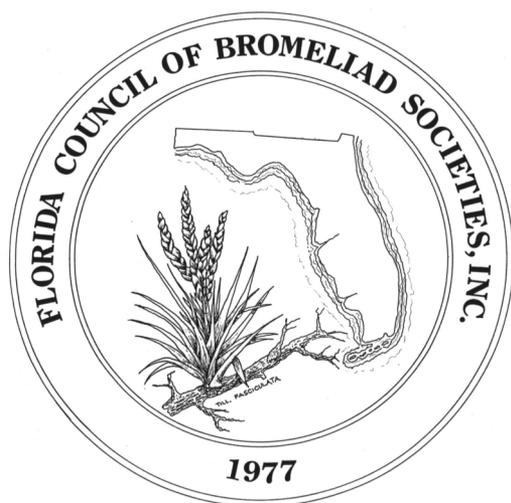


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2005 Bromeliad Extravaganza

Presented by Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies
Hosted by Sarasota Bromeliad Society

Saturday, October 22, 2005

Location: Sarasota Garden Club, Inc.
1131 Blvd. of the Arts
Sarasota, FL 34236
941-955-0875
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

FREE ADMISSION

Banquet and Rare Plant Auction:

The Helmsley Sandcastle
1540 Ben Franklin Dr.
Lido Beach, Sarasota, FL
941-388-2181 or 800-225-2181
www.helmsleyhotels.com

Special room rate \$79-\$99 Reservations deadline September 21, 2005, **mention the Bromeliad Extravaganza.**

Cash bar prior to and during banquet.

RARE PLANT AUCTION

follows banquet.

(Proceeds benefit the Florida Council.)

BRING YOUR FAMILY for a fun weekend! Enjoy the tropical paradise on Lido private beach!

More Extravaganza information is on pages 14 and 15.

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Catching Up ... Staying Even



In order to catch up and stay even, the newsletter publication schedule was accelerated these past three months. After this issue, the newsletter will return to a quarterly publication schedule: the next issue will be in October.

The Council held its quarterly meeting in July, hosted by the Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay. Representatives from Sarasota updated everyone on the Extravaganza, our annual event to talk about and buy bromeliads, enjoy dinner and have fun at the Rare Plant Auction. You will find details on this year's Extravaganza on pages 1, 14 and 15. The exciting news is that the Bromeliad Society of South Florida will host the Extravaganza in 2006 and the Bromeliad Society of Broward County will host the Extravaganza in 2007. Look for even more information on this year's event in September.

Council representatives also voted unanimously to donate \$200.00 to the Bromeliad Identification Center at Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, Sarasota, in recognition of and appreciation for the important work of Harry Luther. The Council already makes quarterly contributions to the BIC in the amount of \$50.00 to show ongoing support of the Florida bromeliad societies for this critical work.

In addition to Extravaganza information, cultural tips, and society news, this issue features articles from Joyce Brehm, president of the Bromeliad Society International, and Dr. Larry Giroux, the editor for the Cryptanthus Society. The Florida Council and its member societies are proud to support both organizations. The Bromeliad Cultivar Registry is maintained by the Council's webmaster, Michael Andreas, on the Council's website for the BSI. Color pictures from the Cryptanthus Journal were posted on the Council's site during the days when the Journal did not publish in color. We encourage you to join both organizations and enjoy the fine journals they offer.

The editors are grateful for all the contributions for this issue of the newsletter – and look forward to hearing from you all soon!

Email the editor at karen@digital.net.

News from FCBS Affiliate Societies



Bromeliad Society of South Florida

Moyna Prince

I've just been re-reading the June issue of the FCBS newsletter. The descriptions of the shows and displays make me realize how fortunate we are in Florida. There are active societies in all parts of the state, busy disseminating bromeliad knowledge to the public and showcasing their best plants in eye-catching displays.

So what does a society do once the show is over? It's back to the routine of monthly meetings and providing - hopefully! - a well-balanced program of speakers. BSSF has been fortunate this year with a roster of outstanding speakers: Nat DeLeon on hybridizing; Bruce McAlpin with some neat tricks for growing bromeliads; Terrie Bert on how to cram 1001 bromeliads into a third of an acre; Larry Giroux on *Cryptanthus* (what else?); and Dennis Cathcart on lithophytic bromeliads. We even had Bromeliad Bingo one night with bromeliads for prizes.

