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1986 FLORIDA BROMELIAD SOCIETIES' STATS

Only five of the eleven member societies of FCBS elected new presidents for 1986. They are:

BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA	President:	Ann Mann
FLORIDA WEST COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY	President:	Robert Olinger
IMPERIAL POLK BROMELIAD SOCIETY	President:	Carl Perryin
BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF SOUTH FLORIDA	President:	Nat DeLeon
WEST PASCO BROMELIAD SOCIETY	President:	Herbert Inlander

Representatives to the Florida Council changed only as follows:

JACKSONVILLE BROMELIAD SOCIETY	Junior Rep.:	Al Muzzell
WEST PASCO BROMELIAD SOCIETY	Junior Rep.:	Adeline Synder

All other societies retained the same reps as 1985, with only the seniority being changed.

All societies, their officers, FCBS reps, annual dues and meeting places are listed annually in issue number 3 of this Quarterly, published in August.

PLEASE NOTE:

SARASOTA BROMELIAD SOCIETY (Hazel Quilhot, President) has lost their meeting place in the G.T.E. Building. Hazel informs me that future meetings will be on the same day of the month and same time, but the meetings will be held at the downtown Episcopal Church. Sarasota members will be notified in the newspaper of the location or please call Hazel.

BROMELIAD GUILD OF TAMPA BAY (Jean Schnabel, President) announces the first three Guild meeting of 1986 will be on the Tuesday after the third Monday of each month. That is January 21, February 18, and March 18. Same place, same time. After that, back to the regular date.

BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA (Ann Mann, President). Members and visitors please note--no parking will be allowed other than in the main parking lot. Those needing assistance or directions to the Garden Cottage at Leu Gardens, please ask at the gate house.

SEMINOLE BROMELIAD SOCIETY (Ed. Hall, President). Members of the Seminole Society invite one and all to join them for a get together and picnic lunch at Marie Selby Botanical Gardens in Sarasota on SATURDAY, MARCH 15. Bring your own lunch and visit with members from other societies. No business, no plants to lug (unless you have arranged a pup trade). Seminole will mail letters of invitation to all the area societies shortly.

SOLVING THE FIREBALL MYSTERY

BY: NAT DeLEON

In 1959 I wrote to a Mr. Walter Doering of Sao Vicente, Brazil, in the state of Sao Paulo. Mr. Doering was primarily an orchid collector who had earlier written an article on the bromeliads of his area for The Bromeliad Society Bulletin, the forerunner of the Journal of the Bromeliad Society.

During that time, I wrote to whoever I could in hope of being able to purchase or trade for new bromeliads not already in cultivation. In this instance I was primarily interested in buying at least half-grown plants of Vriesea gigantea and Vr. hieroglyphica. He had several other species I was interested in as well. Once Mr. Doering had confirmed that he would sell me the plants, I inquired about the possibility of buying other species as well, even if he had only a few plants of each. He replied that yes, he did have others but they were unidentified. I then suggested that all such unidentified plants be numbered so that we might have a common reference point to refer to on any specific plant in the future. I would grow the plants on to flowering, have them identified and, should they prove to be ornamental enough, I could order additional plants by name and number. Mr. Doering was agreeable to this.

Correspondence was slow and Mr. Doering needed time to collect and prepare the plants for shipment. This was no small order. In March, 1960, almost a year after my initial inquiry, the plants arrived. There were more than 200 plants in the shipment. Losses were heavy, particularly of Vr. hieroglyphica. Only eight out of some fifty large plants survived. Losses of other species occurred also but were far less severe.

This shipment proved to be very important, for it represented the first bromeliad introduction into American horticulture of the following species: Vr. bituminosa, the large form of Vr. incurvata, then called Vr. rostrum-aquilae, Vr. ensiformis, Vr. flammae, Vr. erythrodactylon, Vr. phillipo-coburgii, Vr. scalaris, Vr. vagans, Nidularium rosulatum, Nid. rubens, Nid. rutilans, Neoregelia doeringiana, a new species named Neo. maculata and our mystery plant, Neo. 'Fireball'.

Only one of the four plants, later to be called Neo. 'Fireball' survived. As I remember it, the smallish plant was almost all green, with a faint hint of red, when I received it. Mr. Doering remarked about the plant in the brief note he sent with the unidentified plants, "Neoregelia or Aechmea, small plant, all mahogany colored. Flowers not yet seen." After the plant started to grow, exposed to the great Florida light, the mahogany color continued to intensify. Before long it sent out it's first offset, revealing it's stoloniferous habit.

