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FLORIDA COUNCIL OF BROMELIAD SOCIETIES, INC.

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BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF BROWARD COUNTY: Meets Holiday Park Social Annex; 844 NE 7th Ave.; Ft. Lauderdale, 3rd Monday ea. month, 7:30 p.m. - President: Wm. Frazel; 1060 Iroquois; Ft. Lauderdale, 33312. Vice Pres, Polly Pascal; Rec. Sec'y Carole Torrey; Corr. Sec'y, Virginia Loerke; Treas. Geo. Skiba-Piadlowski. Senior Rep. Bernice Cornfield, Jr. Rep. Wm. Frazel. Visitors welcome.

BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA, INC. Meets: Dixie Village 1st Federal; 2700 S. Orange Ave., Orlando, Fla. President, Edw. Hall; 1111 Glen Garry Cir.; Maitland, Fl. 32751. Vice-Pres. Susan Murphy; Secretary, Dorothy McNulty; Treas. Thomas U. Lineham, Jr. Visitors welcome -- 4th Monday 7:30 p.m. Senior Rep; O.C. Branneky, Jr. Rep. Edw. Hall

FLORIDA WEST COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY: Meets Fortune Federal Bank; East Bay Dr.; Largo. President, Ellen Jay Peyton; 11445 7th St. East; Treasure Island, Fl. 33706. Vice Pres. Marjorie Weissman; Secretary, Helen Chipps; Treas. Douglas Edwards. Sr. Rep. Morris W. Dexter, Jr. Rep. Harry Luther -- Visitors Welcome - Fourth Thursday 7:30 p.m.

IMPERIAL POLK BROMELIAD SOCIETY:
President, Rose Schmidt; 525 Johnson Rd.; Auburndale, Fl. 33823
Vice President, Jos. McAllister; Secretary, Martha English; Treas. Norton Agey
Sr. Rep. Carl Perry; Jr. Rep. Rose Schmidt. Visitors Welcome

Questionnaire

In the past ten years the popularity of bromeliads in Florida has grown tremendously, and in the past five years bromeliad society members have increased in number and become extremely sophisticated. No longer are they content with Ae. Cylindrata v. Micrantha or Ae. Fasciata. They are willing to pay high prices for a Neo. x "Takamura Grande", Neo. Kautskyi or any new hybrid which is "in" at the moment. The difference between now and ten years ago is communication. Florida bromeliad societies have been instrumental in bringing the plants to the attention of the public and increasing their membership thru their shows, educational exhibits and periodicals. Not too many years ago, any program presented at a society meeting was a learning experience. Now the program chairman is often hard pressed to find a program to suit the membership.

The following questionnaire is published with the hope that our Florida society members can make their wishes known. Please take the time to fill it out and return to the Quarterly address listed on the cover. Results will be published in the next issue. PLEASE DO NOT GIVE YOUR NAME. One section of the questionnaire concerns bromeliad shows. If you do not exhibit and have no interest in doing so in the future, please so state and do not answer questions 8 thru 12.

1. How many years have you been a member of a bromeliad society? _____
2. How did you become interested in bromeliads?

3. Do you grow as a (beginner) (amateur) (serious collector) (commercial grower) (Check One)
4. Do you belong to another plant society or garden club? _____ (Yes or No)
5. What is your favorite bromeliad genera? _____
_____ Family? _____
6. If you could plan the program for the next meeting of your bromeliad society, what would be the topic?

7. Do you participate in bromeliad shows? _____
Do you exhibit? _____ Sell? _____

8. Do you favor (a) Merit Judging? _____ or
(b) Competitive Judging? _____ (Merit judging
means to judge each plant against perfection, while
competitive judging pits each plant against all
others of same classification with only one blue
ribbon awarded).
9. Do you favor open competition? _____ or sepa-
rate sections for amateur and commercial growers?