Last week the Miami Herald told us what we had already suspected - that June was one of the wettest on record. Miami-Dade had 17 inches and Broward 20. The grass grows six inches a week, yet bromeliads in the ground are showing remarkable resilience. This is where good drainage is essential so the rain can soak through. A top-dressing of pine bark nuggets allows the water to drain quickly while providing aeration to the root system. It also keeps the weeds down and helps to hold pups upright.

We're looking forward to the Extravaganza in October and catching up once again with bromeliad friends from around the state.

Societies Chat at Council Meeting

There was a lively discussion at the July quarterly Council meeting after Joe O'Rourke asked other societies what they do to engage all their members. **Florida West Coast, Tampa, Sarasota** and **Caloosahatchee** offer workshops before their regular meetings begin. **Tampa** president Dave Johnston is holding workshops on bromeliad nomenclature to help familiarize members with the names of bromeliads. One suggestion was to hold Saturday morning workshops to demonstrate how to remove and pot pups as well as general bromeliad culture.

Several societies reported successful field trips for their members. **Sarasota** has Garden Walks, where a member will open up his or her yard on a Saturday or Sunday for members to visit and see how bromeliads are used in the landscape. **Caloosahatchee**, which also has garden tours, coordinated a trip to the Fakahatchee Strand where members were able to find a few of the rare variegated *Guzmania monostachia*. **Florida East Coast, Seminole** and **Central Florida** joined together for a visit to Russell's Bromeliads in Sanford, followed by lunch at a restaurant on the St. Johns River.

The **Gainesville Society** has a new slate of officers. They will be an active society and are looking forward to developing by-laws in the near future. The **Seminole Society** is also looking toward building membership and becoming more active. They have a new president who will be taking office this September.

Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society

It is with great sadness that Florida West Coast reports the passing of two of its members. Mrs. Anna C. (Jinx) Watkins died April 11, and Mrs. F. Marian Snowden on May 17. "Jinx and Marian were the kinds of members that plant societies always desperately need and search for, but so seldom find,"

The BSI: Did You Know?

by Joyce Brehm
BSI President



Of the 1300 or so members of the BSI, Florida provides one quarter of this membership. Many of these members provide some of the greatest support for us: the editor of *The Journal of the Bromeliad Society*, Bruce Holst; the BSI webmaster, Ken Marks; the Nominations Chair, Terrie Bert; Affiliate Shows Chair, Carolyn Schoenau; Judges Committee Chair, Betty Ann Prevatt; The Bromeliad Identification Center, Harry Luther; and five directors, Michael Andreas, Larry Giroux, Jay Thurrott, and Theresa Bert.

The BSI is a totally non profit organization which exists on donations and volunteers. No other region of the BSI is as generous in its donations as the Floridians. Without your financial support and your volunteer support the BSI could not exist.

The BSI Board of Directors and the volunteers working as the Standing Committees and Special Committees are committed to making every member of the BSI proud to be a member. In fulfilling this promise, we want to know what you want from the BSI. The BSI Survey Committee, one of the special committees is being chaired by Michael Andreas. Karen Andreas has volunteered to help Michael with this task. Look for this questionnaire in your mail box soon and don't forget to complete the questions and return the form so we can work toward our common goals.

Whenever you have any questions or suggestions regarding the BSI, please feel free to ask one of your directors or me. We truly want to please our members.

The BSI website is at <http://bsi.org>.

The Cryptanthus Society

by Dr. Larry Giroux

The genus of Cryptanthus is honored by having its own international organization. In 2005, The Cryptanthus Society celebrates its nineteenth year in existence.

Its international publication, edited by Larry Giroux, The Cryptanthus Journal, is published four times a year. Besides society news, Cryptanthus winners of bromeliad shows throughout the country, articles about growing Cryptanthus, reports on the new hybrids, Q&A column, pest and control suggestions, many other interesting and educational information are found in its pages. Several full color pages are printed in each and every issue.

One duty The Cryptanthus Society has assumed is the dissemination of scientific data concerning new species of Cryptanthus. The 1997 Spring issue of the CSJ presented an index of all published species belonging to the genus Cryptanthus. Since then, updates of newly described species have been published as they become available with drawings or pictures when possible.

