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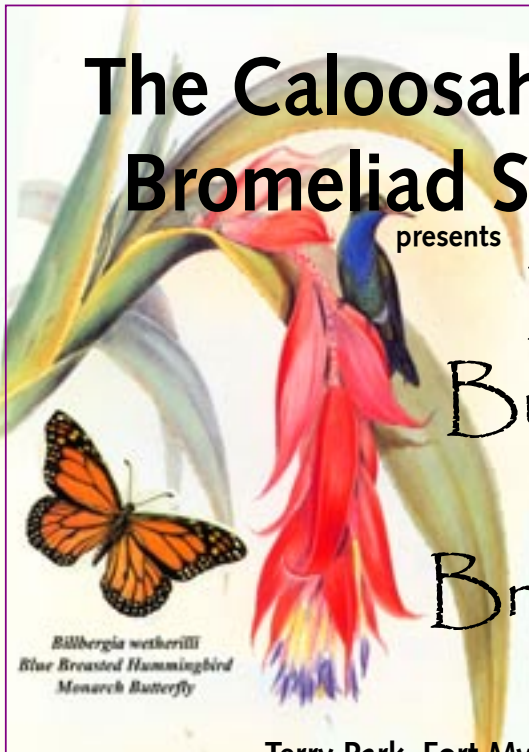
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THE CALOOSAHATCHEE BROMELIAD SOCIETY

MEETING TIME AND PLACE:

August Meeting: SUNDAY November 20th, 2005

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

Our speaker, Dr. Karl Green, will be bringing some unusual and possibly rare species from Selby Gardens for sale. Space permitting, membership sales will be allowed.

THERE IS NO OCTOBER MEETING

NOVEMBER WORKSHOP

“Reading, wRiting and Bromeliads
or The Proper Way to Address Your Plants”

See article inside.
(Starts at 1:00PM.)

NOVEMBER PROGRAM

(Following the Refreshment Break)
“The Name of that Species is?”
By Dr. Karl Green
See article inside.

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CBS President's Message by Steve Hoppin

Dear Friends,

As most of you know, the Election of Officers for 2006 is near and once again we look forward to new blood to lead and manage the Society. Deja vu? No. But for me it does feel just like yesterday.

The year was 1999. I was coming to the close of my fifteen plus years involvement with the caged bird hobby. These years included breeding, exhibiting and judging finches and softbills around the US, Canada and Puerto Rico. My many years of involvement in the hobby included President, Judges Panel Director of the National Society, 8 Major National Exhibition titles and the making of the history's first African Senegal Firefinch Champion.

It was at this time when two silver-tongued devils Gene McKenzie and Larry Giroux sparked my initial interest in the bromeliad hobby, including the Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society. The timing coincided with the 1999 CBS Show and Sale where a heavenly, multiple, blooming Pitcairnia 'Coral Horizon' exhibited by Dianne Molnar captured not only Best in Show Honors, but my heart as well. That's another whole story in itself I'll save for another day.

Since 1999 I have held true interest and participated to the best of my ability in the hobby we all hold dear and love. I started collecting and growing bromeliads with my close friend of many, many years, Larry Giroux, started attending CBS meetings, making new friends in the hobby, exhibiting, and even attending BSI World Conferences held across the country. I was taking it all in and thoroughly enjoying the hobby.

Then the day came in late 2002 when Gene McKenzie informed me my political involvement in CBS was inevitable. She said in that stern Gene McKenzie tone, "Your time has come and you need to give something back to the Society. The timing is perfect as the next CBS Election of Officers is right around the corner." Her statement was followed by an appropriate swift kick in the behind (of course, meant in the nicest of ways possible).

As I write you today my CBS political involvement has only been for three years and no, I do not plan to run for another term. Although short to some, I want you to know it has been a very rewarding experience. A sincere thanks to you all for your support and encouragement during my terms as CBS Secretary and President.

In closing I must thank Gene (yes, I know you're still watching over me, baby), Larry and the membership for the push and opportunity to join the ranks of the many, fine people that over the years gave their precious time and energy to lead and help shape one of the nation's most prestigious bromeliad clubs in the United States.

