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Bromeliad Society of Central Florida
26th Annual Show
May 11 -13, 2001
Best Of Show Awards Horticulture
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- \$130.00 July 1,2001 to May 1 2002
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**Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies, Inc.
Business Meeting
April 7, 2001**

The meeting was held at the International Game Fishing Association Museum in Dania, Florida. The Broward Bromeliad Society hosted the meeting and provided a superb luncheon. 15 members attended the meeting which was called to order by Chairperson Tom Wolfe at 12:20 p.m.

Old Business

John Bankhead took the Secretary's minutes for the January 12th meeting; presentation was in the Council Newsletter. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes, a motion was made to approve the minutes as presented by the Chairman, and seconded by Vicky Chirnside.

Tom Nuse presented the Treasurers Report. A net total was reported of

\$15,372.10 in the Weevil Fund, and \$2,629.35 in the General Fund. There was a disbursement of grant funds to the Weevil Project of \$17,332.15 this quarter. Ted also reported that he received an inquiry from the IRS with regard to our non-profit status. Copies of the full report were distributed.

Dr. Barbra Larson beginning with seed collection information presented the Weevil Fund Report. Forms for the collection of seed will be posted on the Council website. Information of how to complete the form was presented, with an overview of the grant requirements. Dr. Frank's website will also carry all of the information, and the necessary forms to be downloaded. A handout was provided to bring everyone up to date on the research.

There appears to be enough growers to grow any seed collected by the volunteers. The hurdle now is to identify the time frame for collecting, and providing the necessary people

to do the actual collecting. All seeds will be marked and grown separately, with no cross contaminating of the respective seed populations. All seed when grown must be returned as close as possible to where it is collected. No license is necessary to collect from private land, just the owner's permission on the required form.

Tom Wolfe reported on the 2002 World Conference. There will be a meeting on May 19th of all the committee chairmen. The meeting will be at Selby Gardens, with a BSI board meeting the next day.

Chet Blackburn completed a 50-year index of all the Society Journals. It is currently available for order on the website, see the publication list for information.

A committee was formed to review the bylaws and work with Len Dolatowski on correcting several flaws in the format. The committee will consist of Len Dolatowski,

Vicki Chirnside, and Jay Thurrott. The bylaw vote was tabled until the committee finishes their work.

Rosters were submitted of all affiliate members, and remarks were made as to the numerous errors on the list, which was compiled by Inez Dolatowski. All representatives will present their lists at their respective meetings and send all corrections to her.

New Business

Dean Fairchild requested of the Council the possible formation of a new judges class to be formed. The matter was turned over to Polly Pascal to investigate the feasibility. Betty Ann Prevat will talk to Dean Fairchild and inquire about possible applicants for the new class.

A motion was made by Carl Green to have his new book on Nidularium added to the council website book sales list. The motion was seconded by Cassandra Biglin

and approved by voice vote.

The next meeting site has not been scheduled; the date will be July 14, 2001.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
John Bankhead
FWCBS

Extravaganza 2001

If you are interested in selling bromeliads at the Extravaganza this fall read the following:

Reservations are now being taken for sale tables. The air-conditioned sales area will accommodate approximately 60 8FT. tables. The tables will be draped with plastic and each identified with the growers name. To register for the sale, please remit a \$20 reservation fee by Oct. 1 and state the number of tables you wish to reserve (up to 6 maximum). Based on the responses, we will try to accommodate everyone's request, which ensuring fair

participation. Sellers will be notified by Oct. 10 of the number of tables allotted to them. The \$20 fee is not a rental charge and will be refunded to all participants in their final check after the show..

1) All sellers must pre-register. The sales area is large but to ensure all people bringing plants have adequate table space, no walk-in sellers will be allowed. In order to sell plants at the Extravaganza, you must be a member in good standing of a Florida Bromeliad Society.

2) All sales money will be collected through common cashiers.

The Bromeliad Society of Central Florida will remit 75% of each dollar collected to the seller. The BSCF will retain 25%. Sales tax will be collected at the sale and paid by the buyer.

3) For purposes of estimating the number of tables you should request, assume

20 to 30 potted plants per table.

4) Plants must be priced in whole dollars and priced and labeled before they are brought into the sales area.

5) All plants must be clearly marked with two labels.

a. Label with price and ID number on the same side of the label: Price on top and ID# below.

b. Label with correct name that stays with plant.

