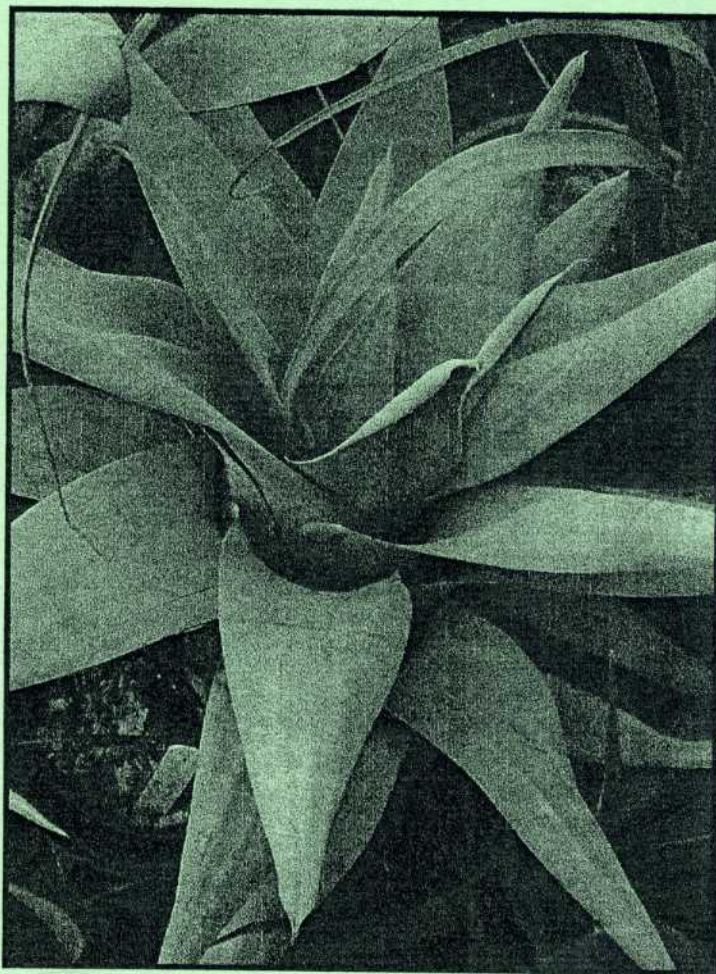


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Vriesea funebris ?
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March 2, 2002 **Bromeliad Symposium** **Outline**

Location: Recreation Hall at
 Highlands Hammock State Park

Date: March 2, 2002
 Time: 8:45 am to 3:00pm, then
 field excursion

Planned Speakers:

8:45am- introduction and wel-
 come by Dorothy Harris, Park
 Ranger (10 minutes)

9:00am (45 minutes and 15 min-
 utes for discussion/questions)
 Mr. Dennis Cathcart of Tropiflora
 in Sarasota
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-A well known bromeliad grower,
 who has had personal experience
 dealing with *Metamasius callizona*
 in his nursery. Will discuss bro-
 meliads as an industry and the
 ways that this exotic pest is affect-
 ing the industry.

10:05am (45 minutes and 15 min-
 utes for discussion/questions)
 Mr. Harry Luther, Director Bro-
 meliad Identification Cen-
 ter/Curator, Living Collections
 The Marie Selby Botanical Gar-
 dens

-Considered to be the "authority"
 on bromeliads, he has graciously
 agreed to join us and speak on
 bromeliad diversity, distribution

and the general ecology of these
 amazing plants.

11:05 am 15 minute break

11:20am (45 minutes and 15 minutes
 for discussion/questions)

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-Dr. Frank now leads a project on
 biological control on *Metamasius*
callizona, the Mexican bromeliad
 weevil. A much earlier project of
 his was on ecology of some mos-
 quito species whose larvae develop
 in water trapped in bromeliad leaf
 axils. He will speak about the inver-
 tebrate animals, including insects,
 that depend on bromeliads as habitat
 and/or food in Florida and else-
 where.

12:30 LUNCH BREAK (lunch items
 available at the Hammock Inn in
 picnic area, as well as at
 various restaurants either north or
 south on US Highway 27)

1:45pm (45 minute presentation-
 15minutes for discussion, followed
 by field excursion & collecting)
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 -Ms. Larson has been spearheading
 the effort to promote seed collec-

tions of the now endangered bromeliad species in Florida. She has developed a presentation on the *Metamasius callizona*, or Mexican bromeliad weevil, and will inform us on this exotic pest and the damage it is causing to our native bromeliads. Additionally, she will lead a training excursion after lunch to offer hands-on seed collecting for symposium participants. (no prior exp. necessary and it's not strenuous!)

Sheets for additional collection dates will be posted in the event that you need to leave early, please join us on some of our other dates for this very important effort! Your volunteer assistance may help save our local populations of these beautiful plants.