10. Do you believe the show judges should compete in a
separate section? _____ (Yes or No)
11. Do you think that the number of plant entries per
person should be limited? _____ (Yes or No).
If "yes", how many? _____
12. Would you be interested in becoming a bromeliad
judge in the future? _____ (Yea or No)

SOCIETY NEWS

BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF BROWARD COUNTY:

New officers elected for the coming year: President,
Larry Groshart; Vice President, Paul Lefkowitz; Record-
ing Secretary, Veronica Maitland; Corres. Secretary,
Georgine Lewis; Treasurer, Elizabeth Loos.
August meeting, Monday, August 17. Guest speaker will
be Carol Johnson of Longwood, subject to be "Collect-
ing trips".

BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA:

August Program: "Getting Those Entries Ready for the
Show" by Ed & Dorothy McNulty, who regularly exhibit
and win.

IMPERIAL POLK BROMELIAD SOCIETY:

The society will not meet in August since many will
be away on vacation. Plans are to meet early in Septem-
ber, on the 8th (8 p.m.) and that program will be on
topic "Growing Bromeliads from Seed" by Rick Paul.
Members voted for the early September meeting so that
members would be free to help out at the Central Florida
show.

October 25 meeting, 3:00 p.m. (Sunday). Program will
be "Florida Native Bromeliads" by Carl Perryn. Please
see show page for report of winners in Florida Inter-
national Bromeliad Show sponsored by Imperial Polk &
Florida Council.

JACKSONVILLE BROMELIAD SOCIETY:

The society put on a bromeliad display and plant sale at the Orange Park Mall on May 29 & 30, 1981. The plant sale grossed over \$1,000.00. The society will also have a decorative display at the Jacksonville Fair on October 21 thru 31. During the second week of the fair they will have an educational display and sell plants. Members will be able to enter plants for awards. A Spring show is being discussed and probably will be in May of '82 at the Orange Park Mall.

Programs: August 18, Bud Martin on "Growing Bromeliads from Seed". September 15, Carol Johnson on "Honduras Bromeliads"

SARASOTA BROMELIAD SOCIETY:

Vicky Chirnside, John Bollin and Jim Jones combined slides to give a program on August 6 about their June collecting trip to Honduras.

Sarasota Bromeliad Society will be host to the Florida International Bromeliad Show in 1982, to be held at Selby Gardens. No definite dates have yet been set.

SEMINOLE BROMELIAD SOCIETY:

Five intrepid members braved 100 degree heat in June to make a field trip to T.G. Lee Dairy Farm. They reported the tillandsias are still there, but somehow it didn't seem sensible to climb for them in the heat. August meeting will be a group discussion led by Jeff Johnson on the subject "Identifying Bromeliads from the Key". On August 16, 2:30 p.m. Seminole Ag Center.

BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF SOUTH FLORIDA:

Programs: August, John Barbie on "Mounting Bromeliads" September, Kerry Herndon on "Bromeliad Nurseries of Europe", a lecture and slide presentation. October is the annual plant auction.

South Florida's monthly "Bromeliadvisory" is being expanded to include advertising. Yearly rates for camera ready copy are \$75.00 for full page; \$45.00 for half page; & \$25.00 for 1/4 page. They are not able to reproduce color or photographs. Anyone interested should contact Connie Johnson; 13075 SW 60 Ave.; Miami, 33156.

Winners in the Miami May show are listed in a separate section of this publication.

BROMELIAD GUILD OF TAMPA BAY:

August program will be given by Jean Schnabel on the subject of "Billbergias".

Viva Honduras

Fourteen Florida Bromeliad Society members assembled at Miami International Airport at 6 am on June 1, to embark on a bromeliad/orchid collecting trip to Honduras organized and led by Fred Fuchs of Naranja. By noon of that same day the group was eating lunch enroute by bus between San Pedro Sula and Copan. Two days (and nights) were spent in Copan, collecting plants and viewing the Mayan ruins there. Then 2 days at Camayagua, 2 days at Juticalpa, 2 at Camayaguela (near Tegucigalpa) and the final day at Mr Kamm's nursery in Valle des Angeles cleaning and packing plants for the return home on June 10. In addition to collecting plants, the group celebrated two birthdays and if nothing else, learned one word of Spanish, "servica", meaning beer.