Besides donating awards to the numerous bromeliad shows of Affiliate Bromeliad Societies, the CS in association with a host Affiliate Society holds a "Cryptanthus World Conference." The Ninth International Cryptanthus Show was held in Sarasota, Florida, in 2005 in conjunction with the Sarasota Bromeliad Society's own show. As the largest affiliate of the BSI, we will have a major presence in San Diego at the 2006 World Bromeliad Conference.

Annual dues for membership in the Cryptanthus Society are \$20/\$25 for single/dual USA membership and \$25/\$30 for single/dual International membership. This fee includes the four issues per year of the CS Journal, which are mailed by first class postage. To join and receive a free issue of the CS Journal, send your check, made payable to The Cryptanthus Society to:

The Cryptanthus Society
c/o Carole Richtmyer
18814 Cypress Mountain Drive

More Culture Tips for the Summer

by Jay Thurrott



I've often heard it said that Florida doesn't really have four seasons, but just two -Summer and Winter - *hot* and *cold*. Others say that these seasons are just Summer and "Almostsummer" – *hot* and *not-quite-so-hot-but-it-will-be-hot-soon*. Then there are those who say the two seasons are "Too Little Rain" and "Too Much Rain"... and so the argument rages.

Regardless, according to my calendar Summer has officially begun and with it come those frequent afternoon rains that can either produce fantastic growth of our bromeliads or lead to discouraging fungus and rot problems. How do you get one and avoid the other? For those who grow their plants in pots, you can start by matching the potting mix that you use with the areas where you grow your bromeliads. A growing area that stays wet long after the rains have stopped should not be matched with a "dense" mix that also holds water for prolonged periods of time. Either change to a "looser" mix that drains quicker or move the pot to an area that dries out quicker. Adding perlite (not vermiculite, which can pack to make the mix even denser) to the mix will increase the drainage in proportion to the amount of perlite added. If you have no areas to move to that are drier, consider changing to a soil-less "orchid" mix. This can be bark chips, pieces of broken crockery, pebbles or nearly any other material that will provide support for the plant, but very rapid drainage. Consider also that plastic pots tend to keep the mix wetter than unglazed clay pots, which "breathe" and lose moisture through the clay.

For those who grow their plants in the ground, the fix for too much water in the yard is a little more difficult and may

involve anything from constructing raised beds to petitioning the Corps of Engineers for drainage relief. Many of your fellow club members can help with suggestions on the former and you may even find a few that can help with the latter.

If all of this sounds a little too overwhelming for you, then here's another option to consider: ***You will have more success in growing bromeliads if you select appropriate plants to match your cultural conditions than if you attempt to alter culture conditions to match plants that you have selected.*** Is a corner of your yard always wet? Keep an eye out for a few varieties of Pitcairnias at plant sales. Many of these love having wet feet and will reward you with amazing growth and blooms under these conditions. Too much sun? Plant the full-sun tolerant species (see page 17) like the Dyckias, Hechtias and certain Aechmeas and Neoregelias. Too little sun? Select your plants from among a wide variety of Nidulariums, Guzmanias and Vrieseas that thrive under these conditions. Don't be discouraged by your failures (we all have them - we're just not inclined to brag about it) and don't be afraid to experiment.



Correction

In the June 2005 issue of this newsletter, John Boardman's *Cryptanthus microglaziouii* was incorrectly reported as having won the Best of Show in the Sarasota Show. His *Cryptanthus* actually was Best of Division II Section A in the *Cryptanthus* Society Show, which was held in conjunction with the Sarasota show.

The Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies Web Site
<http://fcbs.org>

***Aechmea* Species: All You Ever Wanted to Know**
by Theresa Bert

When you're perusing the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies (FCBS) website, check the Classification/Taxonomy section for a table entitled "*Aechmea* Species Information," compiled by Harry Luther, Director of the Bromeliad Identification Center at Marie Selby Gardens, and me. In this table, you'll find many nuggets of interesting information about all currently recognized *Aechmea* species, including what the species name means (how many times have you wondered what those Latinized names meant?) and what subspecies it's in, when the first official description of the species was written (which relates to how long ago it was discovered), habitat information (where in the world it lives, what type of environment it lives in), information on how it looks, and interesting tidbits of information specific to each species.