For those wishing to remain in the park for lunch, the Hammock Inn is open and serves a full, very reasonably priced luncheon menu, as well as their famous Hammock and Wild Orange Pies, shakes and snacks.

They will also be open for breakfast at 7:00am for those who might like to eat together prior to the symposium. Located in the picnic area of the park, (it is about a 10 minute brisk walk), parking is available. (exit through campground to main road, turn right, travel about ½ block, turn left into picnic area, it is the building on the right.) They are open 7am to 5pm, 863-385-4136

WBC2002 MAY14-19 HILTON ST. PETE

It is time for some enthusiastic promotion of the World Bromeliad Conference which will take place at the Hilton, St. Pete in May. We only have three months to work, for things must be in place by April 14.

Reservations made at the hotel after April 14 will not count toward our room-night count nor will the registrants receive the special rate.

The Sales Room set-up is nearly complete. We are reserving quite a few tables for Member's Sales for those who have pups and plants to sell, but who do not want to bother with a booth. March 1 is the absolute deadline for notifying Joyce Brehm that one wishes to sell in Member's Sales and requesting barcodes.

We want to have 100% participation from the Florida Bromeliad Societies in the Display Area. Several have already committed to a floor display but even a table top display or scrapbook of society activities will be interesting to those attending the Conference.

Even for Florida residents the Dolotowskis tour list is a fantastic opportunity. Pick and choose, but participate in some of these tours at a very reduced price. A full explanation of each day's tour is

on the BSI.org website and is included in each registrant's letter. Tours may be reserved on line at BSI.org and paid for by credit card.

The Show Schedule Committee has finished with the Schedule, with the exception of the Artistic Arrangement Section. The Schedule is essentially the same as all our Florida Show Schedules. It will be posted in abbreviated form on the BSI Website. Please urge members to begin looking over their plants for likely entries in the WBC show. We plan to send a copy to all Florida Societies and will also send a schedule to those registrants who request one.

Help is needed at the Conference in the areas of Show Placement [we request a bit of experience or a willingness to quickly learn], Security, Tours and the Hospitality-Registration desk.

The cut off date for having a "best wishes" ad in the Conference Program is rapidly approaching. To join the list of well wishers requires a \$10 donation to WBC2002. Please send these good wishes to Carolyn Schoenau. March 1st is the deadline for requesting barcodes for members sales. Selling a few excess pups and adult bromeliads can help defray expenses of a vacation at the WBC2002 in St. Petersburg. Barcodes insure a full reimbursement of sales. They only have to be re-

quested of Joyce Brehm and attached to the plant. A chance of a lifetime is waiting just for you!

This Conference will distribute some beautiful new hybrids to Registrants and the Registrant Packet will be a wonderful surprise.....the most generous packet that has ever been offered.

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THE 2001 BROMELIAD EXTRAVAGANZA WAS A HUGE SUCCESS

By Eloise Beach

The Extravaganza, hosted by the Bromeliad Society of Central Florida on October 27 at the Maitland

Civic Center, will be remembered as "one of the best ever staged." The attendees were raving about everything, including the facility. It was so well received that some people even wanted to have it here EVERY YEAR. (Sorry, but it will continue to rotate around the state-next year in Daytona Beach).

Everyone who worked behind the scenes and at the event can be very proud that the Bromeliad Society of Central Florida will be remembered as hosting a world class event. Many BSCF members worked long hours that day—some from before sunrise until after midnight & even the next morning. We don't have an accurate list of everyone who worked but a huge THANK YOU goes to everyone who came to work, buy plants & just visit with friends. The Extravaganza Committee members were Ed Hall, Chairman; Eloise Beach, John Boardman, Pam Flesher, Nancy Hall, Kathy Law and Jim Pearce.

The Home & Garden TV Network sent a crew from Canada to film at the Extravaganza, Leu Gardens & some BSCF members' gardens. Maybe you will catch that episode on TV.

The Plant Sale was stuffed with an amazing variety of bromeliads- 54 tables overflowed with colorful, unusual, rare, and many bargain-priced plants. Recorded music from South American bands enter-

tained the shoppers. The Bromeliad Society International was selling back issues of the Journal and you could even buy copies of the very rare out-of-print GRANDE Magazine. Equally amazing was the fact that the room was filled with buyers ALL DAY. It was a feeding frenzy. People just kept shopping & buying more. The big effort spent on publicity through live radio spots by Eloise Beach plus great support by the Orlando Sentinel, neighborhood papers, newspapers throughout the state as well as local radio & TV public service announcements really brought out the general public. Our small staff of plant sale workers did a tremendous job of handling the big crowds. The plant sellers who took the time to participate were also extremely happy.