Who went? From Sarasota: John Bollin, Jim Jones, Vicky Chirnside, Claire Herzog, Claire Daneman, Rita Roehr, Joan Feavers. From Imperial Polk, Rose and Chas. Schmidt; from Central Florida, Carol & Geoffrey Johnson; from Ft. Myers, Gene and John McKenzie; South Florida, Bill Shannon and Fred Fuchs.

Following is a list of the bromeliads collected:

Tillandsias: Circinnata, lieboldiana, standleyi, anceps, yunckeri, ionantha, tricolor melanocrater, lampropoda, fasciculata (var. fasciculata & rotundata), flabellata, valenzuelana, makoyana, filifolia, seleriana, pruinosa, balbisiana, caput-medusae, butzii, brachycaulos, baileyi, schiedeana, streptophylla, dasylirifolia, magnusiana, orogenes, viridiflora, multicaulis, juncea, lucida and punctulata. Pitcairnias: heterophylla, calderonii, and 2 additional unidentified species. Hechtia: guatemalensis, hondurensis. Guzmania: Lingulata (white bloom) and cf. nicaraguensis. Catopsis: Berteroniana, nitida, sessiliflora, morreniana stricto, morreniana lato.

We purchased Tillandsia Kammii and Hondurensis from Mr. Kamm. Somebody else will have to report on the orchids collected.

Thousands of pictures were taken. If anyone in your area made the trip, check with them regarding their pictorial record.

ISSUE NUMBER FOUR OF THE QUARTERLY WILL BE A LIBRARY ISSUE. BOOK REVIEWS WILL BE REQUESTED. PLEASE HELP.

September 25, 26, 27 - "Bromeliafest" presented by the Bromeliad Society of Central Florida at Winter Park Mall; Winter Park (Orlando), Fla. This will be a judged show and standard show rules will apply. In addition there will be commercial and general plant sales, bromeliad arts & crafts section, and educational exhibits.

Commercial space is still available at \$100.00 flat fee, no commission deducted. Booths are 10X20 feet, with two covered tables provided. Each grower is required to make a 10 x 10 ft exhibit of bromeliads adjacent to his sales booth. This requirement was at the insistence of the Winter Park Mall and not the host society. Growers may sell plants from the exhibit on Sunday. Selling hours 10 am to 9 pm, Friday and Saturday; 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Sunday. Make check payable to Bromeliad Society of Central Florida and mail to Leroy Stone; 8007 Tompkins Sq.; Orlando 32807 (305)678-0926.

Exhibitors are urged to make advance registration by mail. Requests for advance registration forms should be addressed to Dorothy McNulty; 2826 Conway Gardens Rd.; Orlando 32806 (305)898-1229.

Any member of BSI or a Florida Bromeliad Society may bring up to 25 plants to sell in the general plant sale, provided they enter at least one plant for exhibition. Commercial sellers may not put plants in general plant sale. Plants will be accepted until 9 pm on Thursday, 9/24. BSCF will collect 25% commission. To receive a grower number and complete sale rules write Ms. Betsy McCrory; 3615 Boggy Creek Rd.; Kissimmee, 32741 (305)846-4955. If this Fall show is a success, it is possible the Florida International Bromeliad Show will be held in the Fall of 1982.

Future World Bromeliad Conferences: 1982 Corpus Christi, 1984 Los Angeles, 1986 New Orleans & 1988 Miami. Advance information on 1982 World Conference is inserted in July-August issue of the "Journal" just received.

The Winners

<u>Category</u>	<u>Fla. Int.</u>	<u>Miami</u>	<u>Atlanta</u>
Best of Show	Carol Johnson	Marie Scherr	Kay Benton
Sweepstakes	Carol Johnson	Connie Johnson	Fred Kloman
Best Aechmea	Carol Johnson	Marie Scherr	Geoffrey Johnson
Best Billbergia	Ed & Dorothy McNulty	Elva Libby	--
Best Cryptanthus	Ed & Dorothy McNulty	Jody Turner	Jan Horton
Best Canistrum	Andy Price	--	--
Best Guzmania	Not Awarded	Connie Johnson	--
Best Neoregelia	Edith Howells	Berneice Cornfield	Audrey McCrory
Best Nidularium	Carol Johnson	Mike Keys	--
Best Tillandsia	Not Awarded	Marie Scherr	Karen Kloman
Best Vriesea	Andy Price	Connie Johnson	John Miller
Best Bi-Generic	Carol Johnson	Gary Hendrix	
Best Other Genera		Marie Scherr	

