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## ANNUAL EDITION

This annual edition of the Quarterly Newsletter of the Florida Council is published to inform all Florida members of the By-Laws, State Show Rules, the officers of your local societies and a membership roster of all society members who contribute to the support of the periodical. The information contained herein as it pertains to individual members is supplied by the local societies and is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Please keep your directory handy and use it throughout the year. To my knowledge, no other bromeliad council publishes such a directory.

The Quarterly was created to fill the vacuum left when "Grande" ceased, and the Florida Council felt it was important to keep the lines of communication between the societies open and forestall a return to the isolation which existed prior to the formation of the Council.

You will note that there is little or no cultural information published in the Quarterly. The Council feels that the dispensing of such information is the function of the local societies, especially since climate and growing conditions vary so greatly between the southern and northern parts of the state.

The Quarterly is financed by a \$1.00 assessment per issue mailed (Mr. & Ms. at one address). In 1983 the Council was granted non-profit status by the IRS and the bulk mailing cost was cut from 11.6¢ to 5.3¢ per ounce. This was raised to 6¢ per ounce in 1985. Our mailings run between 550 and 600 copies each issue. The \$1.00 assessment that covered the cost in 1981 no longer does the job. That is the reason each society is now assessed an additional \$25.00 per year to cover the inflated cost. Also, it had become impossible to deal with deletions and additions to the mailing lists. For the additional \$25.00 each society is allowed to make any number of additions to the mailing list until time for the next annual edition. Individual records are kept on all members, and changes or corrections should be reported to me. Membership assessments are billed in August instead of earlier in the year to accommodate the Bromeliad Society of Broward County, which observes other than the calendar year.

This is the 19th issue of the Quarterly. But, remember, in that time, your own Newsletter editor has published 55, multiplied by 10 societies, making a total of 550 issues. When I begin feeling self-righteous or put-upon, I remind myself of that fact.

Your contributions of printed material are welcome, along with constructive criticism. Spite I can do without. The Quarterly is published by the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies, Inc. and no major changes are made or expense incurred without it's approval.

Carol M. Johnson, Editor

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MINUTES OF THE JULY 13, 1985 MEETING OF FCBS

The July 13, 1985 meeting of the FCBS was held at the home of Carolyn and Ron Schoenau, 2033 NW 20th Lane, Gainesville, Florida. After a delightful lunch prepared by the Schoenaus, the meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Carol Johnson.

The Societies represented were:

Bromeliad Society of Broward County - Polly Pascal  
Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society - Gene McKenzie  
Bromeliad Society of Central Florida - Bob Newbaur  
Jacksonville Bromeliad Society - Ron Schoenau & Tinker Musleh  
Sarasota Bromeliad Society - Hazel Quilhot & Bob Smith  
Seminole Bromeliad Society - Carol Johnson & Ed Hall  
Bromeliad Society of South Florida - Nat DeLeon  
Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay - Tom Wolfe & Jean Schnabel

Guests attending the meeting were Connie Johnson, Ervin Wurthmann, BSI Directors, and Ervin's wife Velva; Hattie Lou Smith, Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society; Roland Schnabel, Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay; Betty Newbaur, Central Florida and Reed Beaman, recipient of the Travel Graduate Scholarship given by the Bromeliad Society of South Florida.

Correction to the April minutes and past minutes concerning dues to the FCBS... Societies will be sent a statement by the Treasurer for \$10.00 per society for annual dues; \$1.00 per mailing address plus an assessment of \$25.00 to cover additional members that are added during the year. The \$1.00 and the \$25.00 assessment are for the cost of the Quarterly Newsletter.

Sarasota Bromeliad Society sent a check to FCBS for \$77.44 as profit for the 1984 State Show. Let the record show that \$57.44 was the profit for the show and the \$20.00 was assumed to be bumper sticker sales. Report from the 1985 State Show in Miami was not available at this time.