The membership drive brought in 8 new members for BSCF and one new member for the Bromeliad Society International.

The hourly seminars were well attended and lots of prizes were awarded to those who came to learn. Our seven guest speakers, invited by John Boardman, were well prepared and gave very interesting presentations. Thanks again to: Wilma Paulauskas, Orlando; Barbra Larson, Gainesville; Tom Wolfe, Lutz; Grant Groves, Winter Garden; Beth Lamb, Sebring; John Russell, Sanford; and Michael Andreas, Merritt Island.

Another popular & successful feature was the Snack Bar offering beverages, snacks, sandwiches & salads. Members did a great job serving the hungry people. Special thanks to nonmember Irene Beach (Eloise's mother) who, decked out in that long white apron, worked the entire day without a break, smiling & entertaining everyone who stopped.

Workers at the Plant Holding Booth did a fine job of plant-sitting and checking in the auction donations. They were always busy because people were buying box after box full of plants.

We received lots of compliments for our educational displays. One of the most popular was "Aechmea orlandiana & Relatives" coordinated by Eloise Beach. George & Irene Aldrich provided an outstanding piece of driftwood that served as a focal point for the interesting grouping of Aechmea orlandiana varieties & hybrids. Plants for this display were provided by the Aldrich's, Betsy McCrory, Moyna Prince of Miami, & Eloise Beach. Michael Andreas provided color photos of Ae. orlandiana varieties and Herbert Henry helped with the setup. The plants were labeled and stories about their origin were posted.

Florida's native bromeliads were well represented. Herbert Henry did an excellent job of displaying the natives and providing names & information about each species. A highlight of the display was a beautiful blooming

Guzmania monostachia variegata—a very rare plant. Barbra Larson brought an informative display all the way from Gainesville about the Evil Weevil and also provided the continuous computer presentations featuring a weevil update and a survey of all the Florida native bromeliads including photos of blooming specimens. We even had a display about growing Tillandsias from seed with live seedlings.

Many people enjoyed reading about the history of the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies and looking at information about each of the 12 bromeliad societies in Florida—including most society newsletters. Eloise Beach gathered & printed the information and Kathy Law & Herbert Henry helped set it up. There was also a handout with the society info. Other displays included a blooming pineapple (contrasted with Spanish Moss) offering instructional flyers on how to grow a pineapple and a display about the 15th World Bromeliad Conference. Thanks to Grant & Magali Groves for providing many colorful bromeliads to decorate the Civic Center lobby.

Everyone was anticipating the 4:30 pm Raffle drawing and the \$150 bromeliad book was won by BSCF member, Herbert Henry. We gave away 22 other prizes to lucky winners. The raffle was a

great success.

Even though the Sale closed at 5 p.m., we had to remove the displays and get ready for the cash bar and evening banquet activities.

It was sad that less than 100 people attended the banquet & auction, but those people were rewarded with a fun-filled evening they will long remember. The tables were decorated with beautiful centerpieces featuring many mounted bromeliads and each attendee received a tissue-cultured plant from Twyford International. After the delicious buffet, we played Bromeliad Bingo with Ed Hall being a very entertaining Bingo caller. Four winners took home blooming bromeliads & Florida lottery tickets. Those prizes were displayed on a table "guarded" by honorary BSCF member "Frank N. Stein" who was a colorful lighted 3' tall Frankenstein figure. Since this was the weekend before Halloween, Kathy Law & Jim Mahler carved several very creative jack-o-lanterns that were on display all day.

The grand prize Bingo winners were BSCF members Sam Wilson (\$150 bromeliad book) and Matilda Morabito (World Conference Registration). Another World Conference Registration was won by Kathy Ris-

ley of Clearwater (Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society).

The Rare Plant Auction had 48 items available for bidding. Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society members, Betty Ann Prevatt, Eleanor Kinzie & Dianne Molnar, kept all the bidding records in perfect order. Each of the 12 societies in Florida was requested to donate 6 items, but unfortunately some did not support the auction too well. (Central Florida-10 items; Broward-7; FL West Coast -7; Caloosahatchee -5; South Florida-5; Seminole-4; FL East Coast-3; Jax-Gainesville-2; Sarasota-2; Tampa Bay-2; anonymous-1; Boca Raton-0; Treasure Coast-0)

The auction was still a tremendous success because the bidding was very spirited. (Some said BSCF bartender, Bob O'Bryant, was "very generous.") BSCF V.P. John Boardman won the most exciting bidding war, paying \$215 for the right to own & name one of Don Beadle's last hybrids: Billbergia 'Carrone's Black Bill' x 'Arriba.' That was the top price of the evening. Everybody was talking about Ed Hall modeling a tee shirt that was up for auction. You had to see it to believe it! The



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auction raised \$2,335 for the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies. It was an evening filled with non-stop entertainment. IT WAS TRULY A NIGHT TO REMEMBER!

