



# THE CALOOSAHATCHEE BROMELIAD SOCIETY'S CALOOSAHATCHEE MERISTEM

*Nov-Dec 2011*

The Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society  
PRESENTS

*The*

# BROMELIAD

*The CBS  
2011 SHOW  
& SALE*

# PEDDLER



100's of Show plants on exhibit  
1000's of bromeliads for sale as  
yard and patio plants, house and  
gift plants, decorations and  
arrangements.

# Terry Park

**3410 Palm Beach Blvd (SR80)  
Fort Myers, Florida**

You cannot get to the Sale by car from the front of Terry Park. To access the back of Terry Park and the SALE- If heading West on Palm Beach turn on Veronica Schumaker (S) to Marion (W)

Heading East on Palm Beach Blvd turn on Royalston (E) after the railroad tracks

**Saturday Dec.3rd 2011 9AM-5PM**

**Sunday Dec.4th 2011 10AM-4PM**

For information contact Larry Giroux at 239-997-2237

# CALOOSAHATCHEE BROMELIAD

## SOCIETY OFFICERS

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**CBS FCBS Rep.**—Position available

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**RAFFLE COMMENTARY**—Larry Giroux

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# THE CALOOSAHATCHEE BROMELIAD SOCIETY

## November Meeting— Sunday, Nov. 20th Holiday Party— Sunday, Dec. 11th Covenant Presbyterian Church

The church facility is located near downtown Fort Myers, Florida, at 2439 McGregor Blvd., just one block south of the Edison Home parking lot and about 1 1/2 miles north of our previous meeting location— St. John the Apostle Church. The facility is approximately 2.5 miles north of the intersection of Colonial Blvd. and McGregor Blvd.

Doors open at 12:30PM for setup, Workshop starts at 1:15PM.

Everything stays the same...Bring food, raffle items, Friendship table items, Show and Tell plants.

*Membership Sales are not allowed at the Nov. meeting*

### November Program and Speaker

#### Dr. Terrie Bert

It is unfortunate, but just last week our scheduled November speaker had to cancel. However, our own Dr. Terrie Bert has agreed to return with a new program as the replacement November speaker. As of this writing, the topic of her program is still not decided, but it will be different than her presentation she gave in February.

Dr. Terrie Bert is a long-standing member of the Sarasota Bromeliad Society (SBS) and the Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society and has held multiple offices in the SBS. She also served

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the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies (FCBS) as a representative and officer for eight years. For the Bromeliad Society International, she has been a Florida Director and chaired several international committees. She currently is Librarian, Curator of the Wally Berg Award of Excellence, and an internationally accredited Master Judge.

She's given over 100 presentations on bromeliads to numerous U.S. and international bromeliad societies and other groups. She has authored articles for the BSI Journal and the FCBS newsletter. She cultivates approximately 2,000 different bromeliads in 24 genera. She's won multiple top awards in local bromeliad shows and BSI world conferences and is a volunteer for and contributor to the BSI Bromeliad Identification Center. Terrie has a Ph.D. in marine biology and is a research scientist for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. She also makes quilts and SCUBA dives.

## September Program



Our September speaker Bruce Holst took us on a photographic journey to the summit of Roraima-tepui, the most famous of Venezuela's Lost World table mountains, where Selby Gardens is working to conduct a botanical inventory. Our pictorial adventure with Bruce was not wrought by the hardship of actually traveling there, so maybe we may have gotten the better deal. Thanks, Bruce for sharing your adventure with us and we look forward to future accounts of your travels in search of bromeliads.

## October Program



Craig Morell, covered many relevant topics dealing with bromeliad and their care including fertilizing, growing media, insecticides among others. Again he has earned a return trip back to the CBS to grace us with more of his vast practical knowledge. Thank you Craig for another informative and entertaining program.

## September Workshop

Catherine Peterson assembled photos of various members' gardens for our enjoyment. It is always good to see how other growers use and maintain their plants. Thanks to Catherine and all who contributed slides.

## October Workshop

The light requirements vary significantly between genera and even between species and hybrids within a genus. But we don't always have control of the light our plants get, especially with temperature and light changes of the seasons. Thank you Catherine Peterson for your Powerpoint presentation of members' slides of changes that occur with the seasons and placement.