In addition to BSI Mulford Foster "Best of Show" in all three shows, Florida International Show awarded silver and crystal, Miami awarded etched crystal and Atlanta Gold and Silver Medallions. There were many special awards in addition to the above, especially at the Miami show where commercial growers competed in a separate section.

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The name "Mulford B. Foster Bromeliad Identification Center at Marie Selby Botanical Gardens" is such a mouthful that it was inevitably to be shortened to "Bromeliad Identification Center" & thus to B.I.C.

B.I.C. is concerned with identification of bromeliad species. For hybrid information or registration, please write Joseph F. Carrone; 305 N. Woodlawn Ave.; Metairie, La. 70001.

Next to your society membership, the best investment you can make is a membership with Marie Selby Gardens. This will entitle you to plant identifications, plant distribution selections and of course visits to the Gardens.

Following is a list of plants identified by B.I.C. from it's beginning thru Dec. of 1980. Periodically, this list will be updated. Cf printed following a name means "comparable or very close to, most likely the same as. Tentative ID". Aff. means "related to, akin to, affinity (close but distinct), tentative ID". The list does not include complimentary ID's.

<u>BIC</u> <u>NO.</u>	<u>PLANT NAME</u>	<u>REC'D</u> <u>FROM</u>
1	Guzmania Squarrosa	Florida
2	Tillandsia cf reversa	Florida
3	Tillandsia recurvata	Florida
4	Neoregelia cf concentrica	Florida
5	Catopsis morreniana	Florida
6	Tillandsia vernicosa	Florida
7	Tillandsia caput-medusae	Florida
8	Aechmea Fasciata	Florida
9	Aechmea Smithiorum	Florida
10	Aechmea mulfordii	Florida
11	Nidularium procerum	Florida
12	Tillandsia streptophylla	Texas
13	Aechmea servitensis var exigua	Calif.
14	Aechmea cf anomala	Calif.
15	Aechmea retusa	Calif.
16	Aechmea retusa	Calif.
17	Aechmea abbreviata	Calif.
18	Aechmea cf lingulata	Calif.
19	Streptocalyx pallidus (sp nov)	Calif.
20	Aechmea hybrid	Calif.
21	Aechmea chantinii	Calif.

<u>BIC</u> <u>NO.</u>	<u>PLANT NAME</u>	<u>REC'D</u> <u>FROM</u>
22	Guzmania sp. (insufficient material)	Calif.
23	Aechmea cathcartii	Calif.
24	Vriesea aspiniae sp nov. med	Calif.
25	Aechmea tillandsioides	Calif.
26	Neoregelia cf tristis	Calif.
27	Neoregelia cf fluminensis	Calif.
28	Tillandsia fasciculata var floridana	Australia
29	Tillandsia utriculata	Illinois
30	Vriesea fragrans	Florida
31	Till. fasciculata var. fasciculata	Florida
32	Tillandsia cf reversa	Florida
* 33	Vriesea appenii	Florida
34	Tillandsia balsasensis	Calif.
35	Tillandsia geminiflora	Kansas
36	Tillandsia geminiflora	Kansas
37	Neoregelia cf ampullacea	Okla.
38	Billbergia brasiliensis	Mass.
39	Aechmea aquilega var chrysocoma	Calif.
40	Till. fasciculata var venospica	Florida
41	Tillandsia circinnata	Florida
42	Quesnelia edmundoi	Calif
43	Aechmea cf ramosa	Florida
44	Neoregelia chlorosticta	Florida
45	Neoregelia cf chlorosticta	Florida
46	Neoregelia hybrid	Florida
47	Neoregelia concentrica	Florida
48	Neoregelia hybrid	Florida
49	Billbergia vittata	Louisiana
50	Aechmea gamosepala	Florida
51	Puya cf penduliflora	Australia
52	Vriesea sucrei	Australia
53	Aechmea mulfordii	Calif.
54	Billbergia hybrid	Calif.
55	Aechmea toantina	Calif.
56	Nidularium burchellii	Calif.
57	Aechmea gamosepala	Calif.
58	Vriesea gigantea	Florida
59	Tillandsia cf polystachya	Calif.
60	Vriesea cf cereicola	Calif.
61	Nidularium procerum	Florida
62	Hechtia dichroantha	Florida
63	Tillandsia concolor	Calif.
64	Aechmea angustifolia	Calif.

