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# Florida Council of

## 1983 OFFICERS:

Chairman (Fla. West Coast) Ellen Jay Peyton

Vice Chairman (Broward) Polly Pascal

Society Name	Meeting Place
Bromeliad Society of Broward County	Holiday Park Annex 844 NE 7th Ave. Ft. Lauderdale, Fl.
Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Soc.	1st Fed. S & L N. Ft. Myers, Fl.
Bromeliad Society of Central Florida, Inc.	Garden Cottage, Leu Gardens; 1730 North Forest; Orlando, Fl.
Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society	St. Catherine Catholic Church - Belcher Road Largo, Florida
Imperial Polk Bromeliad Society	Div. of State Plant Ind. 3027 Lake Alfred Drive Winter Haven, Fl.
Jacksonville Bromeliad Society	Agric. Extension Learning Center; 1010 N. McDuff Jacksonville, Fl.
Sarasota Bromeliad Society	GTE Conference Room 1660 Ringling Blvd. Sarasota, Fl.
Seminole Bromeliad Society	Seminole Ag. Center South Hwy 17-92 Sanford, Fl.
Bromeliad Society of South Florida, Inc.	Fairchild Gardens Old Cutler Road Miami, Florida
Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay	Seminole Garden Center 5800 Central Avenue Tampa, Florida



## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT *Ellen Jay Peyton*

The Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies met on Saturday, January 8, 1983, at Marie Selby Gardens in Sarasota, hosted jointly by the Sarasota Bromeliad Society and Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society. All ten of the member societies were represented. Members appearing for the first time on the Council were introduced, as were the guests (Connie Johnson of Miami, newly elected BSI Director; Harry Luther of the Bromeliad Identification Center and Tinker Musley of Jax, permanent Chairman of the Multi-Media Library project of FCBS). All have been invited to attend all meetings of FCBS.

Minutes of the October, 1982, meeting were corrected as follows: Outstanding accounts receivable due FCBS corrected to read \$1,800.00, with two payments of \$900. instead of \$800. as recorded. Treasurer's balance, general account, was corrected to read \$1,477.78. Corrected minutes approved.

Treasurer's report was waived as new Treasurer had just received the books.

Grande: A motion was made by Carol Johnson, seconded by Polly Pascal, that a \$300.00 down payment on the purchase of Grande inventory be accepted and a note drawn for the balance of \$1,500.00, payable at \$100.00 per month, plus 1/2 of 1% interest charged on the unpaid balance. Motion passed after much discussion.

Multi-Media Library: A motion was made by Nat DeLeon seconded by Roberta Virta, that Chairman Tinker Musleh be authorized to pay for duplicating slides, reporting expenses from one meeting to the next. Motion passed.

Profit to FCBS for the 1982 State Show was \$22.00.

Tinker Musleh, Chairman of the 1983 State Show in Jacksonville, passed out information sheets and a draft of the schedule, and requested that the reps promote participation in their various societies.

Sarasota Sr. Rep. Hazel Quilhot read a proposal just received from Selby Gardens for the 1984 State Show. This proposal was tabled until the next meeting in order to give the Sarasota Bromeliad Society membership a chance to hear and act on the proposal. Motion to table was by Nat DeLeon, seconded by Polly Pascal, and carried.

Newsletter: A motion was made by Vicky Chirnside, seconded by Ron Schoenau, that Carol Johnson be advanced \$100.00 for pre-publication costs of each issue of the Newsletter, with accounting at each meeting. Passed.



Carol Johnson reported that an internal audit has been completed on FCBS accounts. This audit was made in order to prepare financial statements and balance sheets to accompany the Council's application for non-profit status. Application was forwarded to IRS early November, 1982. At this January meeting it has passed a "screening committee", but letter of authorization has not been received.