The late Ralph Davis and I were rather close bromeliad buddies. As long as either of us had more than one of any given plant, his plants were my plants and vice versa. We lent one another plants for hybridizing or selfing. We also collaborated on several importation ventures. Ralph visited me one day and almost swallowed his cigar butt when he first saw my mystery plant. Of course Ralph had to have one and since by that time the plant already had two offsets, the first vegetative propagation took place. Since I was concerned about confusion in plant names even in those days, I made Ralph promise he would not part with any plants until it flowered and I could have it identified.

Several years passed and our stocks of the mystery plant were getting quite large but there was still no sign of flowering. In the meantime, many people were starting to pester Ralph for a plant, which made it great "trade bait." I did not have that problem since at that time I grew most of my bromeliads at the Parrot Jungle, away from public view. Ralph wanted to start letting some plants go and I agreed, provided we gave the plant a temporary name. Ralph told me that every time he referred to the plant he called it Neo. 'Fireball', and I told him "That's a great name, let's both call it that." The rest is history.

During the latter part of 1966 I was getting ready to treat some Neo. carolinae plants with Calcium Carbide to induce flowering. Just for the hell of it, I decided to treat a single mature plant of 'Fireball' as well. In February, 1967, I saw my first 'Fireball' flower ever. I had waited eight years to see this. By contrast, I had flowered and had gotten identified all of the other unidentified plants in this importation group.

During those eight years I wrote Mr. Doering several times, hoping to be able to order more 'Fireballs' and other species as well. I had also hoped to obtain information for Dr. Lyman Smith on collection sites for the various species being identified, but I never heard from Mr. Doering again.

My records show that on February 28, 1967 I sent the first flowering 'Fireball' plant to Dr. Smith for identification. It bore my number P.130. I have a letter of confirmation of that specimen, saying it needed further study. Years later, I have yet to receive any word of it's status. I was told by several people that the National Herbarium does not have a specimen of 'Fireball'. I can only assume it somehow got misplaced, or perhaps included in the file of some other neoregelia.

During the last decade or so, Neo. 'Fireball' has been a point of much confusion. It has been assumed to be a hybrid. This is understandable as many people in horticulture assume a plant is a hybrid if it does not have a latinized name. Yet there is nothing wrong with giving an unidentified species a temporary cultivar name. I have oftentimes used the name of the town or area a plant was collected from as a reference point. One of the plants from this collection I called Nid. 'Sao Paulo'. It was later identified as Nid. rutilans. Yet I still see plants around labelled Nid. 'Sao Paulo' and it is usually referred to as a hybrid, which it is not.

Bob Wilson also used this method of identification. Plants he sold as Neo. 'Tingua' were later identified as Neo. carolinae. Plants he sold as Aechmea 'Tingua' turned out to be Ae. lingulata. The name Tingua referred to the town in Brazil near which he collected the plants.

A few years ago, the name Neo. schultziana was being applied to 'Fireball'. How this started I don't know. The name is not listed in Dr. Smith's monograph.

While I am still hopeful that Neo. 'Fireball' will someday be properly named, I have not pursued the matter. After 26 years, it would be difficult to refer to Neo. 'Fireball' by any other name.

COLLECTOR'S CORNER

This page was intended to be given over entirely to an illustration of *Neoregelia* 'Fireball' to accompany the fine feature article contributed by Nat DeLeon. The promised illustration has not been forthcoming, so I will try to fill the space with my own practical observations on the plant.

'Collector's Corner' is a new feature of the Quarterly, and is intended to help new growers as well as inform established collectors about the plants in their greenhouse. Contributions are welcome and the Quarterly especially needs a 'staff' illustrator. No pay, but full credit.

NEOREGELIA 'Fireball', a small, stoloniferous plant measuring 6½-7 inches across, with about 12-14 leaves in a rosette. It was listed in the Journal of the Bromeliad Society in 1970 as "Fireball", a hybrid, and pictured on the cover and inside the September-October 1973 Journal both as "Fireball" and *Neoregelia* species *schultesiana*.