Today the Nominating Committee is working to prepare and submit a slate of officers for our November Election. I am confident the committee will present you a fine group of individuals and that the 2006 CBS Board will do a fine job of carrying on the tradition of guiding and leading the Society.

I look forward to seeing each and every one of you at our show and sale next weekend. Considering the seasoned veterans once again organized and planned

the event it is bound to be a huge success. Regardless, continue to help spread the word and promote the event. We want to share the show & sale with all interested parties.

And, although I will be relocating to Arizona towards the end of the year with a few bromeliads in tow, I will remain not only a member of CBS, but your past president and friend. Best wishes, Steve

SOCIETY NOTES

NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS FOR 2006

The Nominating Committee consisting of Bob Lura, Chairman and Eleanor Kinzie & Brian Weber, members has prepared a Slate of Officers for 2006. Each of these candidates have the appropriate qualifications and have agreed to serve in their respected office if elected at the November meeting by the membership in attendance. Other nominees for any office will be accepted prior to the election. Any member may nominate a fellow member in good standing and who has been a member of CBS for one year. The nominee must be asked prior to their nomination and be willing to serve for the one year term if elected. Officers must be members of the BSI or willing to join if elected. Installation of new Officers will occur at the December Holiday Party.

Proposed Slate of Officers for 2006

President - Dianne Molnar
Vice-President - Larry Giroux
Secretary - Tom Foley
Treasurer - Betty Ann Prevatt

I'm sure we all missed Dianne Molnar at our last meeting. Due to a stay at SW Regional Medical Center (not in the Psychiatric Ward), she was unable to attend or address the members. She is recuperating at home and assures me that she will be at nearly full steam at our Show and Sale. Expect to see her overseeing as Chairman of the Show, all the activities related to our big event. In the meantime let us send her our best wishes and prayers for a rapid recovery.

By the time you receive this newsletter, the Show and Sale will only be days away. A lot of effort and organization has gone into making this a success for our Society. As I have done over the past months with Workshops, programs and articles, I further encourage you not only to attend our Show and Sale, but participate in any way you can. Invite friends and relatives to experience what bromeliads are all about and maybe you will have new people in the future to share your hobby with.

Our membership has been extremely generous with their financial donations toward the more than 30 Awards, which will be available at this event. Below is the list to date of the different categories for which I am preparing awards. Many thanks to all those who have contributed.

Awards for the Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society Show

<u>AWARD</u>	<u>Winner of</u>	<u>DONOR</u>
Mulford B. Foster Best of Show, Horticulture	Div I,II,III	BSI, CBS
Morris Henry Hobbs Best of Show, Artistic Sweepstakes	Div IV	BSI, CBS
Best of Division	Most Blue, Ams	Dolly Dalton
	Div I	Sandy Toney
	Div II	Sandy Toney
	Div III	Sandy Toney
	Div I Sec A	CBS
	Div I Sec B	CBS
Best of Section	Div II Sec A	CBS
	Div II Sec B	CBS
	Div III Sec A	CBS
	Div III Sec B	CBS
	Div IV Sec A	CBS
	Div IV Sec B	CBS
Best of Judges	Div VI Sec A	Eleanor Kinzie & Betty Ann Prevatt in memory of Marie Bessellieu
		Sam and Hattie Lou Smith
Best of Novice	Div VI Sec B	Sue Gordon in memory of Gene McKenzie
Cut Inflorescence	Div VI Sec C	CBS Chairman's Award – Dianne Molnar
Best Unnamed Bromeliad	Div VI Sec D	Karen Soden in memory of Shirley Crego
Best Artistic Expression	Div VI Sec E	Cryptanthus Society, Cryptanthus sp. In Div I,II, III, or VI Sec.A
Bob Whitman Best Cryptanthus Species		Cryptanthus Society, CBS
Warren Loose Best Cryptanthus Hybrid	Cryptanthus Hyb.	
	In Div I, II, III, or VI Sec.A	
Best Multiple Cryptanthus Award	Crypt, sp or hyb	Larry Giroux
The Cryptanthus Sweepstakes Award	Most Blues /AM's	Mary Scofic in memory of Gene McKenzie
	Crypts of Div I-IV	
Best Blooming Tillandsia	Div I, II, III	Terrie Bert in memory of Gene McKenzie
Best Non-Blooming Tillandsia	Div I, II, III	Mary McKenzie in memory of
Gene McKenzie		
Best Aechmea	All Divisions Including Berried Sections	Carol Sweat in memory of Katherine Dallas
Best Neoregelia Award	All Divisions	Peggy and Joe Bailey
Best Dyckia Award	All Divisions	Brian Weber
Best Overall Species Award	All Divisions	Steve Hoppin in memory of Gene McKenzie
Members Choice Award	All Divisions	Sam and Hattie Lou Smith
Best Mini-Neo	All Divisions	Bill Timm in memory of of Connie Timm