Hattie Lou & Sam Smith, Peggy & Joe Bailey, Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society and Carol Johnson, Seminole Bromeliad Society gave plants to the State Show Plant Sale in the name of the Council. Unofficial report is that the sale of those plants was \$99.00, about \$75.00 of which would be given to the Council.

Nat DeLeon made a motion that the Florida Council Award at any State Show should be given to the Sweepstakes winner. This award should be a plaque with the Florida Council name and the date of the show. Second by Polly Pascal. Carried.

At the Houston meeting, Valerie Steckler did not run for Chairman of the Judges' Certification Committee. Bill Frazel, Ft Lauderdale, was elected as Chairman. Mary Jame Lincoln, BSI Affiliates Chairman, was replaced by Stan Oleson, California. The new BSI President is Edgar Smith, Dallas.

Polly Pascal has agreed to remain as State Registrar of Judges.

Jean Schnabel motioned that the Florida Council duplicate the better slides in the BSI library to be used as a teaching tool in future judging schools. Second by Tom Wolfe. Motion carried.

March 1, 1986 was set as target date for the next Florida Judging School. A form for application to the school will be published in the last Quarterly this year.

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay will host the 1986 State Show. Caloosahatchee was asked to consider having the show in 1987. The Bromeliad World Conference will be held in Miami in 1988. Ron Schoenau motioned that the Council not sponsor a state show that year in lieu of the World Conference. Ed Hall seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer Rose Schmidt was unable to attend the meeting, but reported (via the Chairman) a current bank balance of \$1,342.41.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Gene McKenzie, Secretary.

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#### Editor's Note:

In order to keep this issue to a one ounce mailing weight, it was necessary to forego printing a lot of news from the societies. One item I must mention. On July 23, 1985, the West Pasco Bromeliad Society voted to become members of the Florida Council. Their membership will become official at the next meeting of the Council. All their 1985 members are listed in this current directory. Their President is Charles Burgess.

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#### SCHOLARSHIP

Florida Council members were delighted to entertain Reed Beaman at their last meeting held at the Schoenau's in Gainesville. Reed is the recipient of a Graduate Travel Scholarship awarded him by the Bromeliad Society of South Florida in Miami. He is attending the University of Florida graduate school, where he will specialize in the systematic study of Tillandsia subgenus Pseudalcantaria, with emphasis on species grandis and viridiflora. He is a resident of E. Lansing, Michigan and received his Botany degree from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in 1983. Since he plans to specialize in tropical plants, he chose the University of Florida for his graduate studies. The travel scholarship funds will make it possible for him to do field study in Haiti and Mexico this Fall, get his Master's Degree and go on for a PhD.

A very personable, self-assured young man of 24, he looks much younger. His handshake, however, reveals a good, rough bromeliad potter's hand.

Awarding of scholarships such as this one by the Bromeliad Society of South Florida should be the goal of all our bromeliad societies, either individually or as a combined effort.

Oh, yes! The Bromeliad Society of South Florida did not just write a check for this scholarship from their treasury. The membership put on a big rummage sale and raised the money that way. Congratulations, South Florida!



FLORIDA COUNCIL OF BROMELIAD SOCIETIES, INC. - 1985

(Please consult your directory for addresses & telephone numbers)

CHAIRMAN: Carol M. Johnson, Seminole Bromeliad Society  
 VICE CHAIRMAN: Ronald Schoenau, Jacksonville Bromeliad Society  
 SECRETARY: Gene McKenzie, Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society  
 TREASURER: Rose Schmidt, Imperial Polk Bromeliad Society

