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Newsletter**



**Betsy on the left, Bill on the right and Audrey sitting**

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## Catching Up Staying Even

I happened to pull out the first issue of the Florida Council Newsletter. It is dated 1981. It's amazing this year will be the 22<sup>nd</sup> year for the newsletter. At that time there were nine societies in the council. Ervin Wurthmann was chairman of the Council at the time. Some of the reps were Ed Hall for Bromeliad Society of Central Florida and Harry Luther for Florida West Coast, Vicky Chirnside for Sarasota Bromeliad Society, Nat DeLeon for South Florida and Roland Schnabel and Ervin Wurthmann for Tampa Bay. I find it interesting to see the names of people still involved in the Council. The first roster included a list of 502 members none of which had email. The 12 page newsletter was typed on a typewriter by Carol Johnson and cut and paste method was used. The individual per copy cost was 26 cents. Bring back memories folks? Carol states that except for one

lead article, the publication will consist of strictly news of happenings around the state. For cultural instruction, attend your local society meetings.

This issue of the Quarterly, as people like to call it, is dedicated to Bill and Audrey McCrory of Boggy Creek Bromeliads. It is with sadness that we see this wonderful bromeliad nursery go the path of other Florida bromeliad nurseries. One of the highlights of our vacation trips from Chicago were to visit the backyard bromeliad nurseries in Florida: Pineapple Place, Boggy Creek, and Tropiflora. We are now down to just one, Boggy Creek Bromeliads has closed it's doors.

While we are fortunate to still have Bill and Audrey with us, we felt it would be nice to honor them with this issue so they will know of their appreciation. You could visit with them for hours and they never got tired of sharing their knowledge and plants with you. Their friendly, down-to-earth nature made you always

feel welcome. There are many new members in bromeliad societies today who don't know about Pineapple Place and Boggy Creek and will never realize the treasurers they were.

### From a friend

Just received a disturbing phone call from Inez Dolatowski of the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies. Audrey McCrory is now in a nursing home. This makes me very sad because my wife and I just had supper with her and Bill, their son Ward and daughter Betsy at the St. Petersburg "Beach Party" last May, and enjoyed the renewed friendship.

Seems like just a little while ago the Bill and Audrey would come up to Atlanta to be part of our Bromeliad Shows. That had to be in the early 1980's. Somewhere about that time, Bill asked me to paint a bromeliad and letter Boggy Creek on the cover of their spare tire cover mounted on the rear of their van. I told Bill, "heck

no," I don't want my art at the tail end, put it up front and I'll be happy to paint it for you. Of course, I was glad to do it and was pleased that they asked me to do it. This was Bill and Audrey, always a big smile and fun to be around.

I remember a show at the Orange Park Mall, just below Jacksonville on Mothers Day weekend of 1984. I had finished setting up my booth and was wandering around to see who else was there; I saw Bill at their booth and asked, "Where is Audrey." Bill said, "Hello Don, I didn't know if you were coming down." Well you know Audrey, she is around somewhere talking to other exhibitors". I mentioned that they had some great looking plants and was amazed at a certain plant. How in the world did this happen, I asked Bill. This was a *Aechmea tessmannii* with a pup in bloom growing from the base of the mother plant. Could I bor-

row this I asked? It would make a great demo. It is my habit to borrow or purchase a plant from a vendor to paint as a demonstration of my water colors. This keeps me busy and people like to stop and look. "Certainly", said Bill, "and I'll drop by later to see how you're doing".

Well, making a long story short, Bill or Audrey would occasionally drop by to check on my progress. Finally, at take down on Sunday afternoon, here comes Bill saying "Audrey sent me to pick up her painting". "Gee, Bill, I said, that was just a demo piece and not meant for a finished painting". "I tore it and put it in the trash", as I pointed to my trash can, "but here is your plant, I really appreciate your letting me use it". Of course, I had not torn it up and as soon as I returned to Atlanta I finished the painting. Christmas of that year the McCrory's received the original water color of their *Aechmea tessmannii* with its blooming pup. Yes, I received a phone

call blessing me out, but thanking me at the same time.

When I decided to issue plant no. 2 of my Collector Plate series, this was the one I wanted to feature and this is why I wanted the McCrory's to have the first plate of the series since it was their plant. They were presented plate number one at the World Conference in May.