On Sunday, lots of people took advantage of the open houses & nursery tours provided by BSCF members Ed & Nancy Hall, Grant & Magali Groves (Color Zone Tropicals) & the McCrory family (Boggy Creek Bromeliads). It was a wonderful way to end the weekend.

During this Extravaganza, we saw so many bromeliad friends from all over Florida and even one familiar face all the way from California, Bob Wright (he came just for this event). We were also happy to see Bert & Grace Foster. The Maitland Civic Center provided a comfortable setting for renewing friendships, making new friends and exchanging plant stories. The 2001 Bromeliad Extravaganza was a huge success for our society in so many ways. It was a financial success as well, with a profit for BSCF exceeding \$2,500. Thanks to everyone who took the time to support this event and the Bromeliad Society of Central Florida. Quoting from the Sarasota Bromeliad Society November newsletter: "The Extravaganza ... was an event you should not have missed."

Minutes of the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies 10/13/01

Meeting was hosted by Dr. Karl and Kris Green of BSSF at the clubhouse of the Royal Harbour Yacht Club in Miami and came to order at 1:10p.m. with 16 members present.

Secretary's Report:

The Chairman reported that the Secretary had resigned. In his absence, the minutes of the meeting were taken by Jay Thurrott. 16 members were present. Ed Hall made a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting as recorded in the newsletter. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Ted Nuse submitted the Treasurer's report. He reported that a check has been received from the state for the final balance of grant monies for the Weevil Fund. A reminder was given that dues for each society will be due in January and that each check should be accompanied by a current roster of members. All member societies are presently paid up for 2001. It was noted that the cost of preparing the newsletter has increased and that additional income would be needed to offset expenses by the Council. Dr. Barbara Larson raised the question of possibly increasing the annual dues. Following discus-

sion, a motion was made by Karl Green and seconded by Inez Dolatowski that dues be increased by \$1/member per year. Discussion concerning reference to dues in the proposed Standing Rules (new to the By-Laws revision) led to the motion being withdrawn until the revisions to the By-Laws were passed. The Treasurer notified the Council of his wish to resign effective Jan. 2002 due to other commitments during the coming year.

Webmaster's Report:

Michael Andreas was unable to attend. Copies of the Webmaster's report were distributed. Information about this year's Extravaganza has been posted and updated. A memorial page for Carol and Geoff Johnson was posted. This year's fee (\$239.40) for the web site has been paid and will be next due on 7/23/02. The new Tillandsia book Tillandsia 1 has listed the Council website as one of its sources.

Weevil Report:

Dr. Babara Larson submitted a Weevil Project Update and reported the encouraging news that more flies had arrived from Ron Cave and that they were doing well.

Preparations are underway to get them out of quarantine. Additional greenhouse space has been provided for the rearing of

plants to feed the weevils. The names of individuals who will be collecting seeds are needed immediately so that they will appear on the permit to collect in state parks. Phil Fenner of South Florida has volunteered to grow seeds for the project in addition to John Russell of Sanford. Ed Hall emphasized that seed must be grown only in state inspected nurseries.

Proposals have been submitted for grants from the Native Plant Conservation Initiative and the Gulf Stream Pipeline project.

Extravaganza Report:

Ed Hall presented an update on the 2001 Extravaganza. Plants for sale will be accepted Friday afternoon and early Saturday morning. Home and Garden TV network will be on site filming on Saturday morning.

BSI and World Conference Reports:

Tom Wolfe reported on receiving authorization to purchase a cabinet for storage at Selby Gardens as part of an initiative to establish a World Bromeliad Center at Selby. He encouraged everyone to register at the hotel for the World Conference to help meet the room night commitment for the hotel.

Old Business:

Bylaw Revision

Jay Thurrott reported that

several constructive comments had been received and addressed in the revisions to the By-Laws. He reviewed the most recent revisions and solicited any further remarks. Maureen Frazel made a motion that the By-Laws be accepted as presented. Ted Nuse seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved. Karl Green resubmitted his motion (seconded by Inez D.) to amend the Standing Rules to reflect a dues increase of \$1 per member per year. Motion carried unanimously. Dues of \$3/member plus \$10/society will be effective in January '02.

Speaker's Roster:

Tom Wolfe collected additions to a speakers list which he is compiling and will present it at the next meeting.

New Business:

Maureen Frazel made a motion, seconded by Karl Green that the Fall Council meeting be held in conjunction with the Extravaganza and that this scheduling carry through each year on the date of the Extravaganza. This will reduce travel by Council members who currently must travel to the October Council meeting in addition to the Extravaganza (which is usually in September or October). This will also affect the current scheduled list of rotation for societies to host the quarterly Council meetings. Motion carried unani-

mously.