In other matters not requiring a vote, the Council:

1. Chairman Ellen Peyton presented Vicky Chirnside with a Past-Chairman plaque and the members joined in thanking Vicky for her work in 1982.
2. \$1.00 annual dues were collected from all 10 Sr. Reps present.
3. Pictures were taken during the break.
4. Reps were reminded that it is time to update the Speaker's Bureau listings.
5. In a discussion of raising much needed funds, it was proposed that FCBS publish a cultural handbook.
6. Nat DeLeon, Miami Sr. Rep and also President of BSI, informed us that in the January-February issue of the Journal of BSI that there are upcoming nominations due for BSI Directors. Florida will be entitled to one more director and there will be two vacancies in the "At Large" category. The terms of these offices are 1984-1986, and nominations must be made by March of 1983.
7. John Bollin of Sarasota was appointed by the Chairman to fill the Parliamentarian position which has been vacant for some time.
8. Chairman appointed Carol Johnson Chairman of a By-Laws study committee, along with John Bollin, the Chairman and others to be appointed. Recommendations for By-Laws changes, if any, will be mailed to the Reps before the next meeting.

Many thanks to our hosts for the delicious lunch. The next Council meeting will be at the Orange Park Mall in Jacksonville, the site of the 1983 State Bromeliad Show.



**BROMELIAD SPECIALISTS  
TO CO-AUTHOR FLORA**

*Maggie Reeves*

Participating in an international project on the flora of Ecuador sponsored by the University of Göteborg, Sweden, will be Harry E. Luther of Selby Gardens and Dr. Amy Jean Gilmartin of Washington State University, Pullman, Washington. The two bromeliad specialists will co-author the volume dealing with bromeliads in the many volumed Flora of Ecuador publication which will take several years to complete.

Dr. Gilmartin will be at Selby Gardens from mid-January to do research with the Gardens' excellent living collection of Ecuadorian bromeliads as well as the herbarium collection, known internationally for the number and high quality of species represented.

At present, more than 1,000 square feet are devoted to the living collections of *Bromeliaceae* which include over 250 collections of 90 taxa from Ecuador. In addition, many plants are permanently grown in the Display Greenhouse where large plants may attain maturity with little disturbance.

Ecuador, a country the size of Colorado, has climate, topography and habitats from rain forests to deserts, offering diverse environments for plant growth. Recent intensive collection in Ecuador has added better than 1,000 specimens to the family Bromeliaceae, more than the total of the past 100 years. Many new species are included, as well as those formerly known in Peru or Colombia, not previously examined by a specialist.

Selby Gardens has been one of the four institutions world-wide studying Ecuadorian flora and, in the last five years, has sponsored expeditions to nearly every province of the country.

Since Luther joined the staff in 1979 when the Bromeliad Identification Center was established, work has gone forward on a file system which will ultimately contain all the material ever published on a given species of bromeliad, including xeroxes, original photographs and botanical drawings of each species.

Many thanks to the author and editors of The Marie Selby Botanical Gardens "Bulletin", Winter, 1983, for permission to reprint the above article.

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Note: We have promised to find a print of the Silver Medallion winning arrangement (artistic) at the State Show in Orlando last September. Anyone who has such a picture, please contact the Quarterly editor.



At a recent society meeting the following question was asked: What has FCBS done to justify it's continuing existence? What are it's goals? Perhaps to a new society member this is a sensible question. In this case, it happened to be a charter member of the society. In the last Quarterly we published the history of FCBS. Perhaps it would be well to list it's accomplishments and its goals.

1. State Shows. Prior to the first state show in Miami, in 1978, only one or two of the state's bromeliad societies had ever staged a show. Now, in addition to the annual state bromeliad show, the movement has spread throughout the state, and there are regularly at least four other shows annually. The shows benefit the society members and bring the plants into public view.
2. Speaker's Bureau. FCBS keeps an updated list of bromeliad experts living throughout Florida who are willing to share their expertise in the form of programs. In this way there is an invaluable exchange of knowledge about the bromeliads and their culture.
3. Judges. FCBS sponsored and provided instruction for the training and certification of 49 Florida bromeliad judges. Previously there were none. A central judges' registry is kept to ensure the continued qualification of these judges.
4. Publications. FCBS published four issues of a magazine ("Grande") devoted to bromeliads. The magazine was filled with color photos of bromeliads, articles about notable plant collections and personalities. Rising costs and logistics of publication forced the magazine's demise after four issues. However, the endeavor was all gain and no loss as all subscribers were refunded unused portions of subscriptions.