Those of you who have not had the chance to work with or just be around the McCrory's have missed one of life's blessings. Folks like this is what makes shows and the societies great. The plants are just the icing on the cake, and oh' how I do enjoy cake.

Don Lee  
Artist  
Grayson, Georgia

## **Boggy Creek Bromeliads has closed**

Florida must have more bromeliad nurseries than any other state in the country except perhaps California, but we've lost a few real gems through the years. It's been roughly two years since the Johnsons' 'Pineapple Place' closed their doors and now Boggy Creek Bromeliads has gone out of business. It's a bit of a melancholy event when a bromeliad nursery closes after being in business for many years and this was no exception. We traveled to Kissimmee on the Saturday after Thanksgiving and it was nice to see so many friends who we've come to know from bromeliad societies throughout the state – bromeliad people are just the nicest people! It was exciting to be part of the frenzy of shopping in a greenhouse full of different and unusual plants – it looked like Wal Mart on the first shopping day after Thanksgiving, although without the shopping carts! But there was also a touch of sad-

ness in knowing that the McCrorys were selling off a collection that had obviously been very dear to them and had taken so long to acquire. One of my selections was an Orthophytum with a name tag showing the words "Carol Johnson" after the plant name. This was probably a plant that had been collected by the owner of Pineapple Place at sometime in the past, then had been shared with the McCrorys and now was outsurviving it's second nursery home. I guess that typifies these plants – they're survivors, and although nurseries may come and go, the plants live on...taking with them memories and an ever richer history! ....Jay Thurott ,  
Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society

Audrey McCrory can be contacted at Osceola Health Care, 4201 W. New Nolte Road, Room 208, St. Cloud, FL 34769.

## Upcoming Events

March 15-17

Selby Botanical Gardens Spring Plant Fair 10-5 811 S. Palm Ave., Sarasota Admission \$10  
[www.selby.org](http://www.selby.org)

March 22-23

Leu Gardens Spring Plant Sale Bromeliads, cacti, orchids, and lots of gardening vendors and societies. 9-5 Free admission 1920 N. Forest Ave., Orlando 407-246-2620  
[www.leugardens.org](http://www.leugardens.org)

March 22-22nd

Palma Sola Botanical Park Spring Garden Festival, 9800 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. North West, Bradenton, FL 941-761-2866 [palmasolabp@aol.com](mailto:palmasolabp@aol.com)

March 29-30<sup>th</sup>

Greenfest 2003  
Plants, herbs, flowers, garden tools, accessories, workshops Historic Plant Park, Univ. of Tampa, 401 W. Kennedy Blvd. 10-4 813-231-1335  
[www.greenfest.org](http://www.greenfest.org)

April 4-6th

Tropiflora Spring Festival

3530 Tallevast Rd  
Sarasota, FL 34243  
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Thousands of plants for sale, food, entertainment, raffles, fun  
[tflora@gte.net](mailto:tflora@gte.net)

April 11-13 23<sup>rd</sup>

Annual Sarasota Bromeliad Show and Sale  
"Bromeliads On the Net"  
Standard show, sales, banquet, rare plant auction at Selby Botanic Gardens, 811 S. Palm Ave., Sarasota, 10:00-4:00 Rob Branch show chairman  
941-358-4953 or  
[ldotow@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:ldotow@tampabay.rr.com).  
Plant sale only on April 11<sup>th</sup>, Show and Sale 12-13<sup>th</sup>. Reduced admission if you were a Bromeliad Society name tag (or membership card).

April 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>

Bromeliad Society of Broward County Show and Sale, International Fishing Hall of Fame, Dania Beach. Contact Ann Schandelmayer 954-583-1124 for further info.

April 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>  
Seminole Bromeliad Society  
Annual Spring Bromeliad  
Show and sale 9:00-5:00  
Sanford Garden Club.  
117 & 19 in Sanford

May 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
Bromeliad Society of South  
Florida Show & Sale, Fair-  
child Tropical Garden, 10901  
Old Cutler Road, Miami, FL.  
Karl Green show chairman

May 3-4 8<sup>th</sup>  
Intl. Cryptanthus Show hosted  
by the Greater New Orleans  
Bromeliad Society, Lakeside  
Mall, Metairie, LA Bromeli-  
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July 26<sup>th</sup> – August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2004  
16<sup>th</sup> World Bromeliad Confer-  
ence, Chicago