THE CALOOSAHATCHEE BROMELIAD SOCIETY

HOLIDAY PARTY

Our Society's annual Christmas Party is only 9 weeks away believe it or not. Betsy and Bill Burdette have again invited us to their beautiful home in Buckingham.

Each year Betsy and Bill's home and gardens get more lush and more beautiful with their collections of tropical and semi-tropical plants. We have been blessed with ideal weather on the Orange River as far back as I can remember. Even a cool day has never put a damper on the festivities.

The date of the Party is the same as our meeting date, the third Sunday, this year December 18th, 2005.

This is not a formal affair, but a relaxing and casual time to spend a bit of the holiday season with old and new friends in a beautiful setting, which recalls why we are part of the bromeliad hobby. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes. The only Society business will be to install our officers for the year 2006.

Members are asked to bring a favorite holiday dish to share, casseroles, vegetables with dip, little sandwiches, cakes or cookies. CBS supplies the paper and plastic goods, iced tea and a ham. If you prefer other cold drinks, bring your own, there will be plenty of ice. You should also bring a card table or TV tray and folding chair.

Try to arrive around noon with your goodies so that the kitchen can be arranged buffet style. For those of you that cannot get there early, remember that we do not start to eat at noon. That is the setup time. We will eat when the most folks have arrived and the crowd starts to grumble. That is usually closer to 1:00 PM.

After lunch there will be raffle of bromeliad plants brought by members for our special Holiday Raffle (no, you don't have to wrap and ribbon them if you don't want to). But, they should be nice, clean bromeliads or bromeliad related items that anyone would want to win. Some of you might remember the decorative baskets filled with extra bromeliads donated by Ross Griffith; hopefully this will give you some ideas for raffle items.

To introduce a little bit more of the Holiday flare to the event we will have a "SANTA HAT" contest. There will be prizes for the best "Santa", "Mrs. Santa", "Elf" and "Holiday" hats. You can decide which category your creation fits best in. Just try to incorporate bromeliads in the design.

New members or anyone that needs more information, call your Editor at (239) 997-2237 or Betsy at (239) 694-4738. Look for the map and directions in this newsletter. Bring your "better half" and enjoy the hospitality of our



Happy Holidays
To The Membership of CBS
From
Larry Giroux, Editor

The November Workshop

Every so often, especially when we have new members, we like to review the nomenclature, which the taxonomists have been using for the last 200 or so years to name bromeliads. With even a cursory knowledge of the basics, plant hobbyists, will be able to better understand references to the plants, which they hear about or wish to acquire. Making out labels or even communicating between each other becomes much easier. With the vast amount of information about bromeliads on the internet just a click away, knowing the way plants are named, make “surfing” the various websites much easier and more efficient.

You won't want to miss this lesson, which will help you to understand and enjoy your hobby better.

The November Program



5 years ago to the month, Karl and Chris Green visited the CBS with information and pictures right off the presses concerning Dr. Elton Leme's latest book, *Nidulariums: Bromeliads of the Atlantic Rainforest*, for which the Greens were the major financial sponsors. Since then Dr. Green, a retired orthopedic physician has continued to acquire his own spectacular collection of species from the South American rainforests. As well as keeping busy at his Homestead shade houses, he continues to work with Harry Luther and the Marie Selby Botanical Gardens to promote the identification and introduction of new species into cultivation.