*Family membership	1985 Members	Dues	Day & Time Meeting Place
<u>Bromeliad Society of Broward County</u> President: Ms. Maureen Frazel FCBS Senior: Ms. Polly Pascal FCBS Junior: Wm. Frazel	102	7.50 10.00 *	Holiday Park Annex; 844 NE 7 Ave.; Ft. Lauderdale Third Monday, 7:30 p.m.
<u>Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society</u> President: Julian Hudson FCBS Senior: Gene McKenzie FCBS Junior: Sam Smith	66	5.00 7.50*	1st Fed. S & L; Pondella Rd. N. Ft. Myers. Third Sunday, 2:00 p.m.
<u>Bromeliad Society of Central Florida</u> President: Robert Newbaur FCBS Senior: Ann Mann FCBS Junior: Robt. Newbaur	55	5.00	Garden Cottage, Leu Gardens, Orlando. Fourth Monday, 7:30 p.m.
<u>Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society</u> President: Eloina Rivera FCBS Senior: Ms. Ellen Peyton FCBS Junior: ?	40	5.00 7.50*	St. Catherine Parish Center Clearwater. Fourth Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
<u>Imperial Polk Bromeliad Society</u> President: Whit Merrin FCBS Senior: Rose Schmidt FCBS Junior: Carl Perryn	15	5.00 7.50*	Fla. Dept. Plant Ind. Bldg. Hwy 17 No.; Winter Haven 4th Sunday, 3:00 p.m.
<u>Jacksonville Bromeliad Society</u> President: Al Muzzell FCBS Senior: Ronald Schoenau FCBS Junior: Tinker Musleh	28	5.00 8.00*	Agric. Extension Learning Ctr. Jacksonville. Third Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
<u>Sarasota Bromeliad Society</u> President: Hazel Quilhot FCBS Senior: Hazel Quilhot FCBS Junior: Bob Smith	38	7.50 12.00*	G.T.E Building; Sarasota Second Monday, 7:30 p.m.
<u>Seminole Bromeliad Society</u> President: Edw. Hall FCBS Senior: Carol Johnson FCBS Junior: Edw. Hall	23	4.00	Seminole Ag. Center; Sanford Third Sunday, 2:30 p.m.
<u>Bromeliad Society of South Florida</u> President: B. Dean Fairchild FCBS Senior: Nat DeLeon FCBS Junior: B. Dean Fairchild	176	10.00	Fairchild Tropical Gardens Miami. First Tuesday, 8:00 p.m.
<u>Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay</u> President: Jean Schnabel FCBS Senior: Tom Wolfe FCBS Junior: Jean Schnabel	54	5.00 7.50*	Seminole Garden Center 5800 Central Ave.; Tampa 3rd Monday, 7:30 p.m.

# COLLECTING, ANYONE?

Ever since our delightful bromeliad collecting trip to Honduras in 1981, members keep asking when will we go again?

Mr. Fred Fuchs of Miami, our intrepid, fearless (but jovial) tour guide in 1981, has promised (cross his heart) that he will take a group of us on a bromeliad only trip to either Honduras or Mexico in November, 1985.

If you are interested, let me know. His groups are kept under 25 people as a rule. The cost, of course, depends on the package Fred puts together, but as a guess, I would say between \$800.00 and \$1,000.00 per person. That includes all costs from Miami with the exception of liquid refreshments and souvenirs. Collecting is phenomenal in both places, especially Tillandsioideae.

This is NOT a Florida Council sponsored activity.



FLORIDA COUNCIL OF BROMELIAD SOCIETIES, INC.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

The name of this organization shall be the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies, Inc. herein referred to as the Council.

ARTICLE II

Objective. The objective of the Council shall be to serve the bromeliad enthusiasts of Florida among the member societies, the subscribing members and the public-at-large by:

1. Furnishing in periodical form articles and features of interest to Florida Bromeliad growers.
2. Sponsoring state-wide bromeliad conferences and/or shows.
3. Compiling and maintaining educational programs and materials for members and the public-at-large.
4. Other such measures as the Council may from time to time deem appropriate.

ARTICLE III

Section 1. The membership of the Council shall fall into the following categories:

A. Active.

Section 2. Active membership shall be limited to the representative of Bromeliad Societies of Florida as specified in Article V.

Section 2-A. To be eligible for active membership, the applicant must be a member in good standing of a society having a minimum of ten members, and must submit a copy of that society's by-laws to the Council for approval. Application for membership constitutes approval and acceptance of the Council's by-laws by the applicant.