'Fireball' is a popular neoregelia which reproduces with the ease and rapidity of a welfare family and will make a stunning hanging basket in just a couple of seasons. The name aptly describes the plant. It is tender, but otherwise thrives on neglect. 'Fireball' is red or green depending on culture (many people think there are two forms, but not so). Fertilize sparingly at potting time and rarely, if ever, again. When I got my first 'Fireball' I was told "don't even say the word fertilizer out loud in the greenhouse". Keep the soil fairly dry and give the plant as much strong light as it will take without blistering (even as you and I). Pinch out the spent plants and allow it to multiply. I once counted 93 plants on a basket of 'Fireball'. However, at that stage, the mass of offsets become too heavy for the supporting stem, which makes it impossible to keep intact. If you are lucky enough to be growing in a frost free area, the plant can be induced to climb a tree. Offsets root freely, and when allowed to do so in moist sterile perlite, will usually retain the red color. The bloom is typical neoregelia, low in the center, lavender and rather sparse. It will accept pollen from other species and produce seed, but (at least in my greenhouse) it has never produced seed on its own.

A good starter plant should cost under \$5.00.

When soliciting the 'Fireball' article from Mr. DeLeon (he is BSI HYBRID REGISTRAR), I also asked him: "What is the status of the offspring resulting from a cross of two forms of the same species?" I was referring specifically to *Canistrum* 'Leopardinum', which is supposedly a cross of two forms of *C. lindenii*. Here is his reply:

"When you cross two varieties of a species, they would still retain the same species name, but you could give each distinct plant a cultivar name. You could cross those with each other, or back onto one or both of the varieties and again give cultivar names to any that are different. This could go on forever. As long as something is different it can be given a cultivar name and only you can decide if it is worth it."

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - TINKER MUSLEH

The Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies met of Saturday, January 11, 1986 at the home of Ellen Jay Payton, with Florida West Coast Society as host. After a delicious catered lasagna dinner, the meeting was called to order by Tinker Musleh, president. Nine of the eleven members societies were represented. The Bromeliad Society of Central Florida, inc. and Caloosahatchee Society were not represented.

Tinker Musleh presented Carol Johnson, out going president, with a beautiful plaque in appreciation of her work during her term as president. Carol Johnson turned the gavel of authority over to Tinker Musleh. Orther new officers are Dr. Sam Smith, vice president; Carl Perryn, secretary and Dean Fairchild, treasurer.

Tinker Musleh reappointed Carol Johnson as publisher of the quarterly newsletter.

The next meeting in April will be held at the home of Carol Johnson, the July meeting at the home of Carl Perryn and the Bromeliad Society of Broward County will host the meeting in October.

In opening comments, Tinker Musleh stressed the importance of better communication between the societies and the Florida Council. She also re-affirmed the objectives of the Florida Council to serve, educate and promote bromeliads to the societies and the public.

The minutes of the October meeting and the treasurer's report were approved as published in the newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS: On the subject of the Judging School, Carol Johnson stated that money for stamps used in correspondence about the judging school should come from the B.S.I. Polly Pascal reported that interest in the school was very low in view of the fact that she had received only two applications with checks. Carol Johnson reported on the ballots she sent out regarding the school. Again intrest was very low! Motion was made by Dean Fairchild and soconded to cancel the Judging School until after the B.S.I. board meeting at the World Conference show in May. Discussion followed on who should pay Valerie Steckler's expenses to Florida if she is required by B.S.I. to conduct the first Judging/teachers school. It was felt by the majority of those present that the B.S.I. should pay her expenses. Polly Pascal reported on the results of the balloting for the three representatives to the International Judges panel. Polly Pascal was elected with fourteen votes. There will be a runoff for second and third place between Bob Smith, Carol Johnson and Ron Schoenau. Dean Fairchild's motion was voted on and passed. Money already collected for the school will be refunded.

Motion made by Dean Fairchild and seconded that a letter be sent to the B.S.I. from the Florida Council recommending the first session of the judging school be conducted at the World Conference in New Orleans, for the purpose of qualifying new teachers. A symposium be conducted to requalify existing judges. Motion passed.

Discussion held on who qualifies as an expert to be used as a judge. It was decided the Judges Chairperson of each show will make that decision. This is in accordance with the judges handbook.

