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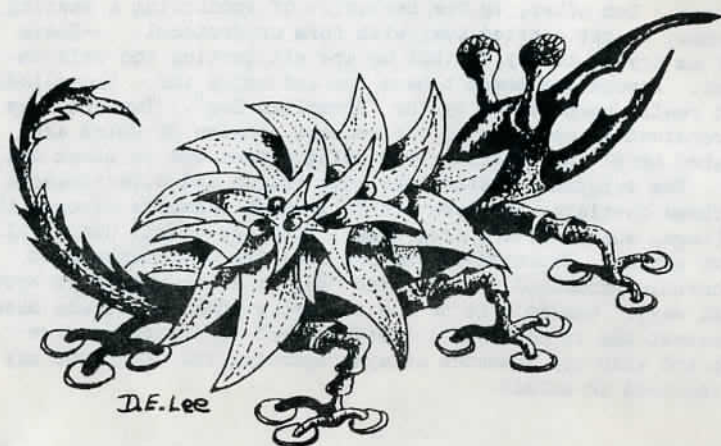
This newsletter published quarterly by Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies, Inc. & mailed February, May, August & November to all paid up members of those Bromeliad Societies of Florida which make up the Council. Non-members may subscribe for \$2.00 year. Make checks payable to: Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies & mail to Carol Johnson, Editor, at the cover address.

THE BROMELIAD BUG

In the last issue of the Quarterly we published a request for a drawing of a stylized "Bromeliad Bug". The idea behind the Bug was to lighten the atmosphere, to put some fun into our endeavors. Too often, in the mechanics of conducting a meeting or a show, we get carried away with form or protocol. --Guess what I am trying to say is that we are all getting too self-important. Anyone who doesn't have fun and enjoy the bromeliads hasn't really been bitten by the "Bromeliad Bug". Two drawings were received in response to our request, copies of which are published here. Both suffer from being reproduced in black and white. The originals feature the pink bracts and blue blossoms of *Aechmea fasciata*, the eyes are *Tillandsia ionantha* blooms, the feet (legs, whatever) are frog like. Both are simply beautiful. The two artists, Bruce Terry and Don Lee, are both members of Jacksonville Bromeliad Society (the "Bug" must be easier to spot up that way). Wouldn't it be fun to have windshield decals made and present one to each new society member? I invite your reaction and also any humorous essays regarding the "Bug" you may feel inclined to submit.

"BUGGUS BROMELIOIDIUS"





Here is what Don Lee has to say about the "Bromeliad Bug"----

Entoma bromeliaceae "gotcha"--Known to be found at society shows and in member's greenhouses. Its favorite victims are the unwary newcomers at meetings and shows. The "bromeliad bug" (common name) has been known to lie dormant for years and then surface at the sight of a spectacular bloom or plant. Physical Description: May appear in any size, has a brightly colored back for hiding among blossoms, a sharp pointed pincer in front and a sharp spiny tail deceptively like a serrated leaf, its venom goes right to the heart of it's victim. The feet are equipped with suction cups enabling it to cling with determination. It has bulbous eyes at the end of an appendage on either side of the head giving it 360 degree sight enabling it to spot a victim clear across a mall. Being very hardy, it can withstand cold, heat, drought, and has no known enemies. This species has been known to associate with a near cousin "Entoma orchidaceae v. "gottahave".

SPEAKER'S BUREAU NEEDS HELP

Several years ago the FCBS organized a Speaker's Bureau, enlisting people from throughout Florida who have special interests &/or expertise and a desire to share these interests with other growers. Listings have been distributed annually thru Council members to the various society presidents. The service has been used extensively by some of the societies, not at all by others. The Council knows there are a number of qualified speakers out there who should be signed up, and put to work. Please, if you are interested, tell your President, your FCBS Reps or write to Tinker Musleh, Chairman; FCBS Speaker's Bureau; Rt 2, Box 2452; Melrose, Fl. 32666. The following is a list of those speakers who are currently on the active list. Please contact them directly to negotiate terms and speaking dates.