A motion was made by Vicky Chirnside and seconded by Polly Pascal for the Council Chairman to review the proposed meeting schedule and host societies for upcoming years and make adjustments as may be called for with the objective to distribute meeting locations more evenly across the state each year. Motion carried unanimously.

The January '02 meeting will be conducted by the new slate of officers and will be at the University of Florida Nematology Department in Gainesville.

Ed Hall moved for adjournment. Compliments and thanks were expressed to Karl and Kris Green and Moyna Prince for making arrangements for the meeting and providing a wonderful lunch for everyone. Meeting adjourned at 3:00p.m.

Following the meeting Karl gave a tour of his greenhouse and his incredible collection of over 1000 species plants - many of which have not been released and are not available anywhere in the country.

Jay Thurrott (acting secretary)

Weevil Project Update October 13, 2001

1.) Biological control:

a.) *Flies:*

Ron Cave brought 4 adults and 30 puparia to Gainesville on September 20. We have changed the conditions under which the puparia are kept, and adult emergence has been very good. He sent an additional 14 puparia, which arrived Oct. 11. We will be receiving several shipments of additional flies in the coming months.

b.) *Weevils:*

We are modifying the method of rearing the Mexican bromeliad weevil, moving some of the rearing operation to the lab, to clear up greenhouse space in preparation for mass rearing the fly when a release permit is obtained.

b.) *Plants:*

The project has received a donation of 950 small *Tillandsia utriculata* plants from Driftwood Gardens, with additional plants to follow. We also received several mature *T. utriculata* and approximately 10,000 seedlings from the Gulfstream Pipeline construction on the western end (Hardee Co.). We will receive more plants next summer when construction reaches the eastern end (Martin Co.). We have started using additional greenhouse space provided by the UF Entomology Dept.

2.) Seed collection:

a.) *Update on permits available:*

A DPI permit is now available for Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge (Palm Beach County). Landowner permission is pending for the following: Florida Division of Forestry, Sarasota County Parks and Recreation, Martin County Parks and Recreation, and Florida's Turnpike.

b.) *Updated collector lists from each society:*

Societies that have not already done so should submit as soon as possible an updated list of members who will be participating in seed collecting. Florida Park Service will not issue a permit (to be valid for all state parks affected or potentially affected by the weevil) without listing all seed collectors. Anyone whose name is not included in the list submitted to the Park Service will have to request their own permit if they wish to collect in state parks.

c.) *Seed growers:*

Phil Fenner of Glades Botanical Garden (Glades Co.) has volunteered to grow seeds for the project. Seeds collected in the southern counties can be sent to him, while seeds collected farther north can be sent to John Russell.

3. Public outreach:

a.) An article about the weevil problem was published in the Fall issue of Harbor Happenings, the newsletter of the Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program (<http://www.charlotteharbornep.com>).

b.) Display materials about the weevil problem and native Florida bromeliads were provided to Miami Beach Botanical Gardens for a bromeliad exhibit, which opened October 6 and will run to December 13.

**Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies Web Report
October 13, 2001
<http://fcbs.org>**

As of October 9, there have been 77,370 visitors to the Council site. Internal hits to the site are now averaging about 300,000 a month.

Information about the upcoming Extravaganza was posted on August 10 and has been updated regularly as new information was received.

A memorial page for Carol and Geoff Johnson was posted: "Carol Johnson and Geoff Johnson, The Legends of Pineapple Place - A Page Dedicated to the Memory of Carol Johnson and Geoff Johnson." Included are pictures from the final Pineapple

Place bromeliad sale, as well as a remembrance by Kristi Johnson and an overview of the bromeliad nursery by Derek Butcher. Both Kristi Johnson and Judi Curavo, Carol's daughters, are pleased with the page.

Photos by Virginia Schrenker were added to Photo Index a good number of which were *Cryptanthus* pictures. In addition, more than 140 new photos were added to the Photo Index Database from the following: Jun Matsuzono; Renate Ehlers; Virginia Schrenker;

K. Woods; Geoff Lawn; M. Romanowski; Singapore Botanic Gardens; Carol Johnson; Derek Butcher; Herb Plever; Peter Temple; Shuko Kawamura; and G. Stansfield.

The annual fee to US Net / Hispeed Technologies for hosting the web site was paid and will be due again on July 23, 2002. The amount is \$239.40 for one year.

A reference to the Council website as a bromeliad resource is in the new Tillandsia book, *Tillandsia 1*, written by Antonin and Ondrej Lukscheiterovi. The first half of the book is written in Czechoslovakian; the second half is an English translation.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Andreas
Webmaster
Karen Andreas

Weevil Project Update January 12, 2002

1.) Biological control:

Since October, Ron Cave has sent 8 adult *Admontia* sp. flies and 121 puparia. He is attempting to begin a colony of *Admontia* in his lab in Honduras and will use some of the flies emerging from field-collected weevil larvae to do so. Despite several changes in conditions offered, we have not yet been able to achieve parasitism of the flies in the quarantine laboratory in Gainesville. Parasitized weevil larvae are still being collected in the field in Honduras.