Roland Schnabel gave a report on the upcoming state show to be held in Tampa, April 18, 19 and 20. There will be a section for Art. Anyone interested in entering the art exhibit should contact Herb Hill. There was a discussion on awards. Roland Schnabel asked for money donations from each society for awards instead of giving awards thus making the awards more uniform. The F.C.B.S.I. will furnish a sweepstakes award for the state show this year. A motion was made by Dean Fairchild and seconded to amend the state show rules to allow any one to enter plants in the members sale in the name of the Florida Council and the portion of plant sale money normally going to the member go instead to the Florida Council. This donation by the members to the Florida Council would be tax deductible. Motion passed. This change in the bylaws will be read at the next meeting. Roland Schnabel announced there would be a plant auction on Saturday night, April 19 to benefit the identification center at Selby Gardens.

Al Muzzell reported on moving the state show to a central part of Florida. A lengthy discussion followed on the pros and cons of such a move. Carol Johnson will check with the Florida Mall South of Orlando and see if they would be interested in having the state show. Al Muzzell and Dean Fairchild will study the feasibility of such a move and report back at a later date.

Connie Johnson reported the 1988 world show theme contest still in progress by the South Florida Society. The winner will receive one hundred dollars in bromeliads from DeLeon's Bromeliad World.

NEW BUSINESS: Carol Johnson announced Ron Schoenau, Dean Fairchild and Bill Frazel are the three new B.S.I. directors from Florida. The B.S.I. board meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 21, 1986, in New Orleans.

Tinker Musleh introduced a new concept for getting information to all our society members. Each society will be responsible for sending information on various subjects to those societies responsible for collecting information on certain subjects. For example; information on show rules and instructions will be gathered by South Florida and Jacksonville societies. Available speakers

and available B.S.I. material will be collected by Tampa and Seminole societies. Information for culture sheets will be collected by Central Florida and Caloosahatchee societies. B.S.I. and council membership information will be collected by Sarasota, Florida West Coast and West Pasco societies. Information for judges will be collected by Broward and Polk County societies. Each group of societies will make up information packets of their subject and send the packets out to all the other societies.

Tinker Musleh discussed the possibility of changing the F.C.B.S rotation dates for the officers from January to October. Carol Johnson stated this is the way it used to be and it did not work. After much discussion no changes were made.

Motion was made by Dean Fairchild and seconded to change Article XIII, The Sunset clause to read In the event that the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies, Inc. should be dissolved, any remaining money will be given to the Bromeliad Identification Center. After discussion motion passed. This change in the bylaws will be read at the next meeting.

Carol Johnson reported even though Harry Luther is in charge of the Bromeliad Identification Center at Selby, he has no degree. She asked if there was any way we could help him receive a honorary degree. After much discussion it was decided the council would not be able to help.

Hazel Quilhot ask if the council could help the societies set up a program on keying out bromeliads. A workshop will help in the future for such a program.

A motion was made by Dean Fairchild and seconded to permit the treasurer to discard all trash information over three years old. Motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM

Carl W. Perryn

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Secretary

The Florida Council belongs to all the bromeliad society members in Florida, but is represented by only two from each member society. Are your reps reporting on the meetings? Is there some crying need which is not being met? If so, please discuss it at your regular meetings and ask your reps to bring it to the Council at the next meeting.

1986 FLORIDA STATE BROMELIAD SHOW

Dear bromeliad enthusiast:

The 1986 Florida State Bromeliad Show sponsored by The Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies, Inc, and hosted by The Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay will be held April 18th, 19th, and 20th at the University Square Mall at 2200 Fowler Avenue in Tampa, Florida during mall hours. We have chosen the Spanish theme *Bromeliad Fiesta*. Although the Tampa guild is doing the planning and is responsible for most of the cost and work, we must all think *state show* and involve our societies and members in this event.

Your society may participate in the following ways:

Sponsor one of the eleven genera awards

Because Florida council is composed of eleven societies, we are asking each society to sponsor one of the eleven genera awards (our choice) listed in our schedule. We suggest a contribution of \$35 for each award, which will purchase an appropriate oil painting by John Barbie. Contributions should be sent to Mike O'Leary, 8305 La Serena Drive, Tampa, Florida 33614-2738.

Put in a bromeliad display

We concede that the show itself is the main attraction, but beautiful bromeliad displays provide the dessert. The displays will be viewed from all sides and can not be more than 12 feet wide but may be any length. If your society is going to put in a display, contact the show chairman by March 15th. If you need tables, let us know how many.