May 9<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>  
Central Florida Bromeliad So-  
ciety's 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Mother's  
Day Show and Sale at Florida  
Mall in Orlando, 8001 S. Or-  
ange Blossom Trail. 10:00-  
9:00 May 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> and Noon  
– 6:00 on May 11<sup>th</sup> Free park-

ing and admission. For  
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### Weevil Tests

We are now setting up tests to continue determining which ornamental bromeliads the Mexican bromeliad weevil will attack. We will mainly be testing bromeliads that people are likely to have at their homes and maintain outside (where they would be susceptible to weevil infestation). If anyone knows of particular species or hybrids that they feel would be important to test, please let us know as soon as possible (and provide a source for the plant, if possible). We have 43 species and hybrids to begin with, but we would like to test more. This is your chance to find out if your plants are susceptible to the bromeliad weevil, so please give us suggestions.

Thank you,

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**Weevil Report  
January 11, 2003**

Biological control/weevil  
research:

Exploration trips for other  
biological control agents:

Howard Frank traveled to Mexico (October 8-29) to search for other potential natural enemies of *Metamasius callizona*. Mike Owen, Park Biologist at Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park, accompanied him during part of the trip. Despite visiting a variety of sites and habitats, Howard and Mike did not encounter any parasitized weevil larvae (the five larvae that Howard brought back to quarantine produced *M. callizona*

adults). Weevil populations were very low in all areas visited. They found one place with many epiphytic bromeliads where *M. callizona* is present, and a Mexican colleague of Howard's is trying to organize others to collect weevil larvae there.

Ron Cave traveled to Belize (October 24 to November 6) for the same purpose and was met there by Julio Torres, who has been working on the project in Honduras. They found higher weevil populations than were present in Mexico, and Ron returned with 170 weevil larvae.

None have produced parasitoids. Fifty-seven are still developing in quarantine. The adults that have emerged appear to be of a different species of *Metamasius*, and they will be sent to a weevil taxonomist for identification.

Collection of *Lixophaga* flies  
in Honduras:

Four shipments of fly puparia were sent from Honduras to Gainesville between October

and December, totaling only 81 puparia. Weevil and fly populations appear to have been lower in the field this year in Honduras than in previous years. Attempts to mate the flies in quarantine have still not been successful and have probably been hindered by the low numbers of flies present at any one time. In mid-December, a recent graduate of Zamorano, Nolberto Arismendi Solis, was contracted to work on the bromeliad weevil project as well. He will be attempting to establish a colony of the fly in the field and/or laboratory in Honduras before the field collecting season ends. If successful, this would allow continual shipments of flies to Gainesville.

#### Weevil spread:

Ray Creel and Ron Cave have visited the St. Sebastian River State Buffer Preserve (Indian River County) several times in conjunction with activities necessary to obtain a permit for collecting larvae of native bromeliad weevils in that pre-

serve and in North Fork River State Buffer Preserve (St. Lucie County). In a cypress dome in the northwest sector of the preserve a large population of *Tillandsia fasciculata* has been almost entirely destroyed by the weevil, a sight they described as "unforgettable."

Heidi Rhoades of Florida Love has conducted independent monitoring of the weevil in south Florida. She was contracted by the South Florida Water Management District to search for weevil presence on SFWMD lands. She found *M. callizona* present at Pal Mar, Fisheating Creek, and Dupois. No evidence of the weevil was found at Chandler's Slough, Lake Marion, or CREW. *M. mosieri* was present at CREW.

#### Host range testing of *M. callizona*:

We are in the process of setting up tests to determine which bromeliads the weevil will attack. We will mainly

be testing bromeliads that many people are likely to have at their homes and maintain outside (where they would be susceptible to weevil infestation). If anyone has a particular species or hybrid that they feel would be important to test, please let us know (email: [BCLarson@ifas.ufl.edu](mailto:BCLarson@ifas.ufl.edu); phone: 352-392-1901 ext. 122) as soon as possible (and provide a source for the plant, if possible).

#### Personnel changes:

Ray Creel has been hired part-time to assist Ron Cave at Fort Pierce in rearing native weevils and conducting field studies of weevil damage. Teresa Cooper has begun her Master's degree program under the guidance of Howard Frank. With financial support from the Florida Park Service, Teresa will continue her field studies of weevil and bromeliad populations at several parks. David Susa, who is studying agricultural management and has worked with pineapple in his native Ecuador, has been hired half time to replace Teresa in rearing the

weevils in the lab, maintaining the plants, and assisting with the research.