Section 2-B. Application for active membership shall be made to the secretary of the Council. Admission to the Council will be granted by a majority vote of a quorum at the next regular meeting following application.

Section 2-C. Dues for an active member shall consist of an initial contribution in the amount of \$50.00 and annual dues in the amount of \$10.00.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1. Dues shall be payable by December first for the following year, after written notice in September.

Section 2. Failure by active members to pay dues shall result in automatic suspension. A suspended active member may be reinstated by payment of all back dues and a majority vote of the active members.

ARTICLE V

Representation

Section 1. Each affiliate society shall elect or appoint from the membership two (2) members to the Council, to serve two (2) year alternating terms. Each member shall be designated as a Junior member from his/her society during the first year of his/her term, and as the Senior member of his/her society during the second year of his/her term. Members shall begin their terms at the first regular meeting of the year.

Section 2. If there are compelling reasons for the removal of a member from the Council, such removal shall require a two thirds (2/3) vote of the active members and a minimum of 30 days advance notice of the question in writing to all members.

Section 3. In the event of a vacancy among the members, the affiliate society involved shall elect or appoint from its membership a replacement to complete the term. Such a replacement member may not take office in the rotation of officers unless he/she has served as a Junior member for the six (6) months prior to the normal rotation of officers.

Section 4. Members will be expected to maintain good attendance at meetings.

ARTICLE VI

Officers

Section 1. Officers of the Council shall be Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.



Section 2. Senior members shall assume office for one year at the opening of the first regular meeting of the calendar year on a rotating basis with the rotation to be established at the time of adoption of these by-laws. In any given year the Senior member of the affiliate society that are first, second, third and fourth in the rotation shall hold respectively the offices of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. In the following year the affiliate society whose active member held the chair shall move to the bottom of the rotation and all other affiliate societies shall move up one place in the rotation.

Section 3. Any new active member shall enter the rotation for officers at the bottom in the initial year of their membership and may not hold office as specified in Section 5 of this article.

Section 4. All out-going officers shall deliver to their successors all records and materials relative to their office at the opening of the first regular meeting of the year.

Section 5. In the event of a vacancy among the officers, the senior member of the affiliate society at the lowest point of the rotation who meets the following qualification shall fill the office for the remainder of the year. Such a replacement officer must have served the six months prior to the last rotation of officers as a junior member. If no member meets this qualification the Council shall elect from among the members the individual best suited to the office in question. This contingency will not alter the normal rotation.

#### ARTICLE VII Duties of Officers

Section 1-A. The Chairman shall preside at meetings, appoint committee chairman as provided for in the by-laws, act for the Council when not in session, carry on correspondence for the Council and perform other duties as may be directed by the Council.

Section 1-B. The Chairman shall appoint Chairmen for the following committees and other such committees as the Council may deem necessary.

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| 1. Publications committee (Editor) | 3. Program Committee                |
| 2. Educational Committee           | 4. Show and/or Conference Committee |

Section 1-C. The Chairman shall be ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 1-D. The Chairman shall appoint a parliamentarian who shall direct, when necessary, proper parliamentary procedure during meetings.

Section 2-A. The Vice Chairman shall be Show and Conference Co-ordinator with the responsibility for keeping Council rules and procedures relating to shows and conferences up to date, and for providing such data to host societies.

Section 2-B. The Vice Chairman shall be acting Chairman when the Chairman is not in attendance at meetings.

Section 3. The Secretary shall keep all minutes, books, papers and records of the Council, and shall maintain an up-to-date roster of all active members and their representatives.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all funds of the Council; shall give and receive receipts for funds received and disbursed; shall deposit such funds in a recognized depository; and shall keep accurate accounts so that any member of the Council may at any time have full access thereto. Any expenditure in excess of \$50.00 must have prior approval of a majority of the active members.

#### ARTICLE VIII Voting

Section 1-A. Each affiliate society shall have two votes on any question before the Council, such votes being cast by the Senior and Junior representatives to the Council from each affiliate society.

Section 1-B. The Chairman or Acting Chairman shall cast an additional vote in the event of a deadlock.