Speaker, Name & Address

Subject(s)

Beach, Eloise
P. O. Box 1054
Apopka, Fl. 32703 305-886-8892

1. Species, all genera
2. Culture, all aspects
3. Nomenclature
4. Judging & Showing Bromeliads
5. Collecting Trips-Botanical Gardens
6. Taxonomy

Converse, Howard
P. O. Box 14033;
Gainesville, Fl. 32604
904-462-1680

1. Bromeliad Cultural Techniques
2. Growing Bromeliads from Seed
3. Jungle Collected Plants, Importing & Preparing

Frazel, Bill & Maureen
12500 Lake Road
Ft. Lauderdale, Fl. 33325
305-474-1349

1. Plant Problems & Pests
2. Artistic Design; Decorative Mounting
3. Genus

Hall, Edward
1111 Glen Garry Circle
Maitland, Fl. 32751
305-647-2039

1. Landscaping with Bromeliads

Halton, Joe.
2613 Bryce Lane
Sarasota, Fl. 33581
813-924-9167

1. Bromeliad Collecting, Ecuador and Peru
2. Botanical Trip to China
3. Selby Gardens

Johnson, Carol M.
3961 Markham Woods Rd.
Longwood, Fl. 32779
305-322-7945

1. Second Guessing the Show Judges
2. Other Genera (excluding Ae., Neo, Vr., Nid, Billbergia & Tillandsia)
3. Collecting in Peru, 1983

Johnson, Geoffrey
3961 Markham Woods Rd.
Longwood, Fl. 32779
305-322-7945

Kupfer, Frederick
100 Rockwood Way
Winter Park, Fl. 32789
305-644-3985

Mann, Ann
Rt 3 - Box 202
Orlando, Florida 32811
305-876-2625

Mann, Jim
Rt 3 - Box 303
Orlando, Fl. 32811
305-876-2625

Musleh, Tinker
Rt 2 - Box 2452
Melrose, Fl. 32666
904-475-2126

Muzzell, Al
P. O. Box 14442, Univ. Sta.
Gainesville, Fl. 32604
904-372-4576

Schoenau, Ron
P. O. Box 12981
Gainesville, Fl. 32604
904-372-6589

Stone, Laurel
8007 Tompkins Sq.; Orlando, Fl 32807
305-678-0926

Stone, Leroy
8007 Tompkins Square
Orlando, Fl. 32807
305-678-0926

Wood, J. Brian
37 Croton Dr.
Orlando, Fl. 32807
305-277-3424

1. Dichotomy, or, what the key can do for you.
2. Collecting trips, a primer for the beginner
3. Plant Genetics & Hybridizing

1. Photographing Small Objects
2. Standardized Color Photography

1. Use of coconut husk fiber
2. Tillandsias
3. Neoregelias
4. Collecting

1. Collecting, Central America and West Indies
2. Coconut fiber as potting medium

1. Multi-Media Center of BSI
2. Setting up a Passive Energy Greenhouse

1. Culture
2. Cold Damage
3. Hybrids, varieties, oddities

1. Favorite Nidulariums
2. Favorite Neoregelias
3. Preparing Plants For Show
4. Misc. Bullshooting

1. Cryptanthus

1. Hybrids
2. Neoregelias

1. Trip to Belize

FLORIDA BROMELIAD HARDINESS QUESTIONNAIRE

WINTER 1983-84

(Please pull out this complete center page, complete and return to Editor at the cover address as soon as possible. Please make this survey a success).

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

The majority of my plants are grown:

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|------------------------|-------|-------------------------|-------|
| 1. In ground, outdoors | _____ | 4. Porch | _____ |
| 2. In the greenhouse | _____ | 5. Other (Specify). | _____ |
| 3. Outdoors in pots | _____ | 6. Some or all of above | _____ |

Protection:

- | | | | |
|----------------------|-------|-------------------------|-------|
| 1. Straw or mulch | _____ | 4. Blankets/Sheets | _____ |
| 2. Covered Slathouse | _____ | 5. Heated and Covered * | _____ |
| 3. Moved Inside | _____ | 6. Other** | _____ |

* Heat Source (Electric, Kerosene, Gas, etc.) _____

** Heating Cables, fans, sprinklers, etc. _____

Coldest Outdoor Temperature Sustained _____ Date(s): _____

On the following pages is a list of bromeliads commonly grown in Florida. Based on your personal experience and taking into consideration all the above factors, how would you rate these plants, on a scale of one thru six?