## December Holiday Party

**First of all remember that the date of our holiday gathering has been changed to the second Sunday of December.**

**Sunday, December 11th 2011.**

**We will be gathering at a new venue...the home of**

**Laura Cordell in Buckingham (East Fort Myers)**

**14041 River Road Fort Myers 33905**

**(239) 694-6015 [floraLaura@centurylink.net](mailto:floraLaura@centurylink.net)**

The only Society business will be to install our officers for the year 2012. Otherwise our time after 12 noon until we finish the raffle, usually about 4 PM, will be spent entertaining ourselves with games, our great holiday raffle, food and the company of our friends and fellow members.

Members are asked to bring a favorite holiday dish to share, such as casseroles, vegetables with dip, little sandwiches, cakes or cookies. CBS supplies the paper and plastic goods, iced tea and a meat entree. If you prefer other cold drinks, bring your own, there will be plenty of ice. **Bring a card table or TV tray and folding chairs. There is limited existing sitting.**

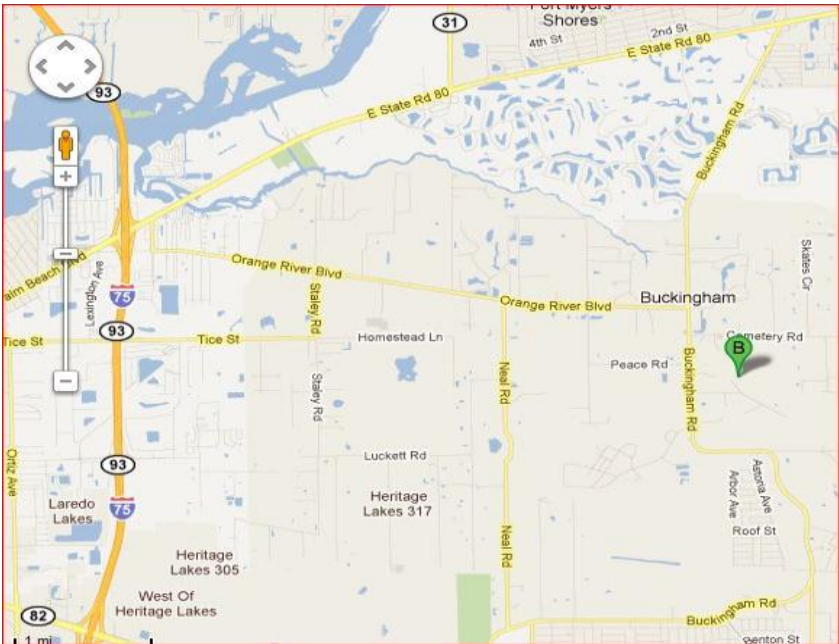
Try to arrive around noon with your goodies so that the kitchen can be arranged buffet style. For those of you that cannot get there early, remember that we do not start to eat at noon. That is the setup time. We will eat when the most folks have arrived and the crowd starts to grumble. That is usually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

After lunch there will be a raffle of bromeliad plants and items brought by members as gifts (no, you don't have to wrap and ribbon them). But, they should be nice, clean bromeliads or bromeliad related items that anyone would want to win. **This year we are opening donations to other plant families such as orchids, ferns, fruit trees, native plants, etc.** We are a diverse group of growers, who enjoy many different plants, so if you have extras of other types of plants donate them to our special holiday raffle. Tickets are still 3/\$1, so buy a lot.

Yes we are planning games and our Holiday contest as usual. The type of contest will be described at the November meeting. If you don't attend the meeting discuss the contest with others at the Sale.

New members or anyone that needs more information, call your Editor (Larry Giroux) at (239) 997-2237 /239-850-4048 or Betsy (Special Hospitality Chair) at (239) 694-4738. Check out the directions printed on the next page.

Bring your significant other, friends and relatives and expose them to our hobby, while enjoying the hospitality of our host and her home and gardens.



### DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CORDELL'S

If coming from Cape Coral or Fort Myers, Take US 80 (Palm Beach Blvd) East. Just past I75 Take a RIGHT on to Orange River Blvd. . Go 4.0 miles to Buckingham Road. Take a RIGHT; Go 0.7 miles and take your 3rd LEFT on to River Road. 14041 is 0.3 miles on your LEFT.

Coming from points SOUTH, take EXIT 141 off I75. Take a RIGHT on to Orange River Blvd as you exit I75. Follow the above instructions from there.

Coming from points NORTH, take EXIT 141 off I75. Go EAST on US 80, take a RIGHT on to Orange River Blvd. Follow the above instructions.

## Election of Officers

At the October meeting, Eleanor Kinzie was appointed Chairperson of the Nomination Committee; together with two appointees to her Committee, the following slate of nominees was chosen and announced.