#### **Seed Collecting**

Seed collecting season will be starting soon. Please remember that seeds are only available during the spring months, so for anyone wishing to become involved, now is the time to start planning collecting trips. We'd like to emphasize seed collecting in state parks this year, and that permit requires that all seed collectors be named. Please let us know (email: [BCLarson@ifas.ufl.edu](mailto:BCLarson@ifas.ufl.edu); phone: 352-392-1901 ext. 122) of anyone who would like to be added to that permit or who would like copies of any of the other permits we have so far (Everglades National Park, Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge, and the following county parks departments: Palm Beach, Lee, Highlands, St. Lucie, Pasco, Manatee, Brevard, Collier, and Charlotte).

## Education/Outreach

Collaboration was given to Heidi Rhoades of Florida Love in organizing the Weevil Slam, a two-day educational event held in Boca Raton on November 1-2. The first day was a workshop for land managers in south Florida to help them better understand the weevil problem and take an active part in managing it. Thanks to Olan Ray Creel, Teresa Cooper, and Boca Raton Bromeliad Society members Mark Havlik and Ken Marks for giving presentations and leading sessions during the workshop. The second day of the Weevil Slam was a family educational day. Students from Forest Hills Community High School, who have been studying the weevil problem since last year, prepared games for children. The event also included displays on native bromeliads (thanks to Ray Creel) and on the weevil problem.

Additional displays on the weevil problem were exhib-

ited at the following:

Highlands Hammock CCC Festival, Sebring, November 2 (thanks to Inez and Len Dolatowski for setting up and manning the exhibit)

Mounts Botanical Garden Fall Plant Sale, West Palm Beach, November 2 (thanks to Mark Havlik for setting up the exhibit)

2002 Master Gardener Conference, Gainesville, October 28-30.

There are still available copies of the poster that explains the weevil problem. If anyone can distribute them to county parks, garden centers, etc. please contact Barbara Larson (phone: 352-392-1901 ext. 122; email: [BCLarson@ifas.ufl.edu](mailto:BCLarson@ifas.ufl.edu)).

The FCBS application for another educational grant from the Gulfstream Environmental and Recreational Trust Program for 2003 was not funded.

The bromeliad identification decks (entitled "Bromeliads and Bromeliad Weevils of Florida") are in the final stages of printing. Each society needs to specify how many they want to sell (with proceeds going back to the weevil research fund). Anyone who collects seeds or has collected seeds for the project will be given a complimentary copy.

**Florida Council of  
Bromeliad  
Societies  
Draft Minutes  
January 11, 2003**

Societies present: Ted & Peggy Nuse (FEC); Ken & Tammy Marks (Boca Raton); Tom Wolfe & Don Nores (TB); Theresa Bert & Inez Dolatowski (Sarasota); Mike & Karen Andreas (BSCF); Bob Dalzell & Roland Schnabel (FWCBS); Nat DeLeon (BSSF); Al Muzzell & Carolyn Schoenau (Gainesville); Larry Giroux & Stephan Hoppin (Caloosahatchee) and Ed & Nancy Hall (Seminole)

Others Present: Dr. Barbra Larson (University of Florida); Leonard Dolatowski (Sarasota) and Ronald Schoenau (Gainesville).

Societies not represented:  
BSBC

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by outgoing chairman Theresa Bert at 1 PM at the home of Don & Helen Nores. The Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay hosted the group.

Introduction: Each representative introduced him or herself.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the October 12, 2002 meeting were approved with minor corrections described verbally and noted to be on the web site.

Treasurer's Report: Ted Nuse distributed the Treasurer's Report. He stated the combined accounts total \$18,654.36 with \$3,500.06 in the Florida Council account.

Ted also reported the Treasure Coast Bromeliad Society was reinstated as a member of the FCBS by paying dues. In addition all Societies were put on notice to pay dues by 31 March and submit a roster concurrently. The treasurer's report was filed for audit.

**Webmaster's Report:** Michael Andreas distributed the Web Report. As of January 10, 2003, 10,132,146 visitors have come to the site. Mike mentioned the web site server was relocated in a different state. This caused temporary problems.