- (1.) Completely hardy at subfreezing temperatures.
- (2.) Leaf damage, but no meristem damage.
- (3.) Pups on spent plant survived, but spent &/or blooming plant killed.
- (4.) Center leaves pull out - survival in doubt.
- (5.) Plant rotted and fell off at base. Complete loss.
- (6.) Plant shows cold damage even at temperatures between 35 and 55 degrees.

Please note: A space is left after each genera for any personal observations you wish to make.

The information gathered thru this survey will be compiled and included in a chapter in the proposed Cultural Handbook to be published by the Florida Council. Every year, nearly, we go thru a spell of cold weather and then forget the experience until it happens again. This time, let us get it all on the record while the evidence is still at hand.

	Rate 1-6		Rate 1-6
<u>Aechmea:</u>			
angustifolia	—	gamosepala	—
blumenavii	—	lamarchei	—
bracteata	—	luddemanniana	—
bromeliifolia	—	mcvaughii	—
calyculata	—	mexicana	—
chantinii	—	orlandiana	—
chlorophylla	—	ornata v. nationalis	—
contracta	—	ramosa	—
distichantha v. glaziovii	—	recurvata, all speci	—
fasciata	—	tocantina	—
filicaulis	—	trititina	—

Billbergia:

elegans	—	"Santa Barbara"	—
pyramidalis	—	venezuelana	—
pyramidalis v. striata	—	vittata	—

Cryptanthus:

beukeri	—	"It"	—
cascade	—	zonatus	—

Neoregelia:

ampullaceae	—	eleutheropetala	—
carcharoden	—	fireball	—
carolinae v. tricolor	—	kautskyii	—
compacta	—	mooreana	—
concentrica v. plutonis	—	princeps	—
cruenta	—	tristis	—

Nidularium:

ferdinando-coburgii	—	billbergioides, all	—
innocentii, all varieties	—	regelioides	—

Rate
1--6

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Canistrum, Orthophytum,
Portea, Quesnelia, Ronn-
bergia & Streptocalyx:

Canistrum fosterianum	—	Quesnelia testudo	—
Orthophytum fosterianum	—	Ronnbergia petersii	—
Orthophytum saxicola	—	Streptocalyx biflorus	—
Portea kermesiana rubra	—	Streptocalyx longifolius	—
Portea petropolitana ext.	—	Streptocalyx poeppigii	—
Quesnelia liboniana	—	Wittrockia superba	—

Dyckia, Pitcairnia, Hechtia:

Dyckia ferox	—	Pitcairnia atro-rubens	—
Dyckia fosteriana	—	Pitcairnia burle-marxii	—
Dyckia leptostachya	—	Pitcairnia undulatifolia	—
Hechtia guatemalensis	—	Puya laxa	—
Hechtia rosea	—		

Guzmania:

lingulata major	—	melinonis	—
lingulata minor	—	patula	—
monostachia	—	zahnii	—

Tillandsia:

anceps	—	hondurensis	—
brachycaulos	—	ionantha	—
bulbosa	—	lorentziana	—
cyanea	—	multicaulis	—
fasciculata Florida	—	setacea	—
filifolia	—	tectorum	—

Vriesea:

altodessarae	—	glutinosa	—
barillettii	—	guttata	—
carinata	—	heliconioides	—
flammea	—	malzinei	—
gigantea	—	splendens	—

BSI - MULTI-MEDIA CENTER

The following programs are currently available from the Bromeliad Society Media Center.

All programs are in slide carousels for gravity-drop projectors and include written descriptions which must be read by someone at the presentation.

The four programs in circulation at this time are:

1. Tillandsias	Consists of	80 Slides
2. Costa Rican Bromeliad Adventure	" "	73 Slides
3. Aechmea Jewels	" "	75 Slides
4. Brazilian Bromeliads: Habitats and Homelands	" "	84 Slides

Rental of a slide program requires a \$40.00 deposit, of which \$25.00 will be refunded when the slide set is back in my possession. The deposit is barely enough to cover the replacement cost in case of inadvertant loss of the program, whatever the cause.

The Media Center pays postage to you, you pay postage back to us.

For all correspondence, please send a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

You must list order of preference and date needed.

I would be pleased to receive any suggestions, additions, etc. to the betterment of the collection and the programs.

Make all checks payable either to BSI Multi-Media Center or to Tinker Musleh, Multi Media Chairman.