After "Grande" publication ceased, this "Quarterly" was initiated. It keeps the lines of communication open throughout the state and annually prints a state roster of all Florida bromeliad society members (name, address, telephone number). The publication is funded by a \$1.00 per family membership assessment paid by each local society annually. When non-profit status is established, the "Quarterly" can be expanded in size and content since postage costs will be greatly reduced.



5. Multi-Media Library. The current project of FCBS is the building of a slide and tape library, centrally located, upon which the local societies can call for slides or tapes relating to a projected program. Quality slides are needed, not only of species plants, but also pictures of cold and disease damaged plants. If you have some to share, please send to Ms. Tinker Musleh; Rt 2 - Box 400K; Melrose, Fl. 32666. She will have your slides reproduced and return the originals to you promptly.
6. B.S.I. Membership. In the March-April 1982 issue of the Journal of the Bromeliad Society there was printed a revealing table regarding BSI membership increase/decrease by state and foreign countries for the five year period 1976/1981. The net increase in membership in the U.S. was 284. Of this number, 173 were from Florida. There is no doubt that the activities of FCBS in bringing the state together and encouraging increased exhibition of and interest in bromeliads contributed greatly to this tremendous increase in BSI membership.
7. Future Goals. In no way does FCBS interfere in the operation or business of any of it's ten member societies. All it requires is a mutuality of purpose and conformation to a few restrictions regarding exhibition of plants in the State Show. It's general goals are the same as those of it's member societies. It's future goals, simply stated, are to assist in funding a full time bromeliad taxonomist at Selby Bromeliad Identification Center; award scholarship funds for promotion of research and study in the plant family bromeliaceae; and, of course, continue and increase the exhibition of bromeliads and instruct in their culture in every way possible.  
The 3rd 1983 issue of the Quarterly, along with the State Roster, will include a copy of the FCBS By-Laws. We plan to print this once each year. Every Florida bromeliad society member can help the cause---teach just one person the correct pronunciation of "BROMELIAD".



## B.I.C. Update

Between January 1, 1982 and December 8th, forty two paid submissions have been received at BIC. This does not count I.D.'s for members of supporting bromeliad societies, comparing I.D.'s for other institutions and professionals and freebies. This is down somewhat from last year, but since the I.D. fee covers relatively little of the operating cost of BIC the drop is not important financially. The main worry is that the brom growers are losing interest in the center and in obtaining proper names for their plants.

I am still very interested in obtaining odd native tillandsias, etc., especially from the east coast, Dade County north.

### Miscellaneous Notes:

The older and correct name for Tillandsia valenzuelana A. Rich. is Tillandsia variabilis Schlecht. (Smith & Read, Notes on Bromeliaceae XLI, Phytologia 52:55, 1982). We can all thank Wilhelm Weber for bringing to light this information.

The new genus Pseudaechmea has recently been described by L. B. Smith & R. W. Read, bring the total number of genera in the Bromeliaceae to 47. For a full accounting of this please refer to the above cited publication, pages 53-54. Pseudaechmea ambigua from Colombia is the only known member of this genus.

Contrary to my statement of several months ago, not all red-bracted Vriesea chrysostachys can be assigned to the var. stenophylla. Basically the difference between these two varieties are as follows:

Leaves 2-3 inches wide, inflorescence branched, petals yellow equals V. chrysostachys var. chrysostachys. Leaves less than one inch wide, inflorescence simple, petals white equals V. chrysostachys var. stenophylla. The plants of this variety that I recently collected in NE Peru are rather small (8-14 inches in diameter) with narrow dull orange inflorescences.

The bright red V. chrysostachys that quite a few collectors have would seem to fit best under var. chrysostachys, possibly as a form (forma) of this. Possibly a case for erecting a third variety of this species could be made if consistent morphological differences could be found.



