

# FLORIDA WEST COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY

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*Celebrating over 66 Years in Bromeliads*

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## March 2020 Newsletter

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### NEXT MEETING

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**Date & Time:** Tuesday, March 3, 2020; 7:30 pm  
**Location:** Good Samaritan Church  
6085 Park Boulevard  
Pinellas Park, Florida 33781

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### PROGRAM

**Dr Terri Bert** will talk about how to prepare bromeliads for a judged plant show. It turns out, it is not difficult or time-consuming and can increase the likelihood of the bromeliad winning a ribbon. Knowing what makes up a prize-winning specimen will help us understand how to look at bromeliads in a judged show, and understand why they did, or did not, win a ribbon.

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### LAST MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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#### LAST MONTH'S PROGRAM

**Dave Johnston** was slated to present a program titled *My 40 Years of Growing Bromeliads and What Changes There Have Been*, but, alas, his computer did not cooperate and the talk had to be postponed. Dave is now scheduled to give this talk at our June meeting.

#### SHOW AND TELL

Barb Gardner	<i>Neoregelia</i> hybrid with three butterfly chrysalises (photo below; can you find them?)
Monika Hale	<i>Guzmania monostachia</i> (photo below) <i>Tillandsia vernicosa</i> and <i>Tillandsia ionantha</i> v. <i>van-hyningii</i> , mounted on driftwood (photo below)
Alton Lee	<i>Vriesea</i> hybrid, by Herb Hill
Franne Matwiczzyk	<i>Quesnelia strobilispica</i> (photo below) <i>xCanmea</i> 'Jaspe' ( <i>Canistrum fosterianum</i> x <i>Aechmea fulgens</i> v. <i>discolor</i> )
Marty Baxley	<i>Billbergia</i> 'Chasing Clowns' <i>Billbergia</i> 'Black Cherry' Five other <i>Billbergia</i> , pictured and discussed below

## SHOW AND TELL PLANTS



Neoregelia with three butterfly chrysalises



*Guzmania monostachia*



*Tillandsia ionantha* var. *van-hyningii* (on left), *Tillandsia vernicosa* (blooms on right)



*Quesnelia strobilispica*

Marty Baxley also showed two hybrids, along with examples of their parents. First was *Billbergia* 'Priceless', a cross of *Bil.* 'Stellar Attraction' x *Bil.* *Pyramidalis* by Marty. The second was an unnamed hybrid by Dave Johnston that is a cross of *Bil.* 'Diablo' with the first hybrid *Bil.* 'Priceless'. Pictures of these five plants are below. Marty said the process from producing 'Priceless' to the yet unnamed hybrid took about 30 years.



*Bil. 'Stellar Attraction'* x



*Bil. pyramidalis* =



*Bil. 'Priceless'*



*Bil. 'Diablo'* x



*Bil. 'Priceless'* =



*Bil. hybrid (unnamed)*

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## THIS AND THAT

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### Spring Home Garden Tour

Our 2020 Spring Home Garden Tour will be hosted by Sherran Blair at her home on Saturday, March 28, from 1 to 4 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. Her address is 4541 Bayshore Boulevard NE, St. Petersburg. If you need additional information, contact Richard Poole at [rapoole4469@yahoo.com](mailto:rapoole4469@yahoo.com) or Barb Gardner at [oolayz06@gmail.com](mailto:oolayz06@gmail.com).

### New Members

Five people joined our society at the February meeting: Diane and Alan Conroy, Nancy Harrison, Dave Johnson, and Joanne Kliesh (who was previously a member). Pictures of this 'quintet' are below.



Left to right: Diane and Alan Conroy, Nancy Harrison, Dave Johnson, Joanne Kliesh



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## IN THE GARDEN THIS MONTH

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*Aechmea* 'Brasilia'



*Tillandsia bulbosa* mounted on paurotis palm trunk

### UPCOMING EVENTS, 2020

March 14-15, Leu Gardens Annual Spring Plant Sale

Harry P. Leu Gardens, Orlando, FL (<http://www.leugardens.org>)

March 28-29, Tampa Garden Fest/GreenFest Plant Sale

Tampa Garden Club, Tampa, FL ([tampagardenclub.com/tampagardenfest](http://tampagardenclub.com/tampagardenfest))

April 3-5, Tropiflora's Spring Festival

Tropiflora Nursery, 3530 Tallavast Road, Sarasota, 941-351-2267 ([tropiflora.com](http://tropiflora.com))

April 11-12, USF Botanical Gardens Spring Plant Sale

University of South Florida, Tampa, FL ([cas.usf.edu/garden](http://cas.usf.edu/garden))

April 25-26, Green Thumb Festival

Walter Fuller Park, St. Petersburg, FL ([stpeteparksrec.org/greenthumb](http://stpeteparksrec.org/greenthumb))

June 9-13, 24<sup>th</sup> World Bromeliad Conference, *The Big Show*, Sarasota, FL

Celebrate BSI's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Sarasota  
(<https://www.bsi.org/new/conference-corner/>)

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