6) When you register as a seller submit ID# you normally use. We will try to accommodate your normal ID#. If a conflict arises, an alternate ID# will be communicated to the seller. Also indicate if you plants are Florida State Inspected.

7) Plants must be clean and in good condition, free from insects or disease. Potted plants must be well rooted, and pots should be clean. You may also sell mounted or bare root

plants. Questionable plants will be removed from the sale by the Sale Chairman. If your plants are not already Florida State Inspected, they must be in the Sales Booth by early Saturday morning for official inspection.

8) Plants not picked up by 12 Midnight on Saturday will be considered a donation to BSCF. BSCF cannot assume any responsibility for loss or damage to your plants.

9) Members are encouraged to donate plants in good condition for the sale. Label them as described above and simply write WF for Weevil Fund instead of an ID number.

Access to the sale area is from 6-9PM Friday Oct. 26 and 7-8:30AM on Oct. 27. Teardown is from 5PM to midnight. Each seller is responsible for breakdown and clean-up.

Within a short easy drive

from the Maitland Civic Center is the Courtyard by Marriott. This very new motel has blocked out a number of rooms at \$51.75 for 1 to 4 people. The motel is located at 1750 Pembroke Dr. on the west side of I-4. The Civic center is on the east side of I-4. Reservations must be made prior to Oct. 6, 2001 by calling 407-659-9100 Or fax 407-659-9101 by the individual.

Final details for the Extravaganza will be in the next Florida Council Newsletter. This will include banquet reservations, details and speakers. As with all Extravaganzas we will have a rare plant auction. This doesn't mean only plants are acceptable. Books and artwork and other bromeliad related items are desirable. Each society is expected to provide 6 items. The Florida Council reps are responsible for coordination the donated items. Remember, The Florida Council is a 501(c)(3) organization and as such donations are deductible on your income tax.

Address any questions to Edward Hall 407-647-2039 or

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Affiliate Society News

The Bromeliad Society of Central Florida nominated Bert Foster, Tom Lineham, Audrey & Bill McCrory, Ed & Dorothy McNulty, and Jim Pearce for lifetime membership. Their annual show held Mothers Day weekend was another great success.

In March the Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society held an "Evil Weevil" auction and 57 members and guests participated raising over \$1000 for the Florida Council.

Sarasota Bromeliad Society recently held their 26th annual show "2001 A Bromeliad Odyssey" reporting Dr. Terrie Bert winning Best of Show – Mulford Foster Award and Best of Show Artistic – Henry Hobbs won by Shirley Evans.

The Treasure Coast Bromeliad Society welcomed Adele King as their new President in April.

In Memory of Marie Bessel-lieu

Another sad note for all our bromeliad friends. Our dear friend, Betty Ann Prevatt's sister, Marie died May 5th. Marie attended the Conference in San Francisco but was too ill to participate. She returned home to have her health improve greatly for a few months. Gradually, though, it became apparent that our prayers for a miracle were not going to be answered in the way we wanted. She was so brave, so pretty, and one of the most talented and kind people we have known. She has served the Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society in every capacity, from President to sweeping floors. She was filled with an unshakable Faith which comforted her and the many, many people who loved her.

Hattie Lou Smith

THE FIFTEENTH WORLD BROMELIAD CONFERENCE 2002

The World Bromeliad Conference 2002, "Bromeliad Beach Party", that will be held at the Hilton, St. Petersburg is off to a swimming start.

Early events begin Monday, May 13 with early arrivals.

The BSI Board Meeting and staging for the Standard Show is set for Tuesday.

Wednesday is Show Entries, Scientific Seminars, Judges School and much more.

Thursday is Show Judging, Set-Up for Sales, a buffet Luncheon for all registrants and the Grand Opening for Sales in the evening. Friday

AM the Show will be open to all, Sales and Seminars all day, free Home and Garden Tours for Registrants and the Rare Plant Auction in the evening. Saturday

will continue the regular Conference events with a fantastic Banquet in the Grand Ballroom that evening. Sunday is another exciting day ending with the

Packing Up at 3:30 PM. Interesting Tours are planned for many of the days of the Conference. Monday, May 20 will feature an all day Tour to Selby Gardens and the Cathcart's famous Tropiflora.