As the Introduction explains, this is a dynamic table. The authors want to expand it to include more interesting information and welcome validated information on habitat in which the species lives, appearance of the species, ecological niche and species interactions (e.g., plant/animal interactions), or other types of information that may be appropriate for inclusion in the table. In addition, the authors welcome your general comments. Is the table useful or interesting to you? Check it out and see.



FCBS Affiliated Society Profile
The Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay
by Tom Wolfe



The Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay was chartered in December of 1963 with 10 charter members and met in the home and nursery of Ervin and Velva Wurthmann for the first three years. We then began meeting in our members homes until our numbers increased, and we did not have room enough to continue meeting in our homes. After that, we met in two different garden club facilities. In 1994 we moved to the Tampa Garden Club, which is owned by the Tampa Federation of Garden Circles.

We are now 42 years old and still going strong. We have had and now have a lot of excellent officers, members, newsletter editors, publicity chairs, show chairpersons and committee chairs who have dedicated their time and talents to the club. Our membership lists rings like a “Who’s Who List,” including presidents and CEOs of corporations, college professors, nursery owners, lawyers, doctors, nurses, postal workers, furniture designers, accountants, secretaries, policeman, firemen, housewives, engineers, realtors, landscapers, managers and people from almost every walk of life.

Our members have been active in the community as well giving programs to garden clubs, circles, and other interested parties. The BGTB members are well known for their active participation in the community, in the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies and the Bromeliad Society International. Unfortunately some of these members have passed away, some moved away and even out of the country, and others lost their health and could not attend, but their contributions will long be

remembered. There are too many to name here but especially those founders, who have all passed away, we owe gratitude of thanks.

The Club elected to host the 1992 World Bromeliad Conference at Saddlebrook Golf and Tennis Resort. This was a successful conference and gave us a big boost in membership as well as finances. We are especially proud of the ability the club had at that point to purchase some nametag boards, a rolling book storage system to our library, a large projector screen for the garden center, track lightning to be used to see the colors in the bromeliads, a bromeliad display house in Eureka Springs Park where A Friends of the Park plaque was placed to acknowledge our contribution, \$5,000 to the evil weevil program, \$2500 to FCBS, and many other contributions to the community. It was possible because of all the hard work of the BGTB members.

One of the favorite features at the world conference was Dave and Mary Fulkerson's full-sized, perfectly proportioned elephant. Many of the members helped Dave and Mary put coats of papier-mâché skin on the beast! After the conference, "Neo the Elephant" was taken to the Florida State Fair where visitors lined up on each side of the elephant to have their pictures taken. Not only did they return home with their pictures of the elephant but also many pictures of "bromeliads!" Dave also produced 25 giant size butterflies, designed by a local artist, which were hung in the show area of the World Conference and enjoyed by everyone. The creative juices of all the committee people were flowing and we had a tremendous army of volunteers working for the club.

We had a very successful Bromeliad show in March 2005 and plan to have another next year. The Club has memberships in the BSI, FCBS, Marie Selby Botanical Gardens and Tampa Federation of Garden Circles. We meet monthly in the Federation building on Bayshore Boulevard in Tampa.

Therefore, we are privileged to have our shows in conjunction with theirs at no extra charge for the facility.

We probably had the most volunteers working in this show than any previous years. In addition to that we had a larger number of members entering plants in the show than in previous years. We had the entire building for our use this year and we were able to hold a banquet and auction on Saturday evening. We enjoyed the fellowship of members from around the state at this event.

Each year for at least the last 20 or 30 years, we put an extensive display in the Florida State Fair in February. Under the capable artistic leadership of Dave and Mary Fulkerson, we had a grand display of bromeliads on a rotating base to the sounds of Jazz to carry out our theme, "Bromeliads and All that Jazz!" in 2005.

Each year, we participate in the spring and fall sales at the University of South Florida Botanical Garden. This is a big event with over 150 venter booths. It is well worth attending. You can purchase almost any kind of plant at these sales including bromeliads being sold by the BGTB, the Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society, Herb Hill of Hill's Raingreen Tropicals, and other vendors that also sell bromeliads.

We recently had a home tour to Don and Helen Nores' garden and Rhoda Smith's lushly landscaped yard. Another home and bus tour to bromeliad nurseries is in the works.