**Editor's Report:** No report was distributed but Inez requested a copy of all rosters sent to Ted Nuse. Also the question was brought up about what to do with the computer from Geoff Johnson? A motion by Bob Dalzell and seconded by Al Muzzell was passed to donate it to charity.

**Weevil Report:** Dr. Barbra Larson distributed a 3 page detailed report. Barbra also mentioned that additional wee-

vil posters are available and it was seed-collecting time. Be sure to submit names to Barbra for collecting permits. She requested the FCBS establish a price for the bromeliad identification packet. Larry Giroux made a motion to require a \$5.00 donation for each packet. Al Muzzell seconded it. It passed. Len Dolatowski asked about the degree of seed germination. Terry asked Barbra to investigate the status of seed germination.

**Survey of FCBS Service to Members:** Due to health, Karen reported no results to date but promised it would be done by the April meeting. Karen also reported on an investigation into the formation of the Grants Committee under Roberts Rules of Order. Karen concluded our by-laws are vague to non-existent on the subject. The committee was legal and Edward Hall was the Project Manager. He was

asked to appoint a committee. He chose Al Muzzell and Nat DeLeon and noted that Roland Schnabel as FCBS Chairman was an ex-officio member.

**Additional Committees:** No action was taken on selecting a Chairman of an Education Committee. Terry noted the Vice Chairman, Carolyn Schoenau was the Extravaganza Coordinator per FCBS by-laws.

**Future Extravaganzas:** The 2003 event was still undefined. Roland Schnabel reported that Maureen Frazel indicated BSBC could not host the event. Nat DeLeon said he would investigate BSSF hosting the event at the meeting next week. The 2004 Extravaganza will be hosted by FWCBS and Sarasota will host the 2005 event.

**Award of Distinction:** Terry indicated that by the start of the meeting there was a revised version on E-Mail. This was driven by the inputs from Eloise Beach and others. The committee for the

Distinguished Service Award (as everyone preferred to call it) is Terry Bert, Inez Dolatowski, Jay Thurrott, Karen Andreas and Tom Wolfe. After a lengthy discussion several motions were made.

Carolyn Schoenau made a motion for the DSA to be an annual award given to one or more people, seconded by Karen Andreas and passed. Roland Schnabel made a motion the DSA be called The Carol Johnson DSA, seconded by Bob Dalzell. After some unrelated discussion, Karen Andreas called for the question. The vote passed on the question; then the motion by Roland was also passed. Larry Giroux made a motion directing the DSA committee to make recommendations for receiving nominations. Carolyn Schoenau seconded the motion and it passed.

The DSA committee said they would revise the criteria to be less rigid.

**FCBS 2003 Officers:** Upon completing the old business segment of the meeting, Roland Schnabel assumed the

chairmanship. The remaining officers for the 2003 year Vice Chairman, Carolyn Schoenau and Secretary, Edward Hall.

**New Business:**

Carolyn Schoenau requested inputs on the dates of bromeliad shows.

The incoming Chairman selected Roberts Rules of Order for 2003 and asked Karen Andreas to enforce them.

Ton Wolfe received correspondence from Paul Isley regarding a trip this year to Florida in the mid summer to fall time period. Paul is interested in speaking engagements. The price is \$150 fee plus B&B. The topic would be a slide presentation on his nursery.

Carried Over: Carried over to the next meeting are 1) The appointment of a chairman of an Education Committee and 2) Finalizing the rules for the Carol Johnson Distinguished Service Award.

The next meeting will be April 12<sup>th</sup> in Broward.

A motion to adjourn was made at 3:35PM by Carolyn Schoenau and seconded by Terry

Bert.

Respectfully submitted  
Edward Hall, Secretary

**Florida Council of  
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Draft Minutes  
October 12, 2002**

**Societies present:** Ed and Nancy Hall (Seminole); Ray Lemieux (Sarasota); Jay and Calandra Thurrott (FEC); Ken and Tammy Marks (Boca Raton); Al Muzzell (Gainesville); Vicky Chirnside and Larry Giroux (Caloosahatchee); Michael and Karen Andreas (BSCF); Karl Green (BSSF); Polly Pascal and Maureen Frazel (BSBC); Harold and Beverly Sisco (BGTB); Bob Dalzell and Roland Schnabel (FWCBS).

**Others present:** Susan Gutman (BSBC); Ted and Peggy Nuse (treasurer and acting chairman, respectively). Karen Andreas was acting secretary.