Section 2. Representatives of two thirds (2/3) of the Affiliate Societies constitutes a quorum and, except as otherwise provided herein, a majority of a quorum may decide any question.



Section 3. Any informal vote - phone or mail - must be carried by a majority of the affiliate societies, and the Chairman must mail the details of any such informal vote to all Senior members immediately.

Section 4. The members of the Council shall be empowered by the affiliate societies to conduct any and all business of the Council and shall have complete control over the affairs and funds of the Council by this authority.

Section 5. There shall be no proxy or absentee votes cast at a regularly assembled meeting of the Council. Only those members in attendance may cast a vote.

#### ARTICLE IX Meetings

Section 1. Regular meetings of the Council shall be held on the second Saturday of January, April, July and October. Deviations from regularly scheduled meeting dates will be permissible if approved by a majority of representatives from member societies and the host society at least 30 days prior to the date of the regular meeting.

Section 2. Council meetings shall be hosted by the affiliate societies on a rotating basis.

Section 3. The Chairman may call special or emergency meetings when deemed necessary.

#### ARTICLE X Shows

Section 1. The Council shall sponsor an annual statewide Bromeliad Conference and/or Show to be hosted by affiliate societies on a rotating basis.

Section 1-A. The Council shall establish rules and procedures governing the management of shows and conferences. These rules and procedures, when established, shall be an addendum to the by-laws and shall be subject to the same voting procedures as other questions. \*\*See ADDENDUM.

Section 2. There shall be a general plant sale at each annual show.

Section 2-A. The Council shall establish rules and procedures governing the management of the plant sale. All members of affiliate societies may take part in the plant sales and shall abide by these rules. \*\*See ADDENDUM.

#### ARTICLE XI Parliamentary Authority

The rules of parliamentary practice set out in Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, shall govern the proceedings of the Council, subject to any special rules the Council may adopt.

#### ARTICLE XII Amendments

Section 1. Any proposal to amend these by-laws shall be submitted to the Chairman in writing at least sixty (60) days prior to the next regular meeting. A copy of the proposed amendment shall be mailed by the Chairman to each member at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting in which the amendment will be considered. An affirmative vote by at least two thirds (2/3) (as specified in Article VIII, Section 1-A) shall be required for adoption of any amendment.

Section 2. In the event of an emergency requiring amendment of these by-laws, with the recommendation of the Parliamentarian and a unanimous vote of the members, these by-laws may be so amended. This procedure waives notice as required in Section 1.

#### ARTICLE XIII Sunset Clause

In the event that the active membership of the Council should ever decrease to three, this Council shall be dissolved at once. Any funds in the treasury will then be donated to the Marie Selby Botanical Gardens; Sarasota, Florida, to be used for bromeliad research.

ARTICLE X

Shows

Section 1-A. Rules and procedures governing management of Florida State Bromeliad Shows & Conferences \*, hereinafter referred to as FSBS.

Section 1-A-1: General.

A. Dates for FSBS shall be set 3 years in advance by the host society with the approval of the Council. Exceptions shall be made only by a majority of Council members in regular session. Affiliate societies who are members of the Council shall be required to honor date selections for FSBS by not scheduling local shows within ten (10) days before or after the FSBS date.

B. Actual operation of FSBS shall be subject to rules set up by the host society with the following exceptions:

1. Judging shall be in accordance with the "Handbook for Judges & Exhibitors" as published by the BSI.

2. Hybrids of unknown parentage shall not be eligible for major awards except as follows:

a. "Grandfathered" by Hybrid Identification List of BSI.

b. In process of registration but not yet published by BSI.

3. Plant sale rules shall apply to all Florida Bromeliad Societies and their individual members equally.

C. To be eligible to host the FSBS, a Council member society shall have staged a minimum of two local standard bromeliad shows, as defined by the above "Handbook" with one show accomplished before application and two shows before the actual date of the FSBS.