Art Exhibit and Sale, Commercial Sales

We have contacted artists to participate in an exhibit and sale. If you know artists who want to exhibit, have them contact the show chairman.

Some commercial growers have also been contacted to sell for a fee of \$85. If you know of others who are interested, have them contact Edith Howells, 2248 Burns Street, Lakeland, Florida 33801. Her telephone number is (813) 665-7678.

Encourage participation by your members

We feel the awards for this show will be highly prized by any bromeliad enthusiast -- John Barbie has agreed to paint original oils. Exhibits must be entered on Thursday, April 17th, from 9:15 p.m. until 11 p.m.; or by special arrangement with the show chairman, plants may be entered on Friday, April 18th between 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Entries must be claimed on Sunday, April 20th, between 5:45 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Entry forms and additional information will be mailed in time for your March meeting.

Bring bromeliads for membership sales

Members of all Florida societies are welcome to enter bromeliads in the membership sales. A sales commission of 30% will be retained to offset the expenses of the show. Plants may be entered in the sales area during the same times as show exhibits are being entered as indicated above. Sales plants (or parent in the case of a pup) must have been owned by the member for a minimum of six months. Additional details will be in the schedule.

Plants may be sold with the proceeds going to Florida council by writing "FCBS" on the sale tag.

Donate bromeliads for BIC auction

Bromeliads are needed for the auction to be held at the dinner party Saturday night for the benefit of the Bromeliad Identification Center at Selby Gardens. The donor may set a minimum bid below which the plant will not be sold. Plants may be brought to the mall prior to noon Saturday; sent to the show chairman; or preferably taken to the dinner party.

Attend show, dinner party, and auction

When you arrive at the mall register at the membership sales booth to receive information about happenings throughout the weekend. Attend the *Bromeliad Fiesta* dinner party at Villa Palma Hermosa, the home of Burns and Cathy Creighton, on beautiful Tampa Bay. In addition to food and fellowship (and perhaps a strolling musician) the highest bidders will walk away with some beautiful additions to their bromeliad collections.

If you plan to spend the night in Tampa, we have made arrangements for group rates at the Holiday Inn - USF/Medical Center on Fowler Avenue across the street from the mall. You can be assured of a room if you make your reservations by March 18. The special show rates are \$45 for a single and \$50 for a double. Their telephone number is (813) 971-4710.

We appreciate your cooperation and encouragement of your members. Schedules will be sent as soon as they are available. If you have any questions, you may reach me at 5106 E. 127th Ave., Tampa, Fl 33617 or call me at (813) 988-7046. Roland Schnabel Show Chairman



WARNING! READ YOUR LABELS! WEAR YOUR MASK!

Some time ago I shared a quart of the fungicide "Subdue" with a friend. It costs \$40.00 a quart and is used in such infinitesimal amounts (1/4 tsp. per gallon) that we neither felt it practical to each purchase a quart. Fine, fine. Except, I did not read nor receive a copy of the label, which reads "NOT TO BE USED AS A FOLIAR SPRAY EXCEPT ON AZALEAS". I used it as a general

foliar spray and did considerable damage to neoregelias, vrieseas and guzmanias. The foliage vrieseas were hurt the most--many died altogether. The neoregelias suffered center damage, but the offsets are fine, so only one generation was lost. I still use Subdue, but as a soil drench only and then sparingly and very carefully. So, read all labels carefully and if there is any doubt, consult an expert.

Be sure, also, to read the article on page 24 of the current Journal. The title of the article is "Sporotrichosis: A Disease Hazard for Those Handling Sphagnum Moss".

F.C.B.S. SHOW RULES & INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE QUESTIONNAIRE

The answers to these questions will help us with planning future activities for your Florida Council. Feel free to make additional comments if you wish. You need not affix your name but for historical information please fill in the blank for your home affiliate Bromeliad Society.

FCBS Questionnaire - Jan. '86

Please answer 'Yes' or 'No' for each blank unless other information is requested.