Tinker Musleh, Chairman
BSI Multi-Media Center
Rt 2 - Box 2452
Melrose, Fl. 32666

ODDS AND ENDS

There is very little news forthcoming from the various societies for this issue. Everyone is still reeling from the December cold spell, and holding their breath until winter is past.

SARASOTA BROMELIAD SOCIETY: Patsy Worley, President, reports that their society will man the bromeliad sale table at the Selby Gardens Spring Sale on March 23 & 24. Also, they have been invited to put a display in the Sarasota Garden Club Show on March 31 and April 1, at the Roberts Arena. Their participation in the flower show last year generated a lot of interest and a couple of new members.

BROMELIAD GUILD OF TAMPA BAY: Congratulations to Andy and Ann Price who received the 1983 Ervin Wurthmann Distinguished Service Award. Over the years Andy and Ann have been a consistently faithful team helping wherever needed: refreshments, shows, sales, displays, "Show & Tell" input, raffle plants, programs.

GENERAL:

It would be nice to know who all is planning to attend the World Conference in Los Angeles in June. Maybe we could arrange to travel in a group or even stay in the same general area in the hotel. Also, does anyone plan to exhibit? I have had no luck whatever in getting a decision on this matter from the California Dept. of Agriculture, but will keep trying.

HEATERS: Here in Florida, most greenhouse heating arrangements are, at best, stop-gap measures, rigged at the last minute, probably because most growers don't believe it will really happen.

1. All heaters should be covered with plastic when not in use, lest they get drenched at watering time or from condensate drip. Elevating them slightly also prevents rust forming as a result of wet floors.
2. Start your heaters ahead of the 32 degree mark. It is easier to keep a greenhouse warm than to gain on excess cold.
3. The longer the extension cord, the less heat is produced by your electric heater. Also, too many heaters on one line may trip the circuit breaker. The big, torpedo type heaters (kerosene) with blowers do a good job, but require electricity. Be sure to have a couple of radiant type heaters available which require no electricity to operate the blower or thermostat. Then a power failure will not be a complete disaster.
4. Make the rounds. Stay up all night if you must. Check the heaters regularly, also all pilot lights. There is the constant threat of fire, or worse, heater failure.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - William Frazel

Minutes of the January 14, 1984 Meeting of FCBS----

The Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies met at the home of Bill and Maureen Frazel in Ft. Lauderdale on Saturday, January 14, 1984. Following a luncheon, the meeting convened at 1:30 p.m. Attending: Wm. Frazel & Polly Pascal from Broward; Terry & Robert Virta from Caloosahatchee; Audrey McCrory from Central Florida; Carl Perryn & Rose Schmidt from Imperial Polk; Nick Ciccarello & Ron Schoenau from Jacksonville; John Bollin & Hazel Quilhot from Sarasota; Ed Hall & Carol Johnson from Seminole; Nat DeLeon & Dean Fairchild from South Florida and Ervin Wurthmann from Tampa. Also present were Connie Johnson, BSI Director and Tinker Musleh, BSI Slide Librarian.

A plaque was presented for immediate Past Chairman Ellen Jay Peyton. It was suggested that the Treasurer keep the dimensions and other important details concerning this matter.

Treasurer's report was given showing a balance of \$2,200.46. The Treasurer also noted that the Grande account generated an extraordinary income for 1983 that will not be realized again, and that, excluding this amount (\$2,263.87), the Council lost approximately \$1,000.00. As of the January 1984 meeting, two societies, Caloosahatchee and Florida West Coast, had not paid the \$1.00 per member assessment for the FCBS newsletter.

Minutes of the October 15, 1983 meeting were noted.

First Order of Business: BY-LAWS CHANGE: The following change was given second reading, discussed and passed:

Addition of Article IX, Section 1: "Deviations from regularly scheduled meeting dates will be permissible if approved by a majority of the representatives from member societies (and the host society) at least 30 days prior to the date of the regular meeting".

Second order of business: FOSTER BOOK PUBLICATION.

The printer with whom Ed Hall was negotiating did not give him a firm price. Bill Frazel contacted two printers in South Florida, Tropical Press quoted \$18,250.00 and Dodd Printing quoted \$16,900.00. Following a discussion, it was decided that the amount was greater than the Council is able to underwrite. Motion by Polly Pascal that Ron Schoenau will take the book and get a price from the University Presses in Gainesville. Seconded by John Bollin and amended by Nat DeLeon, that all business concerning the Foster Book be deferred until the April meeting.