**Societies not represented:**

None.

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by acting chairman Peggy Nuse at 1:00 PM, at the home of Larry Giroux and Stephen Hoppins; Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society was the host.

**Introduction:** each representative introduced him or herself. Al Muzzell reported that the Jacksonville – Gainesville Bromeliad Society has changed its name to the Gainesville Bromeliad Society.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes of the July 13, 2002, meeting were approved as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ted Nuse distributed the Treasurer's Report. He stated that the combined accounts total \$18,641.36, with \$2962.06 in the Florida Council account. He reported that \$1925.00 was raised at the Extravaganza's Rare Plant Auction. The Council made a \$100.00 dona-

tion toward the Selby building fund, home of the Bromeliad Identification Center as well as the repository of BSI records. Ted also reported that Treasure Coast Bromeliad Society is no longer a member since the society's dues have not been paid. The treasurer's report was filed for audit.

**Webmaster's Report:** Michael Andreas distributed a written report. As of October 11, 120,000 visitors have come to the site. The Council's site at fcbs.org turned four years old on August 7. To mark that anniversary date, Michael gave the website a face-lift with a new menu and reduced content on the opening page, which makes the page load faster. He reported on the addition of numerous articles, links, and a list of contributors of photographs during the last three months. The Bylaws were updated online after the last meeting.

**Weevil Report:** Al Muzzell gave an update on the weevil

project and the grants. Dr. Frank currently is in the field and Dr. Larson was unable to attend. Al reported that there is enough money to keep the weevil eradication program going for three years. Al was asked when the most seed collecting volunteers would be needed; he replied that the spring is the most productive season. Maureen Frazel mentioned that a member of Broward Bromeliad Society has an abundance of *T. utriculata* in his yard and wants to get rid of them. Al will contact this person and make arrangements to take the *Tillandsias*, which can be used for research.

Maureen Frazel made a motion of support for the members of the original grant committee and the work they have done. Polly Pascal seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

There followed discussion about the make-up of the expanded grant committee. Karl Green made a motion to table discussion until the January 2003 meeting; Ed Hall seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Public-tions/Newsletter:**

There was no report. Larry Giroux expressed concern that the FCBS roster currently in circulation is not an accurate version. There are mistakes in the roster that have not been corrected but the roster is still being distributed. Ken Marks noted that the part of the problem is that each society has its own timetable for dues and updating its roster and almost none of these timetables coincide with the Council's request for dues to be paid and rosters to be sent in January. Larry Giroux volunteered to work with Inez Dolatowski to resolve the roster problem.

#### **Other Committees/Ad**

**Hoc business:** An unknown Council member asked, via chairman Terrie Bert, for answers

to the following questions:

1. Does the Council have an Educational Committee? No.
2. Does the Council have an Extravaganza Coordinator? No. The host society provides a liaison (usually one of its representatives) to coordinate with the Council.
3. Is there a Parliamentarian? No. Peggy Nuse appointed Karen Andreas to be the Parliamentarian. Parliamentarian's duties are outlined in the Bylaws.

**2002 Extravaganza:** Ed Hall made a motion that the \$1925 raised at the Rare Plant Auction go into the Council's General Fund. Al Muzzell seconded. Ed said that the general fund needs the money; any excess can always be transferred to the Weevil Fund if needed. Ed reminded everyone that the weevil funding is secure for the next three years and the Council's expenses are not keeping up with its income due to printing and mailing costs. Motion passed unanimously.

Jay Thurrott reported that Florida East Coast cleared \$740.00 from the Extravaganza.

Karl Green (BSSF) and Maureen Frazel (BSBC) agreed to go back to their respective societies and see if there is any interest in a joint sponsorship of the Extravaganza in 2003. They will report at the January meeting.

**Changes to Bylaws:** The Bylaws were updated on the Florida Council web site.

**Status of Treasure Coast Bromeliad Society:** Ted Nuse addressed that under the Treasurer's report.

**Awards for distinguished service to FCBS and Florida Bromeliad Societies:** Deferred until January at Terrie Bert's request.

**Problems with Bromeliads, Mosquitoes and Neighbors:** Al Muzzell reported a situation where a bromeliad collector is being harassed by the Health Department to rid his

yard of his collection because of a perceived mosquito/West Nile Virus threat. The homeowner was able to provide scientific proof that bromeliads do not harbor mosquitoes that pose a threat to humans. Al will get a copy of this report for posting on the website. He also suggested that the Council consider an education program to counter this misperception.