Many thanks to the following 1982 contributors to the Bromeliad Identification Center:

Corpus Christi Bromeliad Society  
South Seminole Garden Club  
Tarrant County Bromeliad Society  
Central Circle, Sanford Garden Club  
Bromeliad Society of Central Florida  
Tejas Bromeliad Study Club  
Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay  
Mulford B. Foster Memorial Fund (Closed Out)  
Bromeliad Society of Queensland  
David & Mary Christano (Bromeliad Bumper Stickers)  
BSI Benefit Auction for BIC, Corpus Christi  
Corpus Christi Brom. Soc. matching BSI Benefit funds  
Hazel Quilhot  
Seminole Bromeliad Society  
Imperial Polk Bromeliad Society  
Shreveport Regional Bromeliad Society  
Houston Bromeliad Society  
Merril P. O'Neal (matching Houston B.S. funds)  
Alice Brown

Please see reprint of article regarding BIC on another page of this Quarterly.

Harry Luther

ATTENTION: All photographers. The Multi-Media Program of the Florida Council urgently needs slides of all types of bromeliads. They need not be just pretty pictures, but can be photos of diseased or damaged plants as well. The expense of duplicating will be borne by FCBS. PLEASE---go thru your slides, select the best and send to Tinker Musleh; Box 400K, Rt. 2; Melrose, Fl. 32666. She will duplicate those she can use, and return your originals. For the time being, avoid sending slides of Neoregelia hybrids, as that is a can of worms that is best kept capped. Please put your name and the name of the plant on the slide. Tinker is a very reliable, efficient person and your slides will definitely be returned promptly.



## THE BROMELIAD SHOW CLERK

Show Clerks have a very important job in the bromeliad show. Yet, seemingly, the clerks are the last workers recruited, are seldom instructed and rarely rewarded for their efforts. They stand on their feet just as long as the judges and get just as tired.

Item 6, on pages 6 and 7 of the "Handbook for Judges and Exhibitors" as published by the Bromeliad Society, Inc. details the duties of the show clerks. This section should be studied carefully.

Following are some well-meant words of advice to potential show clerks:

1. At least one clerk should be assigned per judges' panel, certainly no more than two. If a clerk needs a short break during judging, the Clerk's Chairman should have a reliever handy to take over so the judging can proceed.
2. The Clerk should wear an identifying ribbon and the Clerk's Chairman should be sure the clerks and members of the judges panel are properly introduced.
3. The Clerk should not be offended if the judges request they stay out of earshot during judging. By necessity, the judges must be super critical and a great deal of hurt feelings can be avoided by simply not hearing what is said; especially should the clerk also be an exhibitor.
4. All Clerks should be thoroughly briefed well ahead of the show by their chairman as well as the Judge's Chairman, and, in my opinion, should be present when the judges receive their instructions. The more the clerk knows, the easier the job will be. The ideal situation is to select a Clerk's Chairman who is also a bromeliad judge. Being local, this judge would be unlikely to be involved in judging the show, but should surely be able to instruct the clerks.
5. Under no circumstances should a clerk volunteer an opinion or argue with a judge. Some of my experiences along this line are frightful. If a judge asks a question about a plant being judged, my advice is to play dumb and call the Classification or Show Chairman.
6. If a stapler is being used, get acquainted with it. Those itty-bitty staplers are easy to tote, but seem also to jam easily. The ideal solution to all the



- logistical problems is for the judges to mark the entry cards and the clerk follow behind with a cart and affix the ribbons. This, of course, is a local decision.
7. Finally, all judges are incredibly stupid. Ask any exhibitor who has received red ribbons. Of course, this is a fallacy. Your panel of judges was instructed by the best possible teacher, passed a strict exam, and hold BSI Judge's Certificates. They are not overnight experts. It took a long time, financed by their own money, to achieve judge's status. They are not paid, and most pay travel and living expenses out of their own pockets. Sometimes, many times, they are rewarded with insults rather than thanks. Some judges are better than others and some have specialized knowledge. Your judge's chairman is the one to blame if your show gets a batch of lemons. The Judge's Chairman should in fact be a judge, and as such, acquainted with the qualifications of the judges selected.
8. Caution---Sweepstakes--- As a precaution, the Sweepstakes winner should not be announced until the day following judging. It is extremely embarrassing to tell someone a mistake was made and somebody else really won Sweepstakes. It has happened, more than once in my own experience.