We gained 17 new members since January 1 of this year and have monthly workshops and speakers at our meetings. This gain can be credited to the members who are willing to volunteer many hours of their time to sharing their favorite hobby, "Bromeliads."

We meet on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 PM at 2629 Bayshore Boulevard, Tampa, Florida. For more information,

2005 Bromeliad Extravaganza



The Sarasota Bromeliad Society is proud to announce the 2005 Bromeliad Extravaganza.

The sale will be held at the Sarasota Garden Club which is centrally located near downtown Sarasota (only one block East of the Hyatt and two blocks north of the Quay!) on Route 41 and easily visible to public traffic.. The air conditioned garden center building with beautiful botanical gardens was built in 1959. The sale will be held in a spacious “great room” and features windows on three sides overlooking a butterfly garden, the enclosed “Falling Waters” patio garden planted with exotic foliage, many of which are bromeliads. The east lawn has a large pond with a fountain in a tree setting.

There will be food and beverages available at this sale. Admission will be FREE. We will also be accepting Master Card/Visa in the sales area which will encourage the general public to purchase more as well as a convenience for them.

The banquet and rare plant auction will be held at the Helmsley Sandcastle, 1540 Ben Franklin Drive, Lido Beach, Sarasota, Florida. The menu for this Extravaganza is a Caribbean Luau, so wear your pineapple finery and come on down for a great feast followed by an auction, you don't want to miss! It's \$22.00 per person, **deadline October 8, 2005**. Please make check or money order payable to SBS and mail to:

Dorothy Berg
5146 Northridge Road, #107
Sarasota, FL 34238
941-924-0060
DotBerg2k@aol.com

Look for more information in your mail next month!

2005 Extravaganza Sales Rules

Sarasota Garden Club

11311 Blvd. Of the Arts, Sarasota

941-955-0875

1. The Extravaganza Chairman is responsible for the sales areas and his decisions are final.
2. The Extravaganza Staging Chairman shall be responsible for space allocation to the sellers
3. The Extravaganza Chairman shall be responsible for limiting the number of plants displayed for sale at one time if necessary.
4. Sales hours will be Saturday, October 22, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Each vendor will be allocated space depending on the number of plants they anticipate bringing to the sale and the number of vendors participating in the sale.
5. Set-up will be Friday, October 21, 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
6. There is no limit to the number of plants brought for sale, space permitting.
7. Only healthy, well-groomed, well-potted, unpotted, or mounted disease-free plants shall be offered for sale or retained in the sales area.
8. No other plants except bromeliads may be sold.
9. Bromeliad related items can be sold depending upon the space available and with the approval of the Extravaganza Chairman.
10. All sellers must obtain a sales number or ID from the prior to the sales date and will be assigned by Len Dolatowski at ldolatow@tampabay.rr.com or 941-748-2120.
11. Each plant must be labeled legibly with the seller's sales ID and price on the same side of a **RED** tag and with the name of the plant on another different color tag of the seller's choosing.

The exception to this rule is for those sellers who have pre-printed commercial type labels that indicate both the name, seller ID and plant name and price. **Red tags will be provided at no charge to the seller.**

Untagged (no red tag present) plants will be considered donations to the SBS. Sales tags will be returned to the sellers.

12. Plants must be priced in increments of 50 cents with \$1.00 being the minimum price. Bare-rooted plants may be packaged in clear plastic bags with identification tags attached to the bags by tape, rubber bands, twist ties, etc.

13. The society shall retain 25% of the gross sales of each seller. Payment due members will be made as soon as possible after the sale.

14. Sellers are encouraged to attend sales and be there a majority of the time to help sell plants.

15. Sales plants may not be removed prior to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. All unsold plants must be removed between 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. Those not picked up by 5:00 p.m. will be considered a donation to the Sarasota Bromeliad Society.

16. Each commercial vendor is requested to donate one item to the raffle table.

There will be a holding area for sold plants. Food and beverages will be available for nominal cost at the sale. There is plenty of parking and scenic view as well. Handicap parking and facilities are available.



Bromeliads in the Sun

by Karen Andreas



Our state is nicknamed the “Sunshine State” and for good reason! One of our greatest challenges in growing bromeliads is finding the ones that tolerate full sun for most or all of the day. Many can acclimate to morning sun and filtered afternoon light. Full bore-on sun is another matter.