**Florida BSI Judges' Workshop:**

It will be held on November 9 from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM in conjunction with the Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society sale. Contact Polly Pascal at 4413 SW 38<sup>th</sup> Terr., Ft. Lauderdale 33312, 954-962-0018.

(The contact information will be removed before posting the minutes on the Council site.)

**Future FCBS Meetings:**

Tampa will host the January meeting; Broward will host the April meeting. Maureen Frazel mentioned that she understood John Boardman of BSCF was interested in hosting a meeting this year. Host societies are needed for the July and October meetings. The rotation schedule was thrown off kilter with the

elimination of Treasure Coast; a new rotation for both meetings and officers will need to be prepared.

**FCBS 2003 Officers:** Roland Schnabel of Florida West Coast has agreed to serve as Chairman; Al Muzzell of Gainesville will be co-chairman; Ed Hall of Seminole will be the secretary. Ted and Peggy Nuse agreed to continue as co-treasurers.

Bob Dalzell expressed some concern that he had not been getting meeting notices until a day or two before the meetings, if at all, and has been unable to attend on such short notice. Several others asked to be placed on the email distribution list. Those addresses follow this report.

**Survey:** Karen Andreas expressed concern that there may be some discontent within the societies about the Florida Council and that perhaps

the Council is not meeting the needs of its members. She has spoken with Nat DeLeon about this matter, and they discussed the idea of creating a survey form for representatives to take back to their societies, distribute, then collect and return to the Council.

There was consensus that Karen should prepare a draft and report back in January.

Larry Giroux mentioned that someone had asked him if the FCBS newsletter is really necessary, given the cost and the fact that the representatives report back to their societies with information that is published in the newsletter at a later date. Is the newsletter timely enough; offer enough pertinent and helpful information; is it money well spent; and how many times a year does it need to come out?

Larry suggested that some of these questions be incorporated in the survey. Karen agreed.

Other business: Ted thanked Ron Schoenau for counting

the tags and money at the Extravaganza; Betty Ann Prevatt and her family for handling the money; and Nick and Pat Ciccarello for handling the check out table. Everyone applauded the efforts of all those who worked on the event.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Andreas  
Acting Secretary

Items tabled or deferred until the January 2003 meeting:

1. Discussion of the composition of the grants committee;
2. Host society for 2003 Extravaganza (Karl Green and Maureen Frazel);
3. Awards for distinguished service to FCBS and Florida Bromeliad Societies (Terrie Bert);

4. Host societies for the July and October 2003 meetings;

5. Membership survey (Karen Andreas);

6. Discussion of roster (Larry Giroux).

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

As of October 11, 120,000 visitors have come to the site.

Several articles were added to the 'Uncle Derek Says' feature: In search of the elusive black Neoregelia; xDeuterocairnia 'Lenny', xHohenelia 'Nifty Nev',

xPuckia Sparkle'; Guzmania sprucei versus dissitiflora; Cryptanthus 'Rainbow Star' Demystified by Nina Rehak; Know your xNiduregelia 'Ruby Ryde'!

August 7, 2002, marked the fourth anniversary of fcbs.org. Prior to that, for about two years, the web site was run from space provided by America OnLine for its members. As the Council's site grew, it ran out of space on AOL. The Council approved moving the website to another provider which offers unlimited space, thus making the extensive data bases on the site possible. To mark this milestone, the appearance of the website was updated. The menu was modified slightly and the amount of information on the opening page was reduced so that the page will load more quickly. "About the FCBS" was added to the menu; here you will find

"A History of the FCBS" by Karen Andreas, minutes of FCBS meetings and other information about the Council. The Mexican Bromeliad 'Evil' Weevil now has its own page, with the link remaining on the opening page.

