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## FLORIDA COUNCIL OF BROMELIAD SOCIETIES, INC.

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SOCIETY NAME	MEETING PLACE	DAY OF MONTH & TIME	1982 PRESIDENT	OTHER OFFICERS & FCBS REPS.
BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF BROWARD COUNTY	Holiday Park Social Annex 844 NE 7th Ave. Ft. Lauderdale, Fl.	Third Monday 7:30 p.m.	Larry Groshart * 1336 Seabreeze Blvd. Ft Lauderdale 33316 305-522-5327	V-Pres. Paul Lefkowitz Sec'y (R) V. Maitland, (c) Georgene Lewis; Treas. Elizabeth Loos FCBS Sr. Rep. Wm. Frazel; Jr. Rep. Polly Pascal
CALOOSAHATCHEE BROMELIAD SOCIETY	First Federal Savings & Loan; North Ft. Myers, Fl.	Third Sunday 2:00 p.m. (except for special trips)	Victor Yingst * 13437 Caribbean Blvd. SE Fort Myers, Fl. 33905 813-694-7861	V-Pres. Frank Cornelison Sec'y Mary McKenzie III Treas. Bob Davis FCBS Reps. Terry & Roberta Virta
BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA, INC.	Shuffleboard Court Bldg. Bob Carr Center; Hughy & Livingston; Orlando, Fla.	Second Tuesday 7:30 p.m.	Nancy Hall 1111 Glen Garry Circle Maitland, Fl. 32751 305-647-2039	V-Pres. Carol Johnson Sec'y Betsy McCrory Treasurer Tom Lineham FCBS Reps. Edw & Nancy Hall
FLORIDA WEST COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY	Fortune Federal S & L East Bay Drive Largo, Florida	Fourth Thursday 7:30 p.m.	Marjorie Spiegel 5203 - 108th St. North St. Petersburg, Fl. 33708	V. Pres. Rose DePew Secretary Eric Graf Treasurer Floyd Wise FCBS. Reps Harry Luther and Ellen Jay Peyton
IMPERIAL POLK BROMELIAD SOCIETY	Div. of State Plant Industry 3027 Lake Alfred Drive Winter Haven, Fl.	Fourth Sunday 3:00 p.m.	Ms. Rose Schmidt 1475 Highway 655 Auburndale, Fl. 33823 813-984-1656	V. Pres. Whit Merrin, Jr. Secretary Edith Nowells Treasurer Norton Agey FCBS Reps. Rose Schmidt & Carl Perry

## GENERAL NEWS

Perhaps no one has noticed, but this issue of the Quarterly is coming out later than usual. The delay was intentional, hoping that the IRS would grant us tax exempt status in time to cut mailing costs. No such luck.

### Offsets:

To Karen & Victor Yingst a new hybrid, daughter Rachel Ann, born July 15.

To Paula & Frank Cornelison an F-2 (grandson), Roy, born July 12.

### Results of BSI Election of Directors:

At Large: David Benzing & Valerie Steckler

Florida: Connie Johnson of Miami won with 36 votes over Ervin Wurthmann & Carol Johnson who each received 35 votes. Question: What if it had been a tie or in this case a three way tie?

Outer Region: Ron Lucibel; London, England.

There were 151 Florida votes cast.

Rumors: Northwest Florida Bromeliad Society. Received a copy of their newsletter. We need to get to know them. Pensacola is Florida, although returning from Corpus Christi it seemed like we travelled 'near round the world driving between Pensacola and Tallahassee. We hope they will send an observer to the next FCBS meeting in January.

Gene & John McKenzie, Eleanor Kinzie & Sonny McCoy of Ft. Myers are in Panama on a collecting trip. Let us all know what you find.

There is very little program news this time of year. Christmas parties are the norm. Your editor would appreciate news from all the new program chairpersons regarding their 1983 programs. To me, no news is not good news.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM YOUR  
FLORIDA COUNCIL OF BROMELIAD SOCIETIES, INC.

## YOUR FLORIDA COUNCIL

At the October, 1982, meeting of the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies, it was requested that the next issue of the FCBS Quarterly document the organization and progress of the Council. Throughout this chronicle the Council will be referred to as "FCBS".