Karl and Chris are well known throughout South Florida for the contributions to the Bromeliad Society of South Florida where they have both served as officers and on the Board. In addition, he has generously disseminated many plants from his collection to growers and as donations to different fund-raisers throughout Florida and at World Conferences.

On this occasion, Dr. Green will be showing slides of species and quizzing the audience about their identification. I understand there may be some prizes awarded, so bone up on your nomenclature and species

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Banquet Reservation Form

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Banquet starts at 7:00 pm on October 22nd

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Citrus Crusted Seared Snapper with Tropical Fruit Salsa
Guava Ribs, Chicken Skewers
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Mixed Greens Salad with Assorted Dressings
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EDITOR'S EDICT By Larry Giroux

As the year is drawing to a close, there are a few things to do before the end of the year. In particular I will be advertising the December Holiday Party, which Betsy and Bill Burdette have agreed to host again this year. Final announcements about our show and sale will be included in this issue. A renewal application for membership will also be available. This issue will be a combined October and November newsletter and since there is no normal December issue, this will be the last issue of the year.

As most of you know since the passing of Gene McKenzie who was the co-editor of the Meristem, I've taken on all the responsibilities of the CBS Newsletter. In the 24 years that Gene was Editor and Co-editor, there were numerous opportunities in which she let the membership know the responsibilities and work of an editor. I started to work with Gene in 1993 and between the two of us we have made major format changes; however, the amount of work has not changed. On the contrary, to provide a better newsletter we made more work for ourselves. In the last year following Gene's death, I've made further changes to enhance the Meristem. In addition to the combination of articles taken from other newsletters and original articles by myself, I have added additional color pages. Experiencing a major increase in the cost of printing with the addition of the color, I've taken it upon myself to do most of the printing at home.

Fortunately I had help from Steve Hoppin, our President, with the mailing of the approximately 140 copies per month. But with the writing, proofing, information gathering, photography, computer work, trips to the printer, purchase of supplies, in home printing, assemblage, keeping up to date the mailing list, printing labels, stapling, folding, stamping and trips to the post office, I have devoted many hours and days each month to providing the CBS with a Newsletter I am proud of and I know that Gene would be proud of. From the comments I've heard over the past years from many of our readers, it has been a labor appreciated by many and I thank those individuals for their praise.

As I am about to experience changes in my life and I continue to have several other time-consuming obligations, I find that I am unable to continue to devote the necessary time and energy to maintain the high quality of the Meristem, which the membership has come to expect. With this year's end combined issue, I find it necessary to relinquish the position of Editor to someone else.