You have to start with the right bromeliad. Any bromeliad with a soft, papery-thin, green leaf is not going to handle direct sun for very long. In the list that follows this article you will find that, in general, most of the sun tolerant bromeliads have thicker, more leathery leaves or heavy scurf (that white powdery coating you find on some bromeliads). The key to growing these bromeliads in full sun is to make sure they are properly acclimated. A bromeliad grown in low light or shade is going to fry to a crisp if suddenly moved into full sun.

Moyna Prince, who started the discussion about sun tolerant bromeliads in an article for the newsletter of the Bromeliad Society of South Florida, recommends establishing bromeliads in full sun conditions during the winter months when the sun is less intense. (Read Moyna’s article on the Florida Council website at <http://fcbs.org>, under About Bromeliads.)

Good air circulation is mandatory for growing in full sun. Bromeliads grown up against a building, a wall or a fence will experience extra glare off the back surface. This can result in an especially hot environment that burns the foliage.

Bromeliads grown in the coastal regions may have better sun tolerance than those grown inland because of the constant air motion along the coast. Keep air flow in mind when planting your bromeliads in the sun.

Any overstory you can provide will help. “Problems arise

with them all when the sun shifts,” says Moyna, “particularly if the humidity is low. And any shade, even under a palm, is better than nothing.” Even if the foliage of the mother plant burns, the pups probably will acclimate.

The one bromeliad on just about everyone’s list is *Aechmea blanchetiana*. It is grown throughout Miami in full sun and on the beach at Canaveral National Seashores in Volusia County. Full sun brings out the glorious orange color and makes this *Aechmea* grow more compactly than at lower light.

The following list is not intended to be all-inclusive. There still are regional growing differences within our state and some of these bromeliads grow better in some locations than in others. Talk to members of your society and ask about their experiences growing the bromeliads on this list in full sun in your area, especially members of the genera *Acanthostachys*, *Bromelia*, *Dyckia*, *Deuterocohnia* and *Hechtia*. Pictures for most of these bromeliads are available on the Florida Council website (<http://fcbs.org>) under Photo Index.

If you would like to contribute to the list of sun tolerant bromeliads, please email karen@digital.net or send regular mail to 617 Fifth Street, Merritt Island, FL 32953.

My thanks to the following people who so generously contributed to this article: Terrie Bert, Dennis Cathcart (Tropiflora), Pepe Donayre, Tim and Colleen Hendrix (T&C Tropical), Michael Kiehl (Michael’s Bromeliads), Betsy McCrory (Boggy Creek Bromeliads), Moyna Prince, Carolyn Schoenau, Jay Thurrott, Steven Wagner, and Tom Wolfe (Lobo Landscaping). Check with these nurseries and the ones in the Bromeliad Sources on page 20 for sun tolerant bromeliads.