The organizational meeting of the FCBS was called by and held at the home of Carol Johnson, Longwood, on Sunday, June 15, 1977. At that time it was a real problem to ferret out the names of the various Florida societies, let alone the names of individuals from the societies to invite. All of those attending this first meeting, or nearly all, had attended the 1977 World Bromeliad Conference in New Orleans earlier in June.

The first meeting was attended by Rita Roehr of the Sarasota Bromeliad Society; Bud Martin, Carol Johnson & Eloise Beach of the Bromeliad Society of Central Florida; Wm. & Maureen Frazel and Georgia Martin of the Bromeliad Society of Broward County; Ervin Wurthmann & Carl Perryn of Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay; Bob Puterbaugh, Jody Speer, Charles & Bernice Coolbaugh of Imperial Polk Bromeliad Society; Morris & Helen Dexter, Patrick & Joyce Logue of Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society. Nat DeLeon of South Florida Bromeliad Society, one of the prime movers of the organization of FCBS, could not attend the first meeting since it was on a Sunday, and this is probably why all meetings since have been held on Saturday.

Bob Puterbaugh of Imperial Polk was elected as a Temporary Chairman at the meeting, and subsequently became the first permanent chairman. It was decided that the new organization would be named "Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies" and that By-laws would be worked out and presented at the first formal meeting which was held on August 6, 1977 in Ft. Lauderdale.

The By-Laws adopted by FCBS set up the organization roughly as follows: Two representatives from each of the member societies (manner of election to be decided by their society) would make up the body of the FCBS. One representative would be the Senior and would vote for his/her society. The other rep would be the Junior who would attend, observe, vote in the absence of the Senior and succeed to the Senior position the following year. The four offices (Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary & Treasurer) would be filled on

rotation basis, with the rotation schedule becoming a part of the By-Laws. It was established that meetings would be held quarterly, on the second Saturday of January, April, July and October. FCBS operates on a calendar year. Initiation fee for each society would be \$50.00, with thereafter token annual dues of \$1.00. Seven Florida bromeliad societies made up the original FCBS--Imperial Polk, Tampa Bay, Florida West Coast, Central Florida, Sarasota, Broward & South Florida, in 1978 Seminole Bromeliad Society and Jacksonville Bromeliad Society joined FCBS and in 1981 Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society brought the present total to ten societies.

First officers of FCBS were Bob Puterbaugh of Imperial Polk, Chairman; Nat DeLeon, South Florida, Vice-Chairman; Carol Johnson, Central Florida, Secretary and Carl Perryn, Tampa Bay, Treasurer. Succeeding chairmen have been Nat DeLeon, Michael McMahon, Ervin Wurthmann, and Vicky Chirnside. 1983 Chairman will be Ellen Jay Peyton of Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society. A copy of the rotation schedule was published in a 1981 issue of the Quarterly. FCBS was incorporated in May, 1978.

Including the organizational meeting, the FCBS has met 23 times, with the meetings rotating throughout the state. Representatives travel at their own expense, and the host society provides the meeting place, lunch and hospitality. (I, Carol Johnson, have attended all 23 meetings and calculate I have travelled in excess of 5,400 miles.)

The purposes of FCBS are for the most part parallel to the aims of the individual societies which make up its membership--to promote bromeliads by growing, showing and research.

FCBS has accomplished many things in the five years of it's existence. Following are a few:

1. Four Florida International Bromeliad Shows and one World Conference.
2. Published four issues of magazine "Grande" with the co-editors being James Elmore of Sarasota and Bob Puterbaugh of Imperial Polk.
3. Sponsored a Bromeliad Judging School of five sessions culminating in the certification of 47 Florida bromeliad judges. Ervin Wurthmann of Tampa organized and operated the judging school, and the

instructor was Valerie Steckler, author of the Judges Handbook.

4. FCBS has organized a Central Speaker's Bureau, with listing furnished to the various societies. In this manner, the knowledge of the state's experts is shared.
5. FCBS keeps a central record of all activities of Florida bromeliad judges, documenting their assignments and awards earned.
6. With the mailing of this issue of the FCBS Quarterly Newsletter, there have been eight newsletters mailed to all members of FCBS affiliate societies. Funding for this newsletter is by assessment of \$1.00 per year per member.

Presently, FCBS is working on the organization of a central audio-visual library, which will make slide and lecture programs available for use of the various societies.