President—Marsha Crawford

Vice-President—Dr. Larry Giroux

Secretary — MaryLynn Murphy

Treasurer — Betty Ann Prevatt

Per the CBS Bylaws the Election will be held at the November meeting. Up until the election, nominees for the various offices may be submitted to the Chairperson of the Nomination Committee. Candidates must be eligible and asked if they are willing to be nominated and willing to service in the office for which they are nominated.

## Front and Back Covers

The front page is the flyer advertising our 2011 Sale and Show. The title is “The Bromeliad Peddler”. Copies of this flyer will be available at the November meeting.

The back page shows the winner of the 2011 International Cryptanthus Show, which was held at the FCBS Extravaganza, hosted by the Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society. The plant is Cryptanthus ‘Black Mystic’ and was the sole plant shown by Marty Folk, the Secretary of the Bromeliad Society of Central Florida. 10 days before the Show, Marty was unsure if he was going to enter. Don’t any of you regret not entering our Show and participating in all the activities and fun.

## Selection of a Theme and Name for the CBS Show

Better late than never...the Theme and title of our December Show and Sale is "The Bromeliad Peddler". We hope to conjure up imagery of an old world peddler who travels from town to town with his cart or wagon, selling his wares... in our scenario, included among his products are bromeliads and related items. Attendees and Judges of our Show are in, I hope, for a pleasant experience as they enjoy the exhibits and festivities. Check out the newly designed poster on the front cover.

## SHOW EXHIBITORS INFORMATION

Each vendor is required to enter at least 2 plants into the Show on Friday. To accommodate the vendors who will be busy on Friday, you may bring your entries in Thursday night when the showroom setup is completed. Please have your entry sheet and entry cards filled out so Classification can enter your plants in your absence Friday morning.

All Exhibitors can get their ENTRY FORMS, ENTRY CARDS and SHOW SCHEDULES at the November CBS Meeting.

The Show Schedule will have all the rules and information that you need to participate in the Show.

ENTRIES start at 8 AM Friday morning. We hope to be finished with Placement by 12 noon. If you need assistance there will be Show veterans to guide you through the process of filling out your forms and cards correctly.

Placement will place your horticultural entries on the tables for you. The Decorative Containers and the Artistic Arrangements may be placed or assembled on the tables by the exhibitor if you so desired. Once entries have been placed, they may not be handled by the exhibitor unless given permission by the Show Chairman.

Judges may have horticultural exhibits turned by the Clerks to see all sides during judging, so keep this in mind when potting your plants. The viewing of Artistic Arrangements and Decorative Containers is determined by the placement of the mandatory 3" x 5" card or the entry card. Judges are not allowed to judge the rear of these exhibits.

All plants are judged on their individual merit and will be given a ribbon. Plants are then competitively judged for Top or Best of Awards.



## **PLANT SALE RULES**

1. Plant sales identification, necessary sales labels and allocation of table space will be assigned by Chairpersons, Brian Weber- [brianweber1b@aol.com](mailto:brianweber1b@aol.com), 941-256-4405 (Cell) or Geri & Dave Prall- [PalmTreeGardens@hotmail.com](mailto:PalmTreeGardens@hotmail.com); (239) 542-2245
2. Sale hours will be Saturday, December 3rd, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday December 4th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sales will be permitted to Show Judges and members actively working the Show and Sale on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 11:00 am to about ½ hour following judging.
3. Plants will be received Friday morning December 3rd, 2011 following the setup of the sales area. (Setup time to be announced at the CBS November meeting) Unsold plants must be removed Sunday, December 4th by 5:00 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, but no price). The second tag should be a colored tag either obtained from the Sales Chairman or a colored one previously used at a CBS Sale. This tag will have the **seller's ID**, previously obtained from the Sales Chairman and the **price of the item**. These should be clearly written on the upper portion of only **ONE SIDE** of the colored tag. All plants and other sale items must be labeled in this manner before arrival at the sale.
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.
  - b. Is required to attend a minimum of 2 meetings a year.
  - c. Follow all Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society plant sale rules.
  - d. Help in the sales area and assist in clean up.
6. All plants must be priced in increments of one dollar (\$1.00).
7. Plants must be clean and free from disease, insects, etc.
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, etc.) may also be offered for sale, subject to the preceding rules. These items should be labeled the same as plants, following rule #4.