This World Conference will feature a truly International line-up of speakers. For the Scientific Seminars Harry Luther has confirmed the attendance of Walter Till, Renate Ehlers, Elton Leme, John Utley and David Benzing. Regular Seminar speakers will range from Australia to South Florida. Since the Conference Registration fee will go up \$10 after June 30, 2001, it is a great time to send your registration to Carolyn Schoenau, Conference Registrar [352-372-6589]. On-Line registration is possible at the BSI Website, BSI.org. Credit Cards are accepted. The St. Pete Hilton will now take room reservations. Please use the toll free number 1-888-843-6929, stating that you are with the Bromeliad World Conference. Room rates are \$99 with \$11 in taxes and a \$4 per day parking fee. We urge all Affiliates to put in

an exhibit or display. Please contact Roland Schnabel for sizes and details. Phone: 813-988-7046 email <rschnabe@gte.net> Don't miss this chance to attend a World Bromeliad Conference in Florida. No plane tickets, just lots of fun!

Kathy Risley, Co-Chair
FWCBS Co-Hosts
Hattie L. Smith, BSI

Weevil Project Update April 7, 2001

1.) Field visits: Visits were made in February to the following areas to determine weevil damage:

- Archbold Biological Station/Buck Island Ranch, Highlands County: Although the weevil has been found in nearby Highlands Hammock State Park, it is **not** yet present at Archbold. The Ranch has significant populations of *Tillandsia utriculata*, *T. fascicu-*

lata, and *T. balbisiana*.

An intern at the Ranch is studying distribution of these species within host trees and will provide us with a copy of her research results when it is completed in May.

- Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge, Martin County: Very low bromeliad populations are present and no sign of the weevil was seen.
- Jonathan Dickinson State Park, Martin County: No sign of the weevil was seen.
- Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge, Palm Beach County: There are high populations of *Tillandsia fasciculata* and *T. balbisiana* in the cypress swamp area of the refuge. The weevil **is present** in the park and attacking *T. fasciculata*.
- Loxahatchee Groves Park, Palm Beach County: This park was one of the first to be infested. Now, there are only *T. fasciculata* and *T. balbisiana* populations left, and the weevil

is still present, attacking *T. fasciculata*.

- Hickory Hammock, on South Florida Water Management District land, Highlands County: *Tillandsia utriculata* populations present, no sign of weevil.
- Highlands Hammock State Park, Highlands County: This park has been infested since 1999, but bromeliads along the cypress swamp and ancient hammock trails are still healthy.
- Lake Kissimmee State Park, Polk County: Ken Marks had observed a *Tillandsia utriculata* with apparent weevil damage at this park in December. No weevils or damage were seen on any of the *T. utriculata* plants found in February, so the weevil has not advanced. There are few *T. utriculata* in the park.

2.) Field population studies: Teresa Cooper has been se-

lected by the University of Florida as a 2001-2002 University Scholar, a prestigious award that will provide her a stipend to conduct research under the supervision of Howard Frank. Her project, entitled "Population Mapping of *Metamasius callizona* and its Host Plants in South Florida," will be a continuation of the research she began in January in and around Myakka River State Park.

3.) Weevil colonies: In addition to the weevil colony that is continually maintained, we now have small colonies of the two species on which we will perform non-target testing: *Metamasius mosieri* and *Metamasius hemipterus*. We will continue to maintain all three colonies and will work on improving rearing methods, particularly for *Metamasius mosieri*.

4.) Fly colony: We were able to get parasitism by the flies of a number of weevil larvae. Unfortunately, all of the adult flies that emerged were males. We had 19 fly pupae that failed to

emerge as adults. They appear to be very sensitive to humidity conditions. Howard Frank is analyzing the options of working something out with Ron Cave at Zamorano to hire someone there to collect flies and maintain a colony for periodic shipment of flies to us, or a possible trip to lowland Veracruz, Mexico. In the meantime, we will concentrate on improving weevil rearing, helping with the seed collection project, involving Florida Parks Service personnel in the project, and educating the public about the weevil problem in order to increase support for the project.