Long range goals of FCBS are to provide a full-time taxonomist for the Selby BIC, grant scholarships for furtherance of the study of the plant family bromeliaceae, organize collecting trips abroad and in general, promote our plant family in any way that will be to its benefit.

A copy of the FCBS By-Laws is available. Please address your request to the Quarterly Editor and enclose \$1.50 for copying and postage.

Dates of all FCBS meeting, their locations, the names of all representatives for the five years of our existence and financial reports are a matter of record. Space here does not permit the listing of too many details.

FCBS hopes that the marriage of the Florida bromeliad societies will be a lasting one, and we urge your support and co-operation in our efforts.

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies met at the home of Roland & Jean Schnabel in Tampa on October 9, 1982. Societies represented: Broward, Caloosahatchee, Central Florida, Florida West Coast, Imperial Polk, Jax., Sarasota, Seminole, South Florida & Tampa.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as corrected.

Treasurers report was given showing a balance of \$1,063.00.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Grande: All bills paid and balance in Grande fund will be transferred to FCBS account as soon as outstanding accounts receivable are collected.

Newletter: Carol Johnson reported cost per issue is \$204.05 and number sent this year has declined over last year.

Amendment to By-laws: Carol Johnson moved, seconded by Ellen Peyton to further change the section on show rules to clarify the rule on sweepstakes. Approved. She will be back at next meeting with the new changes.

Commercial grower's list. Nat DeLeon reported that it will be ready in January.

BSI Report: Nat DeLeon reported that BSI Newsletter editor Mary Jane Lincoln needs names of each society representative to send the BSI Newsletter to. Articles on the activities of each society are needed for her newsletter.

State Shows for 1984 & 1985: Hazel Quilhot moved, seconded by Terry Virta to hold 1984 State Show in Sarasota. Ellen Peyton moved, seconded by Harry Luther to table the motion until satisfactory negotiations are completed with Selby Gardens for use of that site for the 1984 State Show. Approved.

Carol Johnson moved, seconded by Ellen Peyton to hold the 1985 State Show at Fairchild Gardens in Miami.

Approved.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Nat DeLeon moved, seconded by Ed McNulty that the FCBS sponsor "Best of Show" Award at all State Shows.

Approved.

Nat DeLeon moved, seconded by Ed McNulty that a judge's symposium be held during or immediately following all State Shows. Approved.

New Officers taking over in January are:

Chairman: Ellen Peyton, Fla. West Coast  
Vice Chairman: Polly Pascal, Broward  
Secretary: Carol Johnson, Seminole  
Treasurer: Ron Schoenau, Jacksonville

Council members spent an hour editing color slides shown by Tinker Musleh, who is preparing the slide library for the Council.

Next meeting will be held in Sarasota, the location to be announced, second Saturday in January 1983.  
Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Submitted by: William Frazel, Secretary, Broward

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The luncheon at the Schnabels was delicious, in particular a blueberry dessert. Take a break from potting bromeliads and try this:

Cherry (Blueberry) Dessert

13 x 9 pan

Crust:

1 c. flour  
1 c. graham cracker crumbs  
1 c. pecans, chopped fine  
(save some to sprinkle  
on top)  
1 cup margerine, melted  
Mix & bake 375 degrees,  
10-15 minutes. Cool.

Filling:

1 8 oz. pkg cream cheese  
1 cup powdered sugar  
1 tsp. vanilla

Cream together.

2 pkgs. Dream Whip. Prepare as directed on package, then fold dream whip into cream cheese mixture. Spread over cooled crust. Spread one large can pie filling (your choice) over cream cheese layer. Top with nuts. Chill. May be made ahead & frozen.

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		<u>Best of Show</u>		<u>Sweepstakes</u>
		<u>Plant</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Winner</u>
4/2/82	Tampa Bay	Neo. carcharoden rubra	Wm. Radford	Ervin Wurthmann
4/7/82	Jacksonville	Vriesea "Vigeri"	Matt Encinosa	Dala Grinnell
5/15/82	South Florida	Till. guzmanioides	Connie Johnson	Dean Fairchild
6/9/82	Corpus Christi	Div. IV Tillandsia	Vennie Dobson	Odean Head
8/6/82	Atlanta	Till. didistichia	Kay Sanders	Kay Benton
9/24	Orlando, State Show	Tillandsia araujei	DeLeon's Bro- meliad World	DeLeon's Bromeliad World
10/7/82	Jax-Palatka	Vriesea sucrei	Matt Encinosa	Kyle Brown

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL ! ! Please note all winners except one were tillandsioideae.