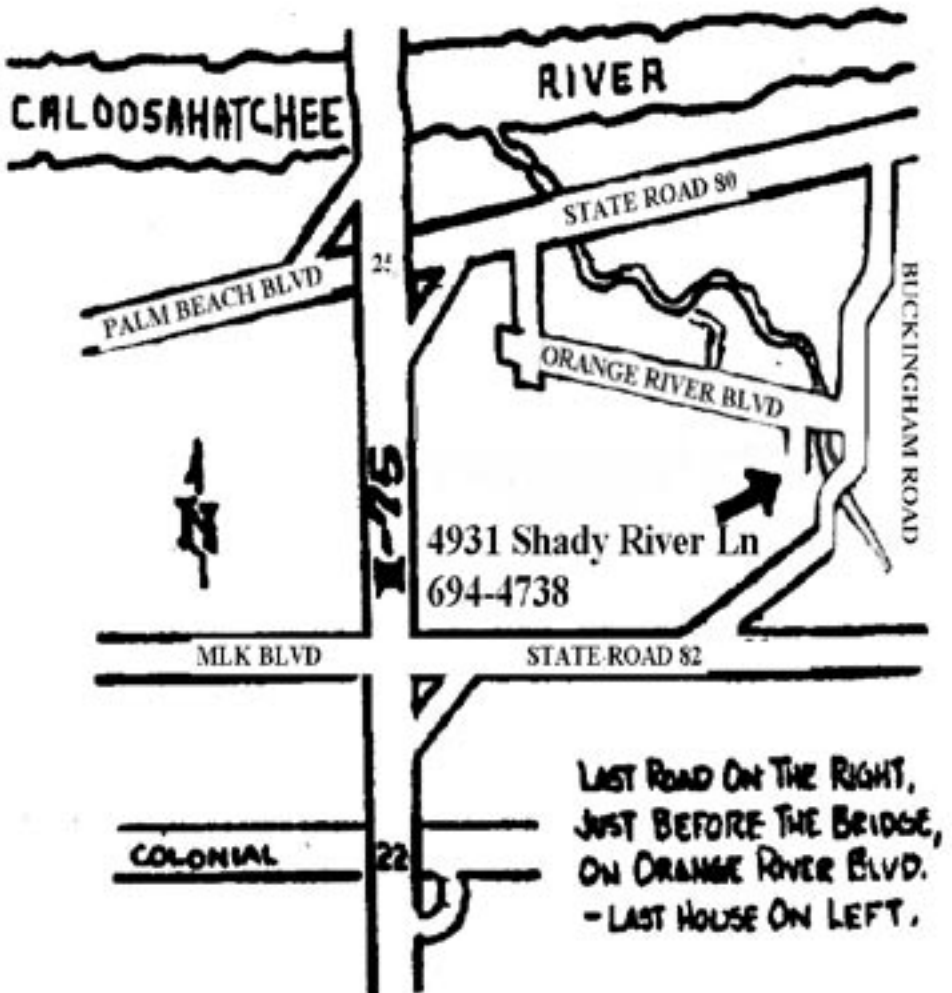
I hope to continue to contribute to the Newsletter with articles, photos and information whenever possible and I would hope that there are others in our society who will also contribute to the Meristem to make the job of the future Editor easier. I must say that the position of editor, which I have held for more than 12 years, has been a great learning experience with regard to bromeliads. My research in preparation for articles has allowed me to meet many interesting individuals, tour nurseries and gardens and read towers of magazines, books, other newsletters and Journals.

I will be making recommendations to the Board of CBS, as to individuals who I feel have the necessary talents to continue publication of the Meristem.

Creative talents vary from individual to individual so I am sure that the new editor in his or her own way will provide a unique and interesting newsletter for the membership. If there are any of you out there who would like to take on this responsibility, please contact any of the officers of our society or myself.

Thank you all for allowing me to provide you with society news and to entertain and educate you about bromeliads. I hope you have all enjoyed the CBS Meristem.
Larry Giroux, M.D., Editor

MAP TO THE BURDETTE'S & THE CBS HOLIDAY PARTY



**MEETING MINUTES OF
THE CALOOSAHATCHEE BROMELIAD SOCIETY**

DATE: September 18, 2005.

LOCATION: St. John the Apostle MCC, 3049 McGregor Blvd., Ft. Myers FL. **ATTENDANCE:** 32 members and 2 guests

WORKSHOP: no workshop for this month

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by the immediate past Pres. Bob Lura at 2 P.M. There were 32 members and 2 guests present at the meeting. Motion made by Pat Fife to approve the minutes of the August meeting as printed in the September CBS newsletter. Barbara Johnson seconded the motion and the minutes were accepted.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: Pres. Steve Hoppin would like to thank Bob Lura, CBS Past President, for accepting the Appointment of Nominating Committee Chairperson. Luli Westra nominated Eleanor Kinzie to sit on this committee and Betty Ann Prevatt nominated Brian Weber to also sit on this committee. This committee will present a slate of qualified candidates to Larry Giroux to be printed in the CBS October 2005 newsletter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: FCBS Rep- Vicki Chirnside is out of the country and Dale K. will not be able to attend the meeting October 8, 2005.

Garden Council Delegate- Betty Ann Prevatt had no report, but the meeting is September 30, 2005 at the Riverside Park Community Center for anyone who would like to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: **1.** Dianne Molnar has been hospitalized, but hopes to be well enough to attend our Show and Sale. **2.** The FCBS has posted a page on fcbs.org to gather and share information about our Bromeliad Friends affected by hurricane Katrina. If you know a person's whereabouts or status you may email Karen@fcbs.org with information. **3.** Extravaganza- Betty Ann has flyers at the front table **4.** Tropiflora Sale- Brian has placed flyers on the front table **5.** Six Mile Cypress Slough- Special Swamp walk November 5, 2005. **6.** Evil Weevil article in Aug/Sept 2005 Florida Gardening magazine

SHOW AND TELL: CBS members provided many beautiful and interesting plants for Dale Kammerlohr to discuss and showcase this month Thank you to everyone who brought in plants to show.