Some Sun Tolerant Bromeliads

<i>Aechmea alopecurus</i>	<i>Aechmea mariaae-regina</i>
<i>Aechmea aquilega</i>	<i>Aechmea mexicana</i>
<i>Aechmea beeriana</i>	<i>Aechmea mulfordii</i>
<i>Aechmea blanchetiana</i>	<i>Aechmea orlandiana</i>
<i>Aechmea bracteata</i>	<i>Aechmea ornata</i>
<i>Aechmea bromeliifolia</i> , v. <i>rubra</i>	<i>Aechmea pectinata</i>
<i>Aechmea callichroma</i>	<i>Aechmea phanerophlebia</i>
<i>Aechmea castelnavii</i>	<i>Aechmea pineliana</i>
<i>Aechmea chantinii</i> (black form)	<i>Aechmea recurvata</i>
<i>Aechmea distichantha</i>	<i>Aechmea rubens</i>
<i>Aechmea distichantha</i> v. <i>schlumbergeri</i>	<i>Aechmea</i> ‘Samurai’
<i>Aechmea eurycorymbus</i>	<i>Aechmea serrata</i>
<i>Aechmea lingulata</i>	<i>Aechmea tocanina</i>
<i>Aechmea</i> ‘Little Harv’	<i>Aechmea</i> ‘Tropica’
<i>Aechmea magdalenae</i>	<i>Aechmea triangularis</i>
<i>Ananas comosus</i> (the pineapple)	<i>Hohenbergia castellanosii</i>
<i>Araeococcus flagellifolius</i>	<i>Hohenbergia stellata</i>
<i>Alcantarea imperialis</i>	<i>Neoregelia bahiana</i>
<i>Alcantarea regina</i>	<i>Neoregelia</i> ‘Calypso’
<i>Alcantarea vinicolor</i>	<i>Neoregelia carcharodon</i>
	<i>Neoregelia compacta</i>
x <i>Androlaechmea</i> ‘O'Rourke’	<i>Neoregelia concentrica</i>
	<i>Neoregelia cruenta</i> ,
<i>Androlepsis skinneri</i>	<i>rubra</i> , ‘Sun King’
	<i>Neoregelia</i> ‘Eoz’
<i>Bromelia balansae</i>	<i>Neoregelia</i> ‘Fireball’
	<i>Neoregelia fluminensis</i>
<i>Catopsis berteroniana</i>	<i>Neoregelia johannis</i>
<i>Catopsis nutans</i>	<i>Neoregelia macwilliamsii</i>
<i>Catopsis morreniana</i>	<i>Neoregelia marmorata</i>
<i>Catopsis subulata</i>	<i>Neoregelia olens</i>
<i>Catopsis sessiliflora</i>	<i>Neoregelia sarmentosa</i>

Some Sun Tolerant Bromeliads (continued)

Neoregelia tigrina

Neoregelia xcorreia-araujoi

Neoregelia 'Yellow Devil'

Neoregelia 'Zoe'

x*Neotanthus* 'Cardboard'

Orthophytum burle-marxii

Orthophytum gurkenii

Orthophytum magalhaesii

Orthophytum maracasense

Orthophytum navioides

Orthophytum rubrum

Portea lepantha

vernica

Portea petropolitana

(both var. *petropolitana*

And var. *extensa*)

Puya laxa

Quesnelia arvensis

Quesnelia testudo

Tillandsia bulbosa

Tillandsia capitata

Tillandsia caput-medusa

Tillandsia chiapensis

Tillandsia concolor

Tillandsia disticha

Tillandsia didisticha

Tillandsia fasciculata

Tillandsia ionatha

(all forms)

Tillandsia streptophylla

Tillandsia stricta

Tillandsia tectorum

Tillandsia tricholepis

Tillandsia

Tillandsia xerographica

Tillandsia usneoides

Vriesea marieae

Wittrockia superba



Bromeliad Sources

Boggy Creek Bromeliads

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Bromeliad Sources (continued)

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Established in 1976, our nursery specializes in collectible plants

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Upcoming Events

August 20-21

Bromeliad Fantasy, Display and Sale

Seminole Bromeliad Society

Sanford Garden Club, 17-92 and Fairmont Drive, Sanford

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

For more information, contact Sudi Hipsley, 352-504-6162.

October 14- 16

Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society

2005 Standard BSI Show and Sale

Terry Park, 3410 Palm Beach Blvd., Ft. Myers

Friday, October 14 - Registration, Exhibit Entry and Standard BSI Judged Show

Saturday, October 15 - open to public, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Sunday, October 16 - open to public 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

For further show and sale information please contact Diane Molnar at (239) 549-3404 or capebrom@aol.com and Brian Weber at (941) 355-2847 or brianweber1b@aol.com respectively.

October 22, 2005

Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies **Extravaganza**

Presented by the **Sarasota Bromeliad Society**

Sarasota Garden Club, 1131 Blvd of the Arts, Sarasota

Free Admission; Banquet and Rare Plant Auction (benefiting the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies) will be held at The Helmsley Sandcastle.

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November 18 - 20

Independent Plant Breeder's Conference

Organized by the Environmental Horticulture Department at the University of Florida (UF), Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS).

More information is available at <http://conference.ifas.ufl.edu/IPBC/>

2006

June 6 - 11, 2006

Bromeliads on the Border

Bromeliad Society International

17th World Bromeliad Conference

Town and Country Resort & Convention Center

500 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, California 92108

Information at <http://bsi.org>.



Next Florida Council Meeting

October 8, 2005

Hosted by Treasure Coast Bromeliad Society

See your Council representative

for more information.

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