The following 1983 shows have been announced to date:

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay, March 25/27, 1983; Florida International Bromeliad Show, May 6/8, 1983, Orange Park Mall, Jacksonville; Bromeliad Society of South Florida, May 14/15, 1983, Fairchild Gardens, Miami; Atlanta Bromeliad Society, June 17/19, 1983, Cumberland Mall, Atlanta.

EXHIBITORS: Pick your show plants now and tell them to get with it.

Following excerpts are from the BSI Affiliates Newsletter  
Vol. I, No. 2:

Hybrid Information:

To finalize the computerization of the BSI hybrid list, it will be necessary to deal with a number of plants that cannot be conventionally registered due to lack of information about their background. Many of these cultivars are now important parents of modern hybrids or are frequently exhibited in judged bromeliad shows. Completely ignoring them will serve no useful purpose.

In order to rectify this situation, I ask that each affiliate group nominate for "grandfathering" into the register plants of unknown or questionable origin that are considered important and recognizable. Plants nominated should have exceptional horticultural merit, distinctiveness, consistency in growth characteristics, fairly widespread distribution (either actual or potential) and present no major problem in naming. Color slides suitable for reproduction in the BSI Journal of each nominated plant be included. If more than one name has been applied to a particular plant, the most often used or most generally accepted name should be listed first, with the alternate names following. Nominations will be accepted until Jan. 31, 1983. A special panel will review such names and will have the final word on their acceptance. All names should be sent to:

Mr. Harry Luther, Hybrid Registrar  
The Bromeliad Identification Center  
Marie Selby Botanical Gardens  
800 S. Palm Avenue; Sarasota, Fl. 33577

IT IS NOW TIME TO RENEW YOUR BSI MEMBERSHIP!!!

Also: Anyone interested in purchasing copies of the Journal published prior to 1976, please make your request known to your society president. Back issues from 1976 to date are available directly from the Journal, but old issues present another problem. Your president will pass your requests along. If there is enough interest, it is possible that some of the old issues could be reprinted.

JACKSONVILLE BROMELIAD SOCIETY	Agric. Extension Learning Center; 1010 North McDuff Jacksonville, Florida	Third Tuesday 7:30 p.m.	Tinker Musleh Rt 2 - Box 400K Melrose, Fl. 32666 904-475-2126	V. Pres. Al Muzzell Secretary Nelda Schwartz Treasurer Pat Anderson FCBS Reps Larry Key, Ron Schoenau T. Musleh, Alternate
SARASOTA BROMELIAD SOCIETY	GTE Conference Room 1660 Ringling Blvd. Sarasota, Fl.	Second Monday 7:30 p.m.	Vicky Chirnside P. O. Box 631 Venice, Fl. 33595 813-493-5825	V. Pres. Jim Jones Secretary Patsy Worley Treasurer Bill Sexson FCBS Reps. Vicky Chirnside & ?
SEMINOLE BROMELIAD SOCIETY	Seminole Agriculture Center S. Highway 17-92 Sanford, Florida	Third Sunday 2:30 p.m.	Carol M. Johnson 3961 Markham Woods Rd. Longwood, Fl. 32750 305-322-7945	V. President Robt. Montgomery Secretary James Cox Treasurer Jim Stoll FCBS Reps Carol Johnson & Edw. McNulty
BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF SOUTH FLORIDA, INC.	Fairchild Gardens Old Cutler Road Miami, Florida	First Tuesday 8:00 p.m.	John Mammel 14226 SW 283 St. Miami, Fl. 33032 305-247-3753	V. Pres. Dean Fairchild Secretary Linda Evans Treasurer Jack Ford FCBS Reps. Don Yetkow & Nat DeLeon
BROMELIAD GUILD OF TAMPA BAY	Seminole Garden Center 5800 Central Avenue Tampa, Florida	Third Monday 7:30 p.m.	Roland Schnabel 5106 - 127th Avenue Tampa, Fl. 33617 813-988-7046	V. Pres. Wm Radford Secretary Jean Schnabel Treasurer Tom Wolfe FCBS Reps. Roland Schnabel & Wm. Radford
* Elect officers on other than calendar year.				