5.) Endangered Plant Advisory Council: All grantees of the Endangered and Threatened Native Flora Grants Program were requested to provide Interim Status Reports on March 29. Our report was presented by Ed Hall, Al Muzzell, Howard Frank and Barbra Larson. The Council understood the set-backs

and appreciated the difficulties that are a normal part of biological control research. They emphasized that the project is an important one and encouraged us to apply for continued funding next year, provided they receive the funds again. They also strongly suggested that the seed collection database not be accessible to the public through the FCBS website, because information would then be available to anyone regarding exact locations of the endangered plants. They emphasized that such information is generally not made available to the public.

6.) Public Outreach:

Talks or exhibits on the weevil problem have been given to the following groups:

1.) January 27, project update for the Gainesville-Jacksonville Bromeliad Society.

2.) February 26, project update for the Central Florida Bromeliad Society.

3.) March 24-25, Kanapaha Gardens Spring Gar-

den Festival, Gainesville.

The Gainesville-Jacksonville Bromeliad Society included in their booth an exhibit on the weevil problem, which was displayed on both days, and handouts on the weevil problem were distributed. A talk on the weevil was given on the first day as part of the Festival's educational seminars program.

4.) Posters on the weevil project have been provided to the following for exhibition: Selby Botanical Gardens, Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, Lake Manatee State Park, Myakka River State Park, and Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park. Duplicates of slides were provided to Belinda Perry, the biologist at Myakka River State Park, for a presentation to a garden club in March. Images of weevil damage and the organ-

native bromeliads are under attack by an invasive pest weevil. The Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies, the University of Florida, the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services, Division of Plant Industry (DPI), and the Escuela Agrícola Panamericana (El Zamorano, Honduras) are collaborating in an effort to manage weevil populations through biological control and facilitate the replacement of lost bromeliad populations through a seed-saving program.

Many thanks to the project's supporters. We hope you will join them by learning more about the value of these unique plants to our state and helping to prevent the potential tragedy of their loss.

Upcoming Events

August 18th Seminole Bromeliad Society annual "Bromeliad Fantasy" at the Volusia County Fairgrounds in Deland.

August 24th - 26th
28th Annual Southwest Bro-

meliad Guild Show
- 7th International Cryptanthus Society Show
The Greater Dallas-Fort Worth Bromeliad Society will host the 7th International Cryptanthus Society Show and the 28th Annual Southwest Bromeliad Guild Show on August 24th-26th, 2001. It will be held at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden Center and the Green Oak Hotel in Fort Worth, Texas.

Special Hotel rates are available until July 23rd at \$65/night. For reservations call (800) 433-2174. For registration forms and additional information about the Shows contact Flo Adams, Show Chairman, (817) 467-7500 or e-mail fladams@ont.com.

Donations of plants and bromeliad related items for the Cryptanthus Society Auction as well as monetary donations for show awards would be greatly appreciated. Contact Larry Giroux, (941) 997-2237 or Flo Adams, (817) 467-7500 if you can help.

October 27

Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies - 2001 EXTRAVAGANZA

Location: - MAITLAND CIVIC CENTER, 641 S. Maitland Ave., Maitland FL. Hosted by the Bromeliad Society of Central Florida Bromeliad sales, Interesting speakers, Rare plant auction, Banquet
Contact: Ed Hall 407-647-2039 Palmetbrom@aol.com

November 9th - 11th

Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society Annual Show and Sale
The Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society will host its 2001 Standard BSI Bromeliad Show and Sale, November 9th-11th at Terry Park, 3410 Palm Beach Blvd., Fort Myers, Florida.
Judging will be held Friday, November 9th and the Show and Sales areas will be open to the public Saturday and Sunday, November 10th and 11th. For further information contact Dr. Larry Giroux, FAX 941-997-6377 or E-mail n2finchs@peganet.com or

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Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies Web Report**April 7, 2001**<http://fcbs.org>

There have been 56,481 visitors to the Council site as of April 4, 2001. The month of March saw the most internal hits ever to the site, 310,728 with a daily average of 10,023, from 56 different countries.

Additions to the site include:

"Saving Florida's Native Bromeliads: FCBS and the Evil Weevil Upheaval" was posted to "Evil Weevil" section. This is the slide program presented by Dr. Barbra Larson at the 2000 FCBS Extravaganza. The 28 slides in this program introduce the "Evil Weevil" (*Metamasius calizona*), and explain how it got to Florida, the danger it presents to Florida's native

bromeliads and what is being done to combat it:

The By-laws and Standing Rules of the Bromeliad Society of Central Florida and of Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society were posted, by request, to the Member Societies page;

An article on the *Tillandsia brachycaulos/capitata* Complex by Derek Butcher was added to the Classification page;

A book review written by Jason Grant on Nidularium - Bromeliads of the Atlantic Forest by Elton M. C. Leme.