1. Should we have a State Bromeliad Show? _____
2. If so, should the State Bromeliad Show be operated by a statewide organization such as F.C.B.S.? _____
3. A) Would you favor a State Bromeliad Show (& possibly convention) in the same place every year? _____
B) Would you ATTEND a F.C.B.S. State Show in a central location in Fla? _____
C) Do you think other members would? _____
4. A) Would you support (enter plants for competition, sponsor awards, work in, etc.) a F.C.B.S. conducted State Show in a central location in Florida? _____
B) Do you think other members would? _____
5. Would you prefer the State Show to be rotated among the various affiliates in Florida, as it is now? _____
6. Have you been to a State Show, other than the one your chapter hosted, in the past four (4) years (1982-1985)? _____
7. Other than attending, did you support (enter plants, sponsor awards, work in, etc.) that State Show? _____
8. How far would you be willing to drive, fly, or otherwise travel to participate in a large State Bromeliad Show? _____ (miles)
9. How far just to attend? _____ (miles)
10. A) Would you support (enter plants for competition, sponsor awards, work in, etc.) the State Show at EVERY other affiliate location (each year) that it occurs? _____
B) At ANY other affiliate location? _____
11. Should the State Bromeliad Show be used to recruit more members for local affiliates (nearest wherever respective attendees come from)? _____
12. What other functions would you like to see at a State Show?
A) Lectures? _____
B) Demonstrations? _____
C) Special classes offered by preregistration? _____
D) Other (Please describe) _____

Please indicate your home affiliate: _____

Thank you,

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Chairman, F.C.B.S.
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Melrose, FL 32666

SHOW PAGE

- March 28-29, 1986. Jacksonville Bromeliad Society's Fifth Annual Palatka Mall Show. Judged show, entries invited. Membership plant sales. Contact Tinker Musleh, 904-475-2126.
- April 4, 5, 6, 1986. Bromeliad Society of Broward County. Bromeliad Show and Sale. At Flamingo Gardens; 3750 Flamingo Rd.; Ft. Lauderdale. Friday night preview cocktail party; harpist and moonlight tram ride thru the gardens with luminaries. Co-Chairmen; Bill Frazel & Donn Pearce.
- April 18-20, 1986. FLORIDA STATE BROMELIAD SHOW. See full coverage elsewhere in this Quarterly. UNIVERSITY SQUARE MALL, TAMPA.
- May 2-4, 1986. Jacksonville Bromeliad Society Annual Show. Normandy Mall, Jacksonville. Early Mother's Day, so as not to conflict with the World Conference. Member and commercial plant sales. Entries invited. Contact Tinker Musleh or Al Muzzell.
- May 17, 18, 1986. Bromeliad Society of South Florida Annual Show, at Fairchild Gardens, Miami. Membership and commercial sales. Entries Thursday, May 15, judging on Friday, May 16. Open to the public Saturday and Sunday. Show Chairman, Trisha Frank, telephone 305-665-4369.
- May 21-25, 1986. WORLD BROMELIAD CONFERENCE. Fairmont Hotel, New Orleans. "One Mo' Time". Registration until April 15 is \$85.00; thereafter \$100.00. Hotel reservation forms were included in your last Journal. For further information contact Jack Grubb, Show Chairman; 10008 Hyde Place; River Ridge, La. 70123. DONATIONS OF QUALITY PLANTS FOR SELBY IDENTIFICATION CENTER BENEFIT AUCTION ARE SOLICITED. AUCTION WILL BE ON SATURDAY NIGHT.
- June 6, 7, 8, 1986. Eight Annual Atlanta Bromeliad Show at North Lake Mall (LaVista Road exit off I-285). Membership and commercial plant sales. Entries Friday 6-10 p.m. Judging on Saturday, June 7. Show Chairman, Charles Hilbers, 404-429-8993. Address: 2661 Creek View Dr. N.W.; Marietta, Ga. 30064.
1987. FLORIDA STATE BROMELIAD SHOW will be hosted by Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society, Fort Myers.
1988. WORLD BROMELIAD CONFERENCE will be hosted by the Bromeliad Society of South Florida. The contest for picking a show theme is still open. Send your suggestions to Connie Johnson; 13075 SW 60 Ave.; Miami 33156. General Show Chairman, Nat DeLeon; Co-Chairman, Connie Johnson.

The 1985 recipient of the Ervin Wurthmann Distinguished Service to The Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Award was Walter Giddings.

It finally happened! A *Billbergia* won Best in Show at the Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Show in November, 1985.

A Little Pain Never Hurt Anyone