2.) Seed Collection:

a.) *Seed growers*: Contact information for the 2 seed growers is as follows:

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2.) Phil Fenner
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b.) Landowner permission for seed collection permits has been requested for the following county Parks and Recreation departments: Collier County, Polk

County, Brevard County, Charlotte County, Manatee County, Hillsborough County, Hernando County, Pinellas County, Orange County, Seminole County, Volusia County, Lee County, as well as Pinellas Co. Environmental Management Dept. for other protected lands.

3. Public outreach:

a.) Displays on the weevil problem were set up during the following events:
FCBS Extravaganza, Maitland, October 27
Florida Park Service, Citizen Support Organization Annual Meeting, Fort Myers, November 2
Audubon Annual Assembly, Orlando, November 1-3

b.) FCBS has received a \$4,500 grant from Gulfstream Environmental and Recreational Trust program. The money is to be used for production of educational materials and will cover the costs to print posters, laminated flash cards, fact sheets, and CD-ROM's with educational materials about Florida's bromeliads and the weevil problem.

c.) A bromeliad symposium, including a field trip to collect seeds, will be held March 2 at Highlands Hammock State Park, 5931 Hammock Road, Sebring. The purpose is to educate the public about the weevil's effects on

bromeliads in the park and throughout the state. Dorothy Harris, the park ranger organizing the symposium, hopes to use the event to recruit volunteers to collect seeds in the park. Please spread the word about this event to your societies. When available, details will be posted on the project's Web site (<http://savebromeliads.ifas.ufl.edu>), and can also be obtained from Highlands Hammock State Park (Telephone: (863) 386-6094).

**Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies Web Report
January 12, 2002
<http://fcbs.org>**

As of January 11, there have been 81,855 visitors to the Council site.

SINGAPORE - BROMELIADS AT SINGAPORE BOTANICAL GARDENS by Derek Butcher has been added to Bromeliad Information page, Regional Information (Bromeliads around the World) section.

The Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society Newsletters for November 2001 and January 2002 have been posted. Any FCBS member society that does not have a website but would like its newsletter posted can contact the web master for details.

Photos of a *Neoregelia* with four petals, taken by Giselle Blythe in

Australia, have been added to the Believe It or Not page. Also added to this page was NEOREGELIA PUPS by John Catlan from Bromlink #5, 2001.

The COLOR CHART from Paul Isley's book *Tillandsia* has been added to the Classification page. It is intended for use as a reference when describing color as related to bromeliads.

Added to 'Auntie Margaret Queries,' an ongoing discussion page on misnamed bromeliads: *Aechmea tillandsioides* / *gamosepala*.

Added to the Links page: Southeastern Michigan Bromeliad Society, Bromeliads Online (New Zealand) and Plants in Design (South Florida).

The FCBS Bylaws and Standing Rules, Revised October 2001, have been posted.

Two compact disks of the Carol and Geoff Johnson Memorial page were created by request for Kristi Johnson and her sister.

The following people have contributed pictures to the web site since the last report:

Jay Thurrott	P. Bullis
Ken Woods	Tom Broome
W. Timm	Vic Przetocki
M. Romanowski	Herb Plever
Giselle Blythe	Arturo Kirberg
Alexis Pardo	F. Hancock

Peter Franklin Charles Dills
Bob Lucas Geoff Lawn
G. Stansfield Ken Marks
John Catlan Allan Freeman
Andrew Steens P.MacIntyre

webmaster@fcbs.org
Karen Andreas
karen@digital.net

Upcoming Events

In addition, Dennis Cathcart, owner of Tropiflora, has given permission for photographs from Tropiflora's site to be used on the FCBS site.

The webmaster held a FCBS Website workshop at the Extravaganza in November that was well attended. He conducted a tour via a video projector and explained the various features available at the site.

A question arose recently about including direct contact information on the web site for the FCBS officers. In the past, any inquiries for the officers have been made through the web master who then forwarded on the email. Would the incoming FCBS officers like to have their direct contact information (name, address, email address, and/or telephone number) posted or would they prefer to continue the current arrangement?