It is unfair to shove an untrained clerk onto the show floor and expect her/him to enjoy the experience. The Show Chairman should insist on advance training. It is also my opinion that the Show Clerks should always be included in the Judge's Luncheon.





## Bromeliad Society of Broward County:

Welcome to new members Dorothy & Anthony Tortolani, John Gutowski and Rowena Smith.

## Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society:

Newsletter editor Gene McKenzie reports on her family's trip to Panama; Did very little collecting but attended an Orchid Society meeting and was able to purchase some bromeliads to bring back, including *Aechmea allenii*, *Guzmania lingulata*, *Guzmania dissitiflora*, *Guzmania monostachia* and *Guzmania patula*. The country is beautiful and hospitable.

## Bromeliad Society of Central Florida:

Beginning January 1983, the society meeting place has been changed, and will meet on the 4th Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the Garden Cottage at Leu Botanical Gardens; 1730 N. Forest; Orlando. The 4th Monday was the regular meeting date for many years and is the most convenient for most of the members.

The society participated in the Leu Gardens Camellia Festival Jan. 8 & 9 with a sales booth on the grounds. Weather and attendance were both good. The gardens were beautiful.

A bus trip to Herb Hill's Raingreen Nursery in Lithia is planned for Saturday, March 19. Bus fare is \$10.00 per person. Contact Laurel Stone for details.

Bob Pearre has consented to be Chairman of the 1983 Central Florida Bromeliad Show.

## Imperial Polk Bromeliad Society:

I gave the program for this society in January and was lucky enough to receive one of Whit Merrin's *Billbergia distachia* cv. "Louise", a variegated sport. A prolific pupper, it falls somewhere in appearance between *Billbergia* X *Santa Barbara* & *Billbergia pyramidalis* cv. "Kyoto", being pinker than the first and with narrower, more upright leaves than "Kyoto". Mr. Merrin says maybe one of five of the pups is albino.

A program on photographing plants is planned for the February meeting.

## Jacksonville Bromeliad Society:

The February meeting will feature a program given by Ron Schoenau on "Judging Show Plants". The society is working on final plans for the State Show in May.



working on final plans for the State Show which it is hosting in May (see Show Page). The conference room at the LaQuinta Motor Hotel has been rented for the April FCBS meeting and also for use as a hospitality room for the state show.

The society has agreed to participate in the Northeast Florida Fern Society Show to be held in the Normandy Mall on May 20-22, 1983 and has been invited to return to the Palatka Mall with a show in July or early August.

#### Seminole Bromeliad Society:

The February meeting will be a field trip to Wekiwa State Park, on Saturday, Feb. 26, at 10:30 a.m. Hopefully, permission will be received from Tallahassee to enable the society to collect Tillandsia specimens for Harry Luther. Wekiwa State Park has 13 miles of wilderness board walk in addition to swimming for otters in the springs, canoeing and of course picnic grounds. Guests are welcome to come hike with us.

March program will be on the techniques of plant photography. If there are to be slides for the State Multi-Media Library, we need to train people to make them.

In April the society members are invited to gather at the home of Bill & Betty Shakelford, who live on the Seminole side of Wekiwa River.

#### Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay:

Roland & Jean Schnabel were winners of the Ervin Wurthmann Award for Distinguished Service for 1982.

##### Upcoming events:

- Feb. 3-14, 1983 - Guild Display at Florida State Fair, Tampa.
- Feb. 25-27, 1983 - Guild Sale & Display at University Square Mall, Tampa.
- Mar. 25-27, 1983 - Guild Annual Show & Sale at Eastlake Mall (Palm Sunday Weekend)
- Mar. 31, April 1 & 2 - Guild Sale & Display at Tyrone Square Mall.



## SHOW CALENDAR

March 25-27, 1983 - Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay.