The Bylaws were updated after the last Council meeting and are available online. The following people contributed pictures to the Photo Index: Peter Tristram; Geoff Lawn; Sharon Petersen; Chris Larson; Herb Plever; Keith Golinski; Keith Green; Bromeliario Imperialis; Shigeko Matsuse; Salvador Trabanino; L. Mountford; K. Woods; Derek Butcher; Grace Goode; Chris Nocera; Mark Dimmitt; Jacques Klop; Paul Isley; Renate Ehlers; Akira Shimazaki; M. Ferenczi; C. Forbes; Tropiflora; Andrew Flower; Ken Marks; Bill Paterson; Jason Grant; Bill Timm; Jarka Rehak; John Buchanan; A. Steens; Vic Przewocki; A. Maloy; M. Ro-

manowski; G. Stansfield; Alex Riemis; Moyna Prince; and Bob Spivey. Under Sources, links to Selby Gardens Press and BSI Online Store were added as sources for bromeliad books and publications.

Additions to the Links page include: Marie Selby Herbarium collection; U.S. Herbarium type Register, Smithsonian; Bromeliads of the Cerro Jefe cloud forest; Tillandsia/Tillandsien; Rick's Tropica; Peru, A Photographic Journey; Andean Botanical Information System; Ecology of Coastal Bromeliaceae of Chili & Peru; and The Plants Database.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the many contributors to this site: their efforts have made fcbs.org what it is today. We would especially like to thank 'Uncle' Derek Butcher and 'Auntie' Margaret Butcher for their tireless efforts and tremendous contributions. We

look forward to many more years of working with bromeliad enthusiasts to build an even better website. We also commend the members of the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies for their foresight in blending bromeliads with technology, thus providing up-to-date information accessible from anywhere in the world.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Andreas  
Webmaster  
Karen Andreas

#### **Affiliate News**

Bromeliad Society of Broward County has a new newsletter editor, Colleen Cope. They now have a nice color newsletter. Colleen can be reached at Timbo-

169@attbi.com

Dorothy Berg is the new editor of the Sarasota Bromeliad Society newsletter. Dorothy can be reached at 5146 Northridge Rd., Apt. 107, Sarasota, FL 34238-3725.

Sarasota and Caloosahatchee have lost a long time member recently. Verdia Lowe an active member and well loved by many passed away after a long illness.

Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society has lost a charter member of their society, Ernestine Lesko Murphy who passed away on January 8, 2003.

The Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay recently had a display and sold plants at the Florida State Fair. A nice exhibit was set up by Stephen and Eileen Prins that had a beach theme like at the World Conference. They are also celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of their club 1963-2003.

At the January 2003 meeting of the Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society, Fay O'Rourke and Bob Albanese presented a program on the evil weevil. The society is also now sending their newsletter via e-mail. James Boynton is the editor and can be reached at Jboynton@tampabay.rr.com

The Bromeliad Society of South Florida members Antonio Arbelaez, Kris Green, Peter and Clara Kouchalakos, Miguel Nicolas, Moyna Prince and Nancy and Tom Steinmetz recently spent time cleaning up bromeliad beds and repotting plants for the conservatory at Fairchild Gardens.

Orlandiana the Newsletter of the Bromeliad Society of Central Florida also has new editors Norma Loepp and Mark Randall frwom@aol.com and a great job they are doing. Eloise Beach, BSCF founding member has been appointed the Advisory Board

of the Nehrling Society which is involved in efforts to save Palm Gardens Cottage and gardens which has stood in Gotha, FL for over a hundred years.

Jay Thurott of the Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society recently appeared on a series of "Gardener's Hotline" on WCEU channel 15.

### **ROSTER**

The Roster at this time has 696 names and addresses. I also have the email addresses for 190 individuals, however, not all of them are probably correct. If you would like a copy of the roster emailed to you, just send us an email to either [ldolatow@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:ldolatow@tampabay.rr.com) or [turtle1657@yahoo.com](mailto:turtle1657@yahoo.com). A copy has been emailed to the FCBS reps also. If anyone wants a "hard copy" of the roster, contact your rep or us and you may obtain a printed copy. As often as this gets updated and having to rely on societies to provide updates there are always changes that

need to be made. For those of you have email and have not received any notices from the Florida Council, please send us an email and we will add your email address to the roster and send you emails from time to time. Also as of this year I have received a current roster from only three societies for 2003, Bromeliad Society of Broward County, Treasure Coast and Sarasota Bromeliad Society.

### **Bromeliads and Bromeliad Weevils of Florida**

A field guide to Florida bromeliads and bromeliad weevils. All pages are laminated with color photographs of all native Florida bromeliads, brief species descriptions, and county distribution maps. The 4"x 3" deck is held together by clip-rings.

The identification deck is available for \$5.00 from any Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies representative