**Geri and Dave Prall provided me with these pictures taken at Glorious Gardens, on a recent trip to California. I thought they are very apropos to the theme of our Show and Sale— “The Bromeliad Peddler”.**



From L to R—The Workers and Judges of the International Cryptanthus Show .  
 Larry Giroux—CBS  
 Bob Stickney—Judge  
 Virginia Schrenker— Judge  
 Betty Ann Prevatt—CBS  
 George Aldridge—Judge  
 Vicky Chirside— CBS, Judge  
 Steve Seal— CBS, Judge  
 Rei Irizarry— Judge  
 Eleanor Kinzie— CBS  
 Rick Ryals— FECBS  
 Steve Hoppin— CBS



**Above picture is the ICS Head table showing the horticultural entry winners. On a separate table not shown, were the artistic entry winners. Steve Hoppin won 4 of the top awards, while Larry Giroux also won 4 top awards including the top Artistic Awards. Awards are to the right, which included art glass and gift plants.**



# **Membership Dues are Due By January's meeting date**

**Please provide the following updated information  
along with the DUE's FEE to**

**Betty Ann Prevatt**

**2902 Second Street Fort Myers 33916**

**between now and the January meeting. We  
probably have this information about you already,  
but please indulge us and write it on a piece of  
paper and give it to Betty Ann.**

**NAME-**

**ADDRESS-**

**TELEPHONE NUMBER**

**E-MAIL ADDRESS**

**Please give us an answer to BOTH QUESTIONS**

*To save on expenses we encourage you to request  
only the e-mail version of the Newsletter*

**Do you want to receive the e-mail version of the  
CBS Newsletter? YES NO**

**Do you want to receive a mailed version of the  
CBS Newsletter? YES NO**

*The cost of CBS DUES for renewing members is still  
only \$15 for single and \$20 for dual members  
receiving the newsletter at one address.*

**If you are a new member and you joined in October  
November or December you do not have to pay for  
2012 renewal dues.**

*Contact Larry Giroux if you do not have a picture in  
the 2011 Roster.*

## CBS Meeting Minutes September 18th, 2011

LOCATION: Covenant Presbyterian Church, Ft. Myers, FL. ATTENDANCE: 46 members and guests, including new members: Fred and Maria Rump and the following guests: Delia Sherck, Irene Thommen, Pete and Maria Quasius and Sandra Drake. WORKSHOP: "Tour of CBS Members' Gardens-Bromeliads in the Landscape" featured a slideshow presentation by Cate Peterson of members' gardens. Highlights included: massed planting of same colors, layering of plant material, use of containers i.e. ceramics, fountains, palm stumps or trees and garden art. PROGRAM: "Into the Lost World" by Bruce Holst. Bruce is the editor of Selby Gardens' research journal, Selbyana. Bruce shared with us his most recent research trip to the Venezuelan Guayana. A major geologic site, the Roraima-tepui is a formidable sandstone structure shaped in tiers like a wedding cake. Bruce and his team were there to take a modern inventory with photographic records, map rare species, publish analysis and a nature guide. BREAK: A twenty-five minute break was enjoyed. Thank you to Mary McKenzie and volunteers for the refreshments. CALL TO ORDER: President, Vicky Chirnside call the meeting to order at 3:40pm. MINUTES: Dr. Larry Giroux, motioned to accept the minutes from July and August as printed and Kay Janssen seconded the motion. NEW BUSINESS: The CBS Show will be held on December 2<sup>nd</sup> in the building behind Terry Park. The CBS Sale will be held on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> at the Pavilion in the rear of Terry Park. The hours for the Sale will be from 9-5 on Saturday and 10-4 on Sunday. Dr. Larry announced that the following will chair the Show committees: Vicky Chirnside, Marsha Crawford, Dr. Larry Giroux and Betty Ann Prevatt. The membership agreed to accept The Bromeliad Peddler as the Show theme. DOOR PRIZE: Eleanor Kinzie and Betty Ann Prevatt donated *Aechmea nudicaulis* var. albo-marginata which was won by Ingrid Holland. SHOW AND TELL: Led by Dale Kammerlohr. RAFFLE: Conducted by Dr. Larry Giroux and assisted by Dolly Dalton.

ADJOURNMENT: 4:33pm.