As always, articles, photographs and announcements for the web site are welcome. Pictures can be emailed to the web master who also can scan photographs and slides. All materials sent via snail mail will be returned to the sender.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Andreas
Webmaster

March 14-17, 2002
Daytona Beach Garden Show
Ocean Center, Daytona Beach \$3 admission
Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society Sales Booth

March 23-24, 2002 9 am - 5 pm
Leu Gardens Plant Sale FREE
Bromeliad Society of Central Florida--Sale & Membership Drive
Also featuring many other vendors & plant societies
(Bring a wagon to carry your purchases this year)
Location: 1920 N. Forest Ave,
Orlando
www.leugardens.org 407-246-2620

April 13th Florida Council Meeting
Selby Gardens
Sarasota, FL

April 27-28, 2002
Sarasota Bromeliad Society
Annual Show & Sale, Marie Selby
Botanical Gardens, Sarasota
Sale also on April 26th

May 4-5, 2002
Bromeliad Society of South Florida
Annual Show & Sale, Fairchild
Tropical Garden, Miami

May 10-12, 2002

**Bromeliad Society of Central Florida
27th Annual Mother's Day Show &
Sale**

Florida Mall, 8001 S. Orange
Blossom Trail, Orlando - FREE
www.shopsimon.com Contact:
Eloise Beach 407-886-8892
FloridaPRO@aol.com

May 13-20, 2002

**15th BSI World Bromeliad Con-
ference**

Hosted by the Florida West Coast
Bromeliad Society

St. Petersburg Hilton Hotel, 333
-1st St. South, downtown St. Pete
Hilton rates \$99 888-843-6929

Registration \$130 til 5/1

Daily Full Registration \$25 spe-
cial for plant club members

More details on fcbs.org and
bsi.org

Contact Hattie Lou Smith 941-
694-1135

Sept 6-7

**Bromeliad Extravaganza 2002,
Daytona Beach**

Hosted by Florida East Coast
Bromeliad Society

**On Seed Collecting – by Dr.
Barbra Larson**

Don't miss the chance to partici-
pate in the bromeliad seed collec-
tion project this spring!

When plants grown from the

seeds that are collected now are
eventually reintroduced, they
will each be returned to the
place they were collected. If
you want the bromeliad popu-
lations in your local parks to be
represented in the seed that is
collected, make sure that your
parks aren't missed.

Permits are being requested for
all county and state parks
where bromeliads at risk are
found. If you know of city
parks or private land where you
would like to collect seeds, let
us know and we will try to get
the appropriate permits for you.
We have a list of people who
have expressed an interest in
collecting seeds this spring. A
copy of the seed collecting in-
structions and updates on per-
mits that are available will be
sent to everyone on the list. We
also need to keep the list com-
plete, because several park de-
partments are requesting lists
of all potential seed collectors,
to include their names directly
on the permit.

If you would like to be added
to the list of seed collectors, if
you would like to request that a
permit be obtained for a spe-
cific property where you may
be interested in collecting

(other than a state or county park, for which permits are already being requested), or if you would like more information, please contact Barbra Larson (BCLarson@mail.ifas.ufl.edu; Telephone: 352-392-1901 ext. 122; Fax: 352-392-0190; Mail: University of Florida, Entomology and Nematology Dept., Box 110620, Gainesville, FL 32611). Information is also available on the project's Web site (<http://savebromeliads.ifas.ufl.edu>). See the section on seed collection for detailed instructions.

The following is the list of seed collectors from each society current as of Jan. 22:

Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society:

Betty Ann Prevatt, Eleanor Kinzie, Bobbie Hull, Pete Quasius

Bromeliad Society of Central Florida:

Ed Hall, John Russell, Eloise Beach, Jim Pearce, Kathy Law

Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society:

Jay Thurrott, Bud Martin

Treasure Coast Bromeliad Society:

Janet Edwards, Tim Barrett, Greg

Biglin, Cheryl

Friend, Olan Ray Creel

Bromeliad Society of Broward

County: William Frazel

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay:

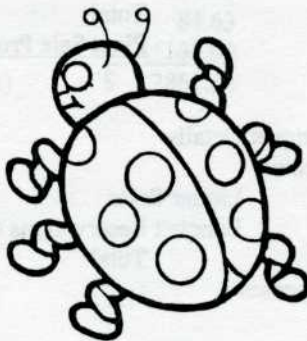
Jerry Griffin, June Griffin, Dave

Johnston, Stephen Prins, Eileen

Prins, Tom Wolfe, Carol Wolfe,

Don Nores, Helen Nores
Sarasota Bromeliad Society: Len Dolatowski, Inez Dolatowski, Grant Parmalee, Michael Parmalee, Brian Sidoti, Karen Norton, Terrie Bert, Ray Lemieux, Rob Branch, Ken Phelps, R. J. Pawlik
Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society: John Bankhead, Janet Bankhead
Seminole Bromeliad Society: Paula White
Jacksonville-Gainesville Bromeliad Society: Al Muzell, Kyle Brown

If you are unable to collect seeds yourself, please let others know about the project. Seed collectors do not have to be members of a bromeliad society.