BIC NO.	PLANT NAME	REC'D FROM
65	Aechmea nudicaulis cf var capitata	Calif.
66	Guzmania donnel-smithii	Okla.
67	Aechmea cf penduliflora	Okla.
68	Tillandsia tricolor var picta	Okla.
69	Till. fasciculata var densespica	Okla.
70	Billbergia vittata	Calif.
71	Nidularium regelioides	Calif.
72	Billbergia vittata	Calif.
73	Tillandsia cf capitata	Calif.
74	Billbergia hybrid	Calif.

* Indicates 1979 identifications, ** 1980, 1981 identifications will be listed in first 1982 issue.

When submitting specimens for identification, include spent bloom and a complete leaf. An entire fresh plant is ideal, if possible, and arrangements can be made to return a treasured specimen. A specimen of the bloom, pressed in plant press or between heavy books is a great help. Mail to Harry Luther; BIC; Selby Botanical Gardens; P. O. Box 4155; Sarasota, Fl. 33578.

BROMELIAD SOCIETY, INC. ANNUAL MEETING

Annual meeting of the Bromeliad Society, Inc. was held May 15, 1981 in Metairie, La. Some of the action taken at that meeting is reported elsewhere in this publication. Additionally:

1. Harold Wiedman & Lee Kavaljian will be the new editors of the BSI "Journal" effective January 1982. Victoria Padilla will retire at that time.
2. BSI has pledged \$500.00 annually to help support the Mulford Foster Bromeliad Identification Center at Marie Selby Gardens in Sarasota. All affiliates are urged to contribute at least \$25.00 annually.
3. BSI is now affiliated with the National Council of State Garden Clubs and will be listed in the National Gardener magazine. Show dates of affiliates can now be listed free in state publications such as "The Florida Gardener".
4. There are currently 2,397 members in BSI.

Florida Council met on July 11, 1981 at the home of Tinker & Bernard Musleh, Melrose, Fla. The Council is indebted to the Muslehs for their hospitality and a delicious lunch. Seven societies were represented. Representatives from the two south Florida societies were absent. Minutes of April meeting at Cypress Gardens were approved as mailed. The Chairman announced that there is \$2,620.16 in the treasury.

Carol Johnson reported on the status of the Council Quarterly Newsletter. Expenses for the second issue were \$210.05, with 523 issues mailed. Assessment of \$1.00 per member has been paid by only one society, and it was decided that the editor would send a bill along with the reporting forms. We are still working on tax free status in order to recoup bulk mailing costs on issues mailed to date.

Ellen Peyton reported on status of Grande refund. \$177.00 remains in the Grande treasury and all requested refunds have been made. There are about 7500 issues of the magazine available for sale.

Carl Perryn reported on the State Show at Cypress Gardens, and reasons for disappointment as follows:

1. Only 172 plants for competition.
2. Inadequate participation by commercial growers.
3. Virtually no plants from South Florida societies. Several reasons were presented, but the concensus was preoccupation with their own show the following week as well as some of the rules of their show discouraging entries in the State Show.
4. Problems with the commercial tent. The wrong one was delivered.
5. The show lost \$428.21. Florida Council and Imperial Polk split the loss.
6. Because of the small number of entries, all awards could not be made.

A motion was made and carried that awards not given out be held over and awarded at the next State Show, with the permission of the donor.

The Chairman and Harry Luther reported that the Selby Gardens Bromeliad display project would be completed within 2 to 3 days of receipt of Neo. Fireball plants which had been promised by Bromeliad Society of South Florida.