Respectfully submitted by,  
MaryLynn Murphy, CBS Secretary  
MaryLynn100@me.com

## CBS Meeting Minutes July 18th, 2011

LOCATION: Covenant Presbyterian Church, Fort Myers, FL.  
ATTENDANCE: 34 members; the following guests: Laurie Oldum, Christian Jalbert, Clayton Cornelison, Clayton Cornelison, II, Justin Dobbs and Natasha Breusch; new member, Sandra Drake.  
WORKSHOP: Catherine Peterson presented a power point presentation entitled “Effect of Light on Bromeliads”. While there are exceptions to every rule, in general: shade lovers tend to be variegated and have burgundy or wine red undersides; partial shade (am or pm sunlight) is preferred by most bromeliads; sun loving bromeliads tend to be more cold hardy. Examples of too little light were shown: green strappy/floppy leaves. Too much light produced short and thick leaves with yellowing and leaf scorch. Bruce McAlpin brought in *Neo*. “Fireball” and *Neo. liliputiana* to further illustrate the effect of light on bromeliads.  
PROGRAM: Craig Morell, chief horticulturist at Pinecrest Gardens, entertained us with: “Cultural Tips from a So-called Expert”—practical advice running the gamut of bromeliad care. Craig is a proponent of inorganic mixes and recommends trying them. One product Craig has used for orchids is Sta-lite. This medium is heavy and doesn’t break down. Turfbase “Quick Dry” is used for propagating plants and comes in multiple grades (from coffee grounds to cat litter) it too doesn’t break down. For fertilizing Craig recommends the six month Nutricote (Dynamite) mixed into the soil since it needs to be wet. Nutricote produces a 12 month fertilizer called Plantacote. Nutricote also produces an 18-7-38 fertilizer that isn’t on the market but can be purchased directly from the company. Craig’s fertilizing motto is to grow healthy plants with slowed down growth. Craig’s parting words advised us to READ THE LABEL when it comes to using pesticides. Many dangerous and permanent health problems occur when pesticides are used carelessly.  
BREAK: A twenty minute break was enjoyed. Thank you to Mary McKenzie and volunteers for providing refreshments.  
CALL TO ORDER: Vice-President Marsha Crawford called the meeting to order at 2:55pm.  
MINUTES: Kay Janssen accepted the September minutes as submitted by Secretary MaryLynn Murphy and Carol Sweat seconded the motion.  
COMMITTEE REPORTS: The Treasurer’s Report 2011 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter for April, May and June 2011 was announced and made available for the membership.  
NEW BUSINESS: Eleanor Kinzie will chair the Nominations Committee; the election will be held at the November meeting. Dr. Larry Giroux reminded us that the Extravaganza is fast approaching on Nov. 4-6 in Daytona and

requested donations for the Auction. The BSI website has further information. Betty Ann Prevatt announced that there are signs available for our Dec. sale. Volunteers are needed to clean up our garden at the Garden Council site on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 9am. DOOR PRIZE: Neo. "Dorothy" was donated by Buddy Singleton and won by Mary McKenzie.

SHOW & TELL: Conducted by Dale Kammerlohr who identified a bouquet of inflorescences brought by Eleanor Kinzie and Betty Ann Prevatt. RAFFLE: Led by Dr. Larry Giroux and assisted by Dolly Dalton. ADJOURNMENT: 3:40PM.

Respectfully submitted by, MaryLynn Murphy, CBS Secretary  
Please note new email address: [MaryLynn100@me.com](mailto:MaryLynn100@me.com)

## **Calendar of Bromeliad Events**

**November 12th Work day at the Garden Council Headquarters on Virginia Ave., Fort Myers. 9-12noon; Also November 15th if needed.**

**November 19th, 10:00 -4:00.** Edison-Ford Estates Fall Sale (Saturday)  
We need some helpers to be hosts at our garden spot. Come and help out for a couple of hours and enjoy the garden and visit the vendors at the Edison Estates. This is an opportunity to promote our show and sale. We can sell plants too if

**December 2nd-4th, 2011**

**The CBS Bromeliad Show and Sale.** Terry Park. Entries and Judging Friday, Show and Sale open to the public - Saturday 9AM-5PM and Sunday 10AM-4PM

**December 11th, 2011**

**The CBS Holiday Party** has been moved to the second Sunday of December. It will be held at the Buckingham home of Laura Cordell. Details to follow as the date gets closer.

### **Read the Expanded Newsletter**

**I have been asking members who have e-mail, if they can start receiving the Meristem exclusively by e-mail and I have gotten a good response from the membership. I want to remind the members that even if they can not receive the e-mail version, because they have dial-up internet service, they can still go to [www.fcbs.org](http://www.fcbs.org) and read the expanded Meristem directly online. Go to [www.fcbs.org](http://www.fcbs.org) to view this expanded electronic issue, if you are not already opting to receive it or let me know if you want me to send it to you. Editor**



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**HOLIDAY PARTY December 11th 2011**