DOOR PRIZE: Aechmea 'Rambo' donation from Ross Griffith was won by Barbara Johnson.

BREAK: short intercession for ingestion and visitation

REFRESHMENT SET UP: Sue Gordon set up for Mary McKenzie this month

PROGRAM: Open forum to continue to prepare for our Show and Sale in October 2005. Betty Ann Prevatt has show schedules on the front table. She reminded everyone that there will be people happy to help novices fill out show tags and give last minute pointers for members who wish to show. She encouraged members to show up on time for

whatever jobs members have volunteered to perform. Brian Weber assured CBS that the tent will be in place, and the tables will arrive on Friday morning. CBS will take control of the showroom at Terry Park after 9 P.M. November 13, 2005 (THURSDAY night) to set up for the show. Eleanor Kinzie will have the show diagram and we will need strong bodies to schlep around tables and chairs. Please save small and medium size cardboard boxes and plastic grocery bags for the sale. Sue Gordon reminded everyone to bring the food you like (and enough to share) starting Saturday. CBS will provide iced tea. Betsy Burdette encouraged everyone to take signs to their prospective areas and not set them out until after 4 P.M. Friday night and be sure to pick them up again on Sunday afternoon after the Show and Sale closes. **RAFFLE:** Commentary by Ross Griffith and assisted by Tom Foley. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 4 P.M. **BREAKDOWN:** many hands make light work and we finished quickly. Respectfully submitted,
Ross Griffith, Secretary

SIX MILE CYPRESS SLOUGH PRESERVE FIELD TRIP

It was March of 2004 when Rosemary Fleming last guided us through the Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve in South Fort Myers. Another tour is being organized to occur on November 5th. Even if you attended the last field trip, the environmental conditions dramatically change with the seasons. There will be a different diversity of birds, animals and flowering plants visible in the Fall compared to the Spring during our walk.

The raised walkway meandering through the Reserve is perfect for seeing the vast majority of the Park without getting wet or eaten (unless or course it rains or you get fed to the alligators for making too much noise). Wear loose fitting clothes, comfortable walking shoes or sneakers, a hat, bug spray will probably be needed, bottled water and your camera.

CBS is a financial supporter of "The Friends of Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve". We are also very fortunate to have Rosemary Fleming who was recently honored for her work as a mentor, by the Florida Native Plant Society, as a member of our Society. She is a Naturalist-guide at the Preserve and she has agreed to give our Society another special tour of the Preserve.

When: Saturday, November 5th, we will meet about 9 AM. in the parking lot.

Where: Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve, Fort Myers, Ben Pratt/ Six Mile Cypress Parkway, 1½ miles north of Daniels Parkway

Cost: Admission is free, but parking is \$0.75 per hour, \$3 maximum.

Please contact Rosemary Fleming at 239-693-0922 if you plan on attending or for additional information.

EVENTS CALENDER

October 14th, 15th & 16th, 2005. Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society 2005 Standard BSI Show & Sale, Terry Park, 3410 Palm Beach Blvd., Ft. Myers, FL, Friday, October 14, 2005 - Registration, Exhibit Entry & Standard BSI Judged Show, Saturday, October 15, 2005 - open to public 9:00am to 5:00pm, Sunday, October 16, 2005 - open to public 10:00am to 4:00pm, For further show and sale information please contact Dianne Molnar at (239) 549-3404 or capebrom@aol.com and Brian Weber at (941) 355-2847 or brianweber1b@aol.com respectively.

October 22, 2005 Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies Extravaganza, To be held at the Sarasota Garden Club, 1131 Blvd of the Arts, Sarasota, FL Free Admission , Banquet and Rare Plant Auction (benefiting the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies) will be held at: The HelmsleySandcastle, 1540 Ben Franklin Dr., Lido Beach, Sarasota, FL, 941-388-2181.

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

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November Meeting
Nov. 20th
Holiday Party Dec.18th**