravel pots, and all baskets such as tree fern, lath and wire. Plants may be blooming or non-blooming. This division will contain the majority of the mounted and hanging specimens, as well as the non-decorative dish gardens and terrariums.

DIVISION IV -

Section A - Decorative Containers

An individual specimen plant or two or more full sized plants or pups, of the same or different genera, species or varieties in decorative, non-standard containers. In this section much thought should be given to selection of containers so that there is harmony or contrast between plant and container. The entry should present a pleasing proportion between plant and container and the colors should harmonize or contrast. Originality and uniqueness are very important. Plants may be blooming or non-blooming. Containers may be hung or placed on the table. Bases may be used, but other accessories are not allowed.

Section B - Artistic Arrangements

A floral design of whole and/or pups of bromeliads, artistically displayed with emphasis on dramatic presentation. One or more accessories are permitted. Other plant material, either fresh or dried, may be used but bromeliads must predominate. All dried material may be painted. Fresh plant material may never be painted or dyed. Leaves and inflorescences may be severed and used as needed within the arrangement for artistic distinction. Plants may be placed in this arrangement just prior to entry in the show. No artificial plant material may be used. A card with the title of the arrangement and plant material is necessary.

Other types of Entries are outlined in the Schedule...Novice, Art, etc.

Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society

Minutes for 16 June 2019

Call to order: 1:15 by President Cate Peterson

General meeting:

As a follow-up to last month's presentation, Geri Prall announced she has offsets of *Neoregelia* 'Joe's Mauve' available as friendship plants. Copies of the book Bromeliaceae of Ecuador are available for sale at this month's meeting.

Members are needed to help Co-chair and work the CBS Show and Sale in December. The theme for this year's show is: "Where the Bromeliads Bloom"

The FCBS board meeting was held yesterday, the 15th, at Debbie McPhail's house in Fort Myers.

The Bromeliad Extravaganza is this September in Orlando and next year's BSI World Conference is going to be in Sarasota.

Workshop: Keeping tracks of bromeliads in the garden was the subjects of Rick Batt's workshop discussion. Rick says he didn't know what a bromeliad was eight years ago, but after he started collecting plants in 2015 he now has 2,400 bromeliads. Instead of relying on labels or plant tags, Rick has an overall layout of his yard and zoomed-in maps of his various garden beds. These digital maps are on his iPad/tablet and he tracks his plants in a database with botanical names, as well as a coded system of these names and cultivar names, location within the garden, and at least one photo of the plant. This list gets updated whenever he acquires a new plant. The garden maps get updated at least once yearly.

Attendance: 40 members and 3 guests present

New members: N/A. **Guests:** Jake Ameno, Bill Lupfer, Lorne Kotler

Program: For this month's program, Guillermo Rivera spoke about his travels through Ecuador, a small but botanically interesting country because of the relative closeness of its different ecological habitats. The blooming times of many of the country's plants are timed more with seasonal rainfall than day length.

Guillermo's tours to Ecuador usually start in the southern part of the country before moving northward to cloud forests that include one-fifth of the world's orchids. Ecuador has 1,714 endemic species of orchids. The country is also home to 132 hummingbird species out of a world-wide total of 300 species.

Door prizes: Lorne Kotler won a specimen plant of *Aechmea* 'Louis' Pride' donated by Bill Sheffield.

Show and tell: Dale Kammerlohr

Raffle: Larry Giroux

Meeting notes submitted by Pete Diamond, CBS secretary.

Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society

Minutes for 21 July 2019

Call to order: 1:15 by President Cate Peterson

General meeting:

A reminder to members about the upcoming Bromeliad Extravaganza in Orlando, September 20-22.

Workshop: Carli Pfalz started a discussion of "Weirdo Bromeliads" – odd-

looking bromeliads that are worth considering for our collections. Examples included *Aechmea fasciata* 'Pagoda' with twisted leaves; large-growing *Ae. multiflora*, with large, long-lasting inflorescences; *Ae. tayoensis*, with unique leaves that resemble hosta or plantain lilies (*Hosta* spp.); and *Neoglaziovia variegata* that somewhat resembles a snake plant (*Sansevieria*).

Bruce McAlpin showed live examples of unusual forms of *Tillandsia* that he grows, including various forms of Spanish moss (*T. usneoides*), diminutive *T. tricholepis*, native *T. balbisiana*, *T. simulata*, and bulbous *T. ehlersiana*.

Attendance: 42 members and 1 guest present

New members: N/A. **Guests:** Lucinda Ritchie

Program: Bob Cook spoke to the membership on various insecticides and their usefulness, limitations, and downsides for controlling insects that affect bromeliads and other landscape plants.

Door prizes: Bill Sheffield donated two plants: *Neoregelia* 'Dragon'

Show and tell: Dale Kammerlohr

Raffle: Larry Giroux

Meeting notes submitted by Pete Diamond, CBS secretary.

**We need VOLUNTEERS to man the
welcome table at the Fort Myers/ Lee County
Garden Council Gardens on November 26th.**

It is CBS's turn in the rotation.

**For details please see or call
CBS President Cate Peterson (941) 505-1554**

At the September CBS Meeting, the President appoints a NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE Chair who selects 1 or 2 others to form a slate of nominees from the membership for the Officers' Positions for 2020.

In October the Nominees will be presented to the membership and an election will be held at the November meeting. If the President or the Committee call upon you to be on the Committee or to be nominated as an Officer, please accept and be a greater part of your Society. Call Cate if you want to volunteer.



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STILL TIME TO PLAN TO ATTEND THE FCBS EXTRAVAGANZA IN ORLANDO



Friday & Saturday September 20-21 2019
with optional garden tours
available Sunday, September 22

Registration: \$100, per person

After September 10, 2019: \$110, per person

Registration fee includes the 2 meals and all listed events with the exception of the optional garden tours on Sunday the 22nd.

Tour and guest speaker information will be coming soon.

- Friday Evening**
 - Barbecue buffet
 - Plant sale for registrants only
 - Saturday**
 - Huge all day plant sale – open to the public
 - Raffle, Silent auction
 - Seminars with guest speakers
 - Saturday Evening**
 - Italian buffet
 - Rare plants auction – open to the public
 - Sunday**
 - Optional garden tours
- Tour price yet to be determined

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2019 Roster/ Yearbook available to paid up members.