EXTRAVAGANZA 2001 FINANCIAL REPORT

1. Money Deposited $\$11,745.07 + \$8,134.81 = \$19,879.88$

Sources of income

Plant sale tag count (including sales tax)	\$ 17,633.10
Memberships (BSI-\$30. BSCF-\$64)	94.00
Liquor Sales	239.00
Donations from raffle	433.00
Snack Bar	242.85
Cash for cash boxes	680.00
Extravaganza Auction Cash	722.00
Total Income	\$20,043.95
Cash register shortage	\$164.07

Plant Sale Details

Income (Gross and Sales Tax) \$17,633.10

Memberships 94.00
Total \$17,727.10

Expenses (75% of Gross) \$11,865.75

BSI Sales 133.00
FWCBS Sales 60.00
BSI Membership 30.00
Sales Tax (For all Income) 1,002.48
Civic Center Rental 1,431.00
Plant Inspection 15.00
Printing 162.59
Pot Hangers 125.25
Misc. 100.81

Total \$14,925.88

Plant Sale Profit 2,801.22

Banquet Details

Income
Liquor Sales \$ 239.00
Banquet Reservations (78x\$20) 1,560.00
Total \$ 1,799.00

Expenses

90 Dinners (\$19.08 each)	\$ 1,717.20
Liquor License	25.00
Bromeliad Book	148.40
Liquor	165.92
Misc.	20.24
Total	\$ 2,076.76
Banquet Loss	\$ 277.76

Raffle Details

Donations	\$ 433.00
Expense (Brom. Book & BSI Membership)	178.40
<u>Profit</u>	\$ 254.60

Snack Bar Details

Income	
Public Sales	\$ 242.85
Post event sale to E. Beach	5.00
Total	\$ 247.85
<u>Expenses</u>	
Food (K. Law check 203)	\$ 140.76
Food (E. Beach)	22.46
Total	\$ 63.22
<u>Profit</u>	\$ 84.63

Summary of all activities

Plant Sale	\$ 2801.22
Cash Register Shortage	164.07
Banquet	277.76
Raffle	254.60
Snack Bar	84.63
Donation (Nov. Meeting)	163.00
Net Profit(Includes \$64 BSCF Memberships)	\$ 2861.62
Submitted by,	

Edward Hall

President's Message

Terrie Bert

Hello Fellow Bromeliad Enthusiasts,

January of each year brings a new set of officers to the FCBS. Because it is the Sarasota Bromeliad Society's 'turn' to provide a president for the FCBS, I have the privilege and honor to serve in that office. To me, it's always an honor to serve as a representative of my club(s), the FCBS, or the Bromeliad Society International (BSI). I try to do my best and hope that my contribution will be positive. In that regard, please feel free to contact me if you have questions or suggestions that may be helpful to the FCBS or that may help you as a member of a club that belongs to the FCBS.

There are always house-keeping issues, and I have a few. The first is directed

to each club's officers. Please insure that your club's Membership Chair or Committee sends the appropriate amount of money to pay your club's FCBS membership dues as soon as possible. The FCBS operates on a near-shoestring budget each year, and relies on the dues payments of its member local clubs for money to run its activities. Principal activities of the FCBS are its Extravaganza each year in the fall, and donations to many worthy bromeliad-related causes. Some of these might include contributions to the Bromeliad Identification Center at Selby Gardens; to the BSI "Color Fund", which is used to pay for the beautiful colored pictures that appear in each issue of the BSI Journal; for unique or short-term projects or events, such as memorial donations that will be used for specific purposes; or for scientific symposia at BSI World Conferences. You as bromeliad society members can be sure

that the societies' dues monies are used wisely.

The second issue is fun—please try to attend the seminar and field trip at Highland Hammock on March 2. This will be FUN! And the cost is minimal because there is no registration fee or other 'cover charge'. This is a great opportunity to see one of Florida's most beautiful and biologically diverse preserved areas, and also to hear presentations from some outstanding leaders in the Florida bromeliad world. Be there or be square.

Finally, a brief note on the BSI Wally Berg Award of Excellence. Those of you who are BSI members can still nominate candidates for this award, which is one of high recognition in the bromeliad world and is given only biannually at BSI World Conferences. The criteria were published in the most recent BSI Journal. Please keep in mind that the award is principally for ser-

vice to the BSI and the bromeliad world in general.

You can send nominations, along with justifications for the nominations, to me until March 31. The nominating period closes at the end of that day, no exceptions. Check the BSI journal for further instructions.

I hope to get to know many more bromeliad enthusiasts during my year as FCBS President and look forward to good times with all of you. Go to the World Conference (in Florida for the only time in 6 years) and to the Extravaganza in the fall. Both are guaranteed good times.