Third Order of Business: CULTURAL HANDBOOK.

Carol Johnson had nothing to report on this project since work on the Foster book was pending. Carol suggested that articles published in the quarterly newsletter be incorporated in the Handbook when the project got under way.

Motion was made by Nat DeLeon and seconded by Hazel Quilhot to appoint Carol Johnson official Editor of the F.C.B.S. Quarterly Newsletter. Amended by Ron Schoenau to be "for life". Motion carried.

Fourth Order of Business: OLD BUSINESS:

Tinker Musleh will remain Speaker's Roster Chairman. She reported that no new speakers have registered with her and that the previously registered speakers have not updated their information forms. Carol Johnson will publish a list of the speakers from the roster in the next Quarterly Newsletter. Tinker Musleh reported that there are no recent additions to the slide library and that she is in the process of having the original programs duplicated. The programs will be shipped in carousels and accompanied by a written description. A written report on the media center was submitted.

STATE SHOW: John Bollin reported that the date of the FIBS (State) has been changed to October 6 & 7, 1984, with judging on the 5th. Show will be held at Marie Selby Gardens with reduced admission of \$1.00. The committee chairmanships are to be distributed among the various societies. John Bollin is Show Chairman; Others: Speakers, Tinker Musleh; Judges, Polly Pascal; Commercial Sales, Carol Johnson; Awards, Carl Perryn; Plant Sales, Sarasota. Each society needs to appoint a publicity chairman who will send an information packet to Ellen Jay Peyton who will co-ordinate publicity. The show schedule will be patterned after the Miami show schedule.

Fifth Order of Business: NEW BUSINESS:

John Bollin made a motion that the October Council meeting be held in conjunction with the State Show on Saturday, October 6, and that Caloosabatchee be the host society. Motion passed.

Ervin Wurthmann made a motion that the April, 1984, Council meeting date be changed to April 7, 1984 to avoid a conflict with the Tampa show on the regular meeting date. Central Florida will be hosting the April meeting. Motion passed.

The July Council meeting will be held in Miami.

Nat DeLeon suggested that any unethical behavior on the part of show judges be reported to the State Registrar of Judges Polly Pascal. He also reminded the Council that all societies which are BSI Affiliates must subscribe to the BSI Journal in their society name.

Hazel Quilhot made a motion that the Council renew its bulk mail permit for the Newsletter. Motion seconded by Ed Hall and passed.

No further business and meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Submitted for approval by Nick Ciccarello, FCBS Secretary, Jacksonville.



<u>April 13-15, 1984</u>	<u>Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay, Annual Palm Sunday Weekend Show at East Lake Square Mall, Tampa. Standard Show. Entries Thursday, April 12. Show hours same as Mall hours. Show Chairman, Roland Schnabel; 5106 127th Ave.; Tampa 33617. Tel. 813-988-7046.</u>
<u>May 11-13, 1984</u>	<u>Annual Mother's Day Weekend Bromeliad Show by Jacksonville Bromeliad Society at Orange Park Mall. Standard Judged Show--entries invited. Commercial & membership plant sales. Kyle Brown, Show Chairman; Rt 2-Box 770; Glen St. Mary, Fl. 32040. Tel. 904-259-2754.</u>
<u>May 19-20, 1984</u>	<u>South Florida Bromeliad Society Annual Show at Fairchild Gardens. Standard Show. Entries on Thurs., May 17, Judging on Friday; Show & Plant Sales open on Saturday & Sunday. Contact Dean Fairchild; 13191 SW 82 Ave.; Miami, 33156. Tel. 305-235-4104.</u>
<u>June 20-24, 1984</u>	<u>1984 World Conference ("Bromelympics") at Los Angeles Hilton & Towers Hotel; Los Angeles. Full details in Jan-Feb 1984 issue of The Journal.</u>
<u>August 17-19, 1984</u>	<u>Atlanta Bromeliad Society Annual Bromeliad Show. Gwinnett Mall, Atlanta, Ga. More information in the next issue of the Quarterly.</u>
<u>October 6-7, 1984</u>	<u>Florida International Bromeliad Show at Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, Sarasota. John Bollin, Show Chairman. Detailed information will be printed in the next two issues of the Quarterly.</u>

1983 FCBS TREASURER'S REPORT

INCOME:

Society Dues	10.00	
Newsletter Assessment (\$1 ea)	563.00	
Income, State Shows:		
BSCF 1982	21.06	
Jax 1983	126.15	147.21
"Grande", Final	2,263.87	\$ 2,984.08

EXPENSE:

Quarterly Newsletter	865.00	
Printing, Postage, Duplicating	92.52	
Duplication of Slides	142.31	
Life Membership BSI, Steckler	750.00	(1,849.83)

NET

1,134.25

ADD: Cash Balance from 1982 1,066.21

BALANCE IN BANK AT 1/1/84 \$ 2,200.46

Ron Schoenau, 1983 FCBS Treasurer
Jacksonville Bromeliad Society

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Chairman: William Frazel, Bromeliad Society of Broward County
Vice Chairman: Ed Hall, Seminole Bromeliad Society
Secretary: Nick Ciccarello, Jacksonville Bromeliad Society
Treasurer: Terry Virta, Caloosabatchee Bromeliad Society

Bromeliad Society of Broward County; Holiday Park Annex; Ft. Lauderdale
 3rd Monday, 7:30 p.m. Richard Sedlak, President; 4501 SW 30th Way;
 Ft. Lauderdale 33312; Tel. 305-989-8051. FCBS Reps. Sr. Wm. Frazel,
 Junior, Polly Pascal.
 (Not on calendar year)

Caloosabatchee Bromeliad Society; First Fed. S&L; North Ft. Myers.
 Meets 3rd Sunday, 2:00 p.m. Peggy Bailey, President; Rt. 1-Box 491P;
 Ft. Myers 33905; Tel. 813-694-1803. FCBS Reps. Senior, Terry Virta,
 Junior, Roberta Virta.

Bromeliad Society of Central Florida; Leu Gardens; Orlando, FL.
 Fourth Monday, 7:30 p.m. Ann Mann, President; Rt 3 - Box 202; Orlando
 32811; Tel. 305-876-2625. FCBS Reps., Senior, Audrey McCrory;
 Junior, Ann Mann.

Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society; St. Catherine Catholic Church; Largo
 Meets 4th Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Richard Paul, President; 2106 E. Flora;
 Tampa 33610; Tel. 813-238-0620. FCBS Reps. Senior Dr. Morris Dexter;
 Junior, Ellen Jay Peyton.

Imperial Polk Bromeliad Society; Div. Plant Ind.; Winter Haven, FL.
 Meets 4th Sunday, 3:00 p.m. Whit Merrin, President; Rt 6-Box 264;
 Plant City, FL. 33566; Tel. 813-754-2136. FCBS Reps. Sr. Carl Perryry;
 Junior, Rose Schmidt.

Jacksonville Bromeliad Society; Agric. Extension Learning Center; Jax.
 Meets 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Tinker Musleh, President; Rt 2 - Box 2452;
 Melrose 32666; Tel. 904-475-2126. FCBS Reps. Sr. Nick Ciccarello;
 Junior, Ronald Schoenau.

Sarasota Bromeliad Society; GTE Conference Room; Sarasota, FL.
 Meets Second Monday, 7:30 p.m. Patsy Worley, President; 5127 43rd Ave. E.;
 Bradenton 33508; Tel 813-747-2231. FCBS Reps. Senior John Hollin;
 Junior Hazel Quilhot.

Seminole Bromeliad Society; Seminole County Ag Center; Sanford, FL.
 Meets 3rd Sunday, 2:30 p.m. Carol Johnson, President; 3961 Markham Wds.
 Rd.; Longwood 32779; Tel 305-322-7945. FCBS Reps. Senior Edw. Hall;
 Junior Carol Johnson

Bromeliad Society of South Florida; Fairchild Gardens, Old Cutler Rd. Miami
 Meets First Tuesday, 8:00 p.m. Dean Fairchild, President; 13191 SW 82 Ave
 Miami 33156. Tel. 305-235-4104. FCBS Reps. Senior Nat DeLeon; Junior,
 Dean Fairchild.

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay; Seminole Garden Center; 5800 Central; Tampa.
 Meet 3rd Monday, 7:30 p.m. William Radford, President; 1803 W. Sligh;
 Tampa 33604. Tel. 813-935-6669. FCBS Reps. Senior Ervin Wurthmann;
 Junior Wm. Radford.