John Bollin reported that 14 Florida society members accompanied Fred Fuchs on the collecting trip to Honduras June 1 thru 11. It was a highly successful trip and it

is probable the next trip will be to Bolivia and Paragua in 1982.

After discussion, a motion was made and carried that the problem of a new logo be tabled until such time as it becomes necessary to replenish printed supplies.

Under "Old Business" was the matter of providing fund to sustain the Bromeliad Identification Center at Selby. It was noted that Bromeliad Society of South Florida contributes \$500.00 annually. Harry Luther stated that it was not so much a problem of funds for the moment, but firm pledges of steady future financial support that are needed. A motion was made and carried that the Florida Council contribute \$250.00 annually, subject to annual review. It was also moved that each senior representative be instructed to go back to his society and request funds for the Identification Center, the means of raising the money to be left up to the individual society.

Carol Johnson requested that action be taken on a couple of show related problems:

1. The term "Membership Plant Sale" is a confusing term since many potential purchasers believe that only members can buy there. It was decided that henceforth it would be known as "General Sales".
2. Tillandsias do not get fair shake in shows, since most are mounted and thus considered to be in "decorative containers". A motion was made and carried that henceforth the schedule will state that "plants may be exhibited in standard containers or mounted on suitable material".
3. "Judges Challenge" classification has been a dismal failure in that it does not seem to attract enough participation. No action was taken.

The October meeting of the Florida Council will be held at the home of Berniece & Albert Cornfield in Fort Lauderdale.

CALOOSAHATCHEE BROMELIAD SOCIETY of Ft. Myers, Florida is listed as a new affiliate of the Bromeliad Society, Inc. This society has not become affiliated with the Florida Council. A little missionary work on the part of our members would be appreciated.

JACKSONVILLE BROMELIAD SOCIETY: Meets: Agric. Extension Learning Center; 1010 N. McDuff; Jacksonville; 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Visitors Welcome
President; Larry Key; 3134 W. 19th St.; Jacksonville 32205. Vice Pres. Nick Ciccarello;
Secretary, Tinker Musleh; Treasurer, Lionel Carter.
Senior Rep. Nick Ciccarello Jr. Rep. Tinker Musleh

SARASOTA BROMELIAD SOCIETY: Meets Selby Gardens. Visitors Welcome.
President, Vicky Chirnside; Vice Pres. James Jones; Rec. Sec'y Patsy Worley; Corr. Secy
Jos. Halton; Treas. Bill Sexson. Senior Rep. John Bollin; Jr. Rep. Vicky Chirnside.
Visitors Welcome.

SEMINOLE BROMELIAD SOCIETY: Meets Seminole Ag. Center; Hwy 17-92; Sanford, Fl.
Third Sunday, 2:30 p.m. Visitors Welcome. President, Edw. McNulty; 2826 Conway Gardens
Rd.; Orlando 32806; Vice Pres. Carol M. Johnson; Sec'y Joyce Ossowski; Treas. James
Stoll. Senior Rep. Carol M. Johnson; Jr. Rep. Edw. McNulty.

BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF SOUTH FLORIDA: Meets Fairchild Gardens; Old Cutler Rd. Miami, Fl.
First Tuesday, 8:00 p.m. Visitors Welcome. President, Don Yetkow; 12225 SW 63 Ave.;
Miami, Fl. 33156. Vic-Pres. John Hammel; Secretary, Nancy Steinmetz; Treas. Jack Ford.
Senior Rep. Nat DeLeon, Jr. Rep. Kerry Herndon

BROMELIAD GUILD OF TAMPA BAY: Seminole Garden Center; 5800 Central Ave.; Tampa, Fl.
Third Monday 7:30 p.m. Visitors Welcome. President, Roland Schnabel; 5106 127th Ave.;
Tampa, 33617. Vice Pres. Linnie Yarbrough; Sec'y Jean Schnabel; Treas. Gary DeFranco.
Senior Rep. Ervin Wurthmann; Jr. Rep. Roland Schnabel.