Section 1-A-2. Financing

A. Awards. The Council shall either purchase or reimburse the host society for all top awards and other ribbons for FSBS and this expense shall not be a factor in determining profit/loss of the show; provided, however, that no top award shall exceed in price that of a BSI un-mounted medallion, in which case the excess over the medallion price shall be borne by the host society. Special category awards shall be financed by individual subscription and the awarding thereof at the option of the host society. \*\*Winner of the Sweepstakes Award at each FSBS shall be awarded a placque by the Council, properly engraved with the place and date of the FSBS; PROVIDED, however, that all provisions of ARTICLE X (Section 1-A-1; items

B-2., a & b) are strictly observed by the host society when computing the award.

B. PROFIT &/or LOSS from a designated FSBS shall be shared equally by the Council and the host society. It shall be the duty of the Vice-Chairman of the Council to work with the host society in all matters concerning a FSBS and file a final written report with the Council at a regular meeting prior to the close of his/her term of office.

Section 1-A-3. Adoption. Adoption of this amendment shall be in accordance with Article XII and Article VIII, Sec. 1-A of the existing By-Laws.

\* Change of name from "Florida International Bromeliad Show" to "Florida State Bromeliad Show and Conference" voted at October 1984 meeting held at Sarasota.

\*\* This addition to FCBS Show Rules passed first reading July 13, 1985 and will be final at second reading at October, 1985 meeting.



S H O W   P A G E

September 15, 1985 - Second Annual Seminole Bromeliad Society All Day Workshop. At Seminole County Ag Center Auditorium; Hwy 17-92, Sanford. Practical "How-To's", Plant Identification, the first local showing of a bromeliad video tape, an afternoon session on artistic arrangements, door prizes, plant sales. Fee for all day is \$10.00, which includes morning coffee, lunch & afternoon break. Artistic arrangement workshop only (3:00 to 5:00 p.m.) fee is \$3.00. Advance registration is urged. Acknowledgement and directional map furnished to all advance registrants. Contact Bud Martin; 1405 Pine Way; Sanford, FL 32771. 305-321-0838.

October 5-6, 1985 Annual Sarasota Bromeliad Show at Selby Botanical Gardens, Sarasota. Entries, Thursday October 3; judging on Friday, October 4. Show open to public Saturday \* Sunday. Members and commercial plant sales. Show Chairman Robert L. Smith; 813-388-1921. PLEASE NOTE: The Quarterly erroneously listed the show dates as October 12-13 in the last issue. Please correct your calendar.

October 18-20, 1985. Bromeliad Society of Central Florida Annual Bromeliad Show, in conjunction with the Central Florida Lawn & Garden Show at Leu Botanical Gardens; Orlando. Standard bromeliad show. Member plant sales. Commercial space available. Contact Gary Shadle, Leu Gardens. Bromeliad Show Chairmen, Ed & Nancy Hall, 305-644-2039.

November 9-10, 1985. Annual Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Show. At the Garden Council & Activity Center; Cleveland Avenue (Hwy 41); Ft. Myers. Entries Friday, November 8, in the A.M. Judging on Friday afternoon. Show open to the public on Saturday and Sunday. Membership plant sales. Show Chairman, Ms. Peggy Bailey; 813-694-1803. Entries Chairman Gene McKenzie; 813-997-6392.

April 18-20, 1986 - FLORIDA STATE BROMELIAD SHOW, hosted by Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay. At University Square Mall, Tampa. Standard show, member and commercial plant sales. Co-chairmen, Roland and Jean Schnabel, 813-988-7046.

May 17-18, 1986 - Bromeliad Society of South Florida Annual Bromeliad Show. Fairchild Tropical Gardens, Miami.

May 21-25, 1986 - World Bromeliad Conference, Fairmont Hotel, New Orleans. "One Mo' Time". Registrations now being accepted. See your newest issue of The Journal for registration forms, or contact Jack Grubb, Show Chairman, at 10008 Hyde Place; River Ridge, La. 70123. Early Bird registration, before 11/1/85 is \$70.00; \$85.00 thereafter until 4/15/86 & late registration will be \$100.00.