Eastlake Square Mall, Tampa. Standard Show, open to all exhibitors. Roland & Jean Schnabel, Co-Chairmen. Edith Howells, Entries Chairman. All exhibitors will qualify for the drawing for an Aechmea orlandiana variegata.

May 6, 7, 8, 1983-Florida International Bromeliad Show.

Orange Park Mall; 1910 Wells Rd.; Orange Pk, Fl. (Just off I-95). Show Chairman, Larry Key, 3134 W. 19th St.; Jax. 32205, Tel. 904-354-4238. Jacksonville Bromeliad Society, Hosts. No advance registration; register May 5, 9-11 p.m. Registration tags available by mail. Affiliate displays are needed, also special award sponsors. Hospitality & special rates at LaQuinta Motor Inn, 904-778-9539, 3 blocks from the Mall. Competition open to all growers, merit judging.

May 14-15, 1983. Annual South Florida Bromeliad Show,

given by Bromeliad Society of South Florida, Miami. At Fairchild Gardens. General Chairman, Connie Johnson, 305-667-7890. Open to all exhibitors. Separate Commercial Growers Division.

June 17-19, 1983. Georgia Bromeliad Show, Cumberland

Mall, Atlanta, Ga. Entries, Friday June 17, judging Saturday, June 18. 1983 BSI Inc. Board of Director's Meeting will be held in conjunction with this show. Further details in the next Quarterly.



# Omeliad Societies, Inc.

Secretary (Seminole) Carol Johnson  
Treasurer (Jacksonville) Ron Schoenau

Day of Month & Time	1983 President	Other Officers & FCBS Reps.
Third Monday 7:30 p.m.	Paul Lefkowitz 19520 NE 21 Ct. N. Miami Beach 33179 305-931-8886	V. Pres. Richard Sedlak Sr. Rep. Polly Pascal Jr. Rep. Wm. Frazel
Third Sunday 2:00 P.M.	Terry Virta 2265 44th Terr. SW Naples, Fl. 33999 813-455-3090	V. Pres. Peggy Bailey Sr. Rep. Roberta Virta Jr. Rep. Terry Virta
4th Monday 7:30 P.M.	Ms. Audrey McCrory 3615 Boggy Creek Road Kissimmee, Fl. 32741 305-846-4955	V. Pres. Laurel Stone Sr. Rep. Nancy Hall Jr. Rep. Audrey McCrory
4th Thursday 7:30 P.M.	Richard Paul 2106 East Flora Tampa, Fl. 33610 813-238-0620	Sr. Rep. Ellen Jay Peyton Jr. Rep. (Voting): Dr. Morris Dexter V. Pres. Helga TÄRVER
4th Sunday 3:00 p.m.	Ms. Rose Schmidt 1475 Highway 655 Auburndale, Fl. 33823 813-984-1782	V. Pres. Whit Merrin Sr. Rep. Carl Perryn Jr. Rep. Rose Schmidt
Third Tuesday 7:30 P.M.	Tinker Musleh Rt 2- Box 400K Melrose, Fl. 32666 904-475-2126	V. Pres. Matt Encinosa Sr. Rep. Ron Schoenau Jr. Rep. Nick Ciccarello
Second Monday 7:30 P.M.	Robert L. Smith 431 S. Washington Dr. Sarasota, Fl. 33577 813-388-1921	V. Pres. Patricia Worley Sr. Rep. Hazel Quilhot Jr. Rep. Vicky Chirnside
3rd Sunday 2:30 P.M.	Edward Hall 1111 Glen Garry Cir Maitland, Fl. 32751 305-647-2039	V. Pres. Carol Johnson Sr. Rep. Carol Johnson Jr. Rep. Edw. Hall
First Tuesday 8:00 P.M.	John Hammel 14226 SW 283 St. Miami, Fl. 33032 305-247-3753	V. Pres. Dean Fairchild Sr. Rep. Nat DeLeon Jr. Rep. Don Yetkow
Third Monday 7:30 P.M.	William Radford 1803 West Sligh Tampa, Fl. 33604 813-935-6669	V. Pres. Charles Brown Sr. Rep. Wm. Radford Jr. Rep. Ervin Wurthmann