Since the last report, there have been approximately 500 new photographs added to Photo Index. Contributors include Grace Goode, Derek Butcher, Bill Timm, Geoff Lawn, J. Lautner, Bird Rock Tropicals, Ken Marks, Michael Andreas, Tropiflora, Jim Irvin, Luiz Felipe Nevaes de Carvalho, Alexis Pardo of Venezuela, Len Harrison from UK, Renate

Ehlers, Shane Zaghini and Herb Plever.

Michael gave a presentation on the Council's site to the Bromeliad Society of South Florida at their regular April meeting in Miami.

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Treasurer's Report
10/1/00 – 3/30/01

FCBS Account	Opening Balance	\$1261.82	
Income	Dues (10/00-2/01)	958.00	
	Donation FECBS 2/01	1000.00	
Total Income			1958.00
Expenses	US Post Office permit	100.00	
	Labels		10.54
	Newsletter expense (2/01)	479.93	
Total Expenses		590.47	
Balance FCBS Account 3/30/01:			\$2629.35
Weevil Fund			
10/1/00 through 3/30/01			
Beginning Balance			
		15,037.36	
Income	Extravaganza	1705.00	
	Caloosahatchee BS	69.00	
	State of FL Grant	14,500.00	
	BS Central FL donation	100.00	
	BS Broward County donation	200.00	
	BS So. Florida donation	30.00	
	Caloosahatchee BS donation	1047.00	
	Interest	15.89	
Total Income			17,666.89
Expenses	Barbra Larson lodging Extravaganza	69.00	
	Olan Ray Creek UF – Weevil	300.00	
	Univ Fl – share	2,463.82	
	Univ Fl – share	14,500.00	
Total expenses			17,332.82
Ending Balance 3/30/01			15,372.10

The above statement compiled from the register report given by T. S. Nuse and Peggy F. Nuse.

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BSI Member? _____

Your BSI Affiliate (if applicable) _____

Total Amount Due _____ Payment by Check: Make check in US

Dollars payable to: WBC 2002

Payment by Credit Card: Visa? MasterCard? (circle one)

Expiration Date? _____ MM/YY

Your name as it appears on your CARD (Print) _____

Signature _____

Account Number _____

You will be notified of the Date and Hotel

All registration fees paid after July 31, 2000 and until May 1, 2002. Are
70% refundable. After that no refund will be given (except in cases of ill-
ness or death)

After July 4 2000, send registration fee as indicated above to
WBC 2002 P.O. BOX 12981 Gainesville, FL 32604-0981 FAX 352-372-
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Catching Up Staying Even

It's hard to believe half of the year is already over. This has been a busy six months for us doing our own Sarasota Society newsletter, and this Florida Council newsletter, being on the World Conference Committee in charge of tours, and being on the Florida Council Committee to upgrade the bylaws, and it doesn't look like it will get any easier with the World Conference fast approaching and this year's Extravaganza also quickly coming up in October.

We have had some construction on our house this past year and that is pretty much over with, but Len and a friend just built a shed the size of a one car garage, and hopefully, how we will have places to put our plants where no one will put a two by four on it. Maybe we'll have something good enough for the World Conference next year, but if not it's fun just growing bromeliads just the same.

Haven't had much input from you other societies out there or your reps for this newsletter. As you can see since we've started, we haven't had any articles outside of the mandatory articles we feel we've had to include such as "Evil Weevil" updates, Web Report, Treasurer's Report, Minutes and other things like that.. We would like to put fresh articles, not just an article that has appeared in one newsletter or another, but we ourselves have not had that much time to concentrate on something. Most of our endeavors go to our own society newsletter and that might be the same for many of you who like to write. So we are going to ask all those people who don't normally write for your own newsletter, to contribute something to this one. We know out of the 700 plus members in the FCBS, only about 20 or 30 if that many contribute to their own newsletters. That leaves well over 600 to contribute to this one. So we expect the next issue to be quite thick, and if we don't hear from you we'll pick out people at random.

All kidding aside, we hope you all have a good and safe summer and see you at the Extravaganza.

Len & Inez Dolatowski



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