

Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society

This Month's Meeting

Our next meeting will be the first Tuesday of this month, April 4, 2006, at Hope Presbyterian Church, 1698 S. Belcher Road, Clearwater. The doors open at 7 p.m., and the meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The speaker this month will be Dr. Teresa Bert. Dr. Bert will do a Power Point presentation on "The ABC's of Growing Unusual Bromeliads." Teri has been a member of the Sarasota Bromeliad Society since 1988 and a member of the Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society since 1997. She served on the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies for eight years and has held all Executive offices on the Council. She served as Director for Florida for the Bromeliad Society International and chaired the BSI Nomination Committee. Teri is a BSI internationally accredited Bromeliad Judge. Her bromeliad collection consists of over 1,500 different types of bromeliads, and she has won top awards in the shows of local clubs and BSI World Conferences.

Teri always brings nice plants to sell. She prefers that no one else sell plants at this meeting.

Last Month's Meeting

We would like to thank Mike O'Leary for an excellent presentation on the 25 bromeliads he thinks we should have in our collection. These are the bromeliads that Mike says will add pizzazz to your garden:

Aechmea chantinii 'Ebony', *Aechmea* 'Medio Picta' cv. of *orlandiana*, and *Aechmea orlandiana* (Pink)

Billbergia 'Hallelujah', and *Billbergia* 'Ralph Graham French' cv. of *vittata*

Cryptanthus 'Pink Starlite'

Dyckia dawsonii

Guzmania 'Encore' (sport of 'Symphonie'), and *Guzmania zahnii* var.

Neoregelia carolinae x concentrica

Neoregelia concentrica var. *albo-marginata*

Neoregelia johannis 'DeRolf'

Neoregelia 'Lorena'

Neoregelia 'Luna'

Neoregelia 'Maggies Pride'

Neoregelia 'Maribel'

Neoregelia 'Pimiento'

Neoregelia 'Perfection' cv. of 'Fosperior'

Neoregelia 'Picasso'

Neoregelia 'Predator'

Neoregelia 'Predator' var.

Quesnelia marmorata

Vriesea bituminosa x saundersii

Vriesea saundersii x bituminosa

Vriesea 'Sunset'

April 2006

REMEMBER

Please bring a friend. Guests are always welcome!!

Bring a raffle plant! Plants must have names and be sure they are free of scale.

Bring plants for show & tell.

Bring a plant for the friendship table.

Wear your name tag!

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Food for the refreshment table has been light the past few meetings. We always welcome any munchies or a small dish you'd like to bring in. Don't forget that you receive an extra raffle ticket for your food contribution.



Show & Tell for March 14, 2006

- Alton Lee: *Aechmea* 'Smoothie' (a spineless, non-patented form of *Aechmea fasciata*)
Dyckia fosteriana
Orthophytum 'Stardust'
Vriesea schwackeana
- Gary Lund: *Dyckia* (species unknown)
- Andy Price: *Neoregelia* 'Beach Party'
Neoregelia 'Flama'
Neoregelia 'Screaming Tiger'
- Helga Tarver: *Guzmania lingulata* var. *cardinalis*
Tillandsia aeranthos
Tillandsia bradeana (syn. *T. abdita*)
Tillandsia ionantha var. *vanhyingii*



Neoregelia concentrica
var. *albo-marginata*

Upcoming Events

USF Botanic Gardens Spring Plant Festival
April 8 + 9, 2006
<http://www.cas.usf.edu/garden>

Bromeliad Society of South Florida Annual Show and Sale
April 22 + 23, 2006
Fairchild Tropical Gardens, Coral Gables, FL
http://www.ftg.org/publicprograms/n_events.html

20th Annual Green Thumb Festival
April 29 + 30, 2006
<http://www.stpete.org/fun/parks/greenthumb.htm>

Bromeliad Society of Central Florida, Mother's Day Show & Sale
May 12 - 14, 2006
Orlando Fashion Square Mall, 3201 E. Colonial Dr., Orlando
For details call Betsy McCrory 407/348-2139

Refreshments



Bill & Marianne Schumacher are in charge of the refreshments. Food for the refreshment table is being provided this month by Mike Gimeno, Ann Kavanagh, Steve Littlefield, Gary & Judy Lund, Jean Newton, and Phyllis Steil.



Happy Easter!

Terminology . . . Did You Know?

'Sport' - The plant will vary markedly from the normal type. It will show bud variation (a bud is a swelling or projection on a plant which develops the off-shoot) and will produce the same variegations as the parent plant. Sports are usually attributable to mutation (see below). Examples of a sport would be *Cryptanthus* 'It' or *Aechmea orlandiana* cv. 'Ensign', or *Vriesea* 'Eden Glade'.

'Mutant' - A plant with inheritable characteristics that differs from those of the parent. It has undergone sudden mutation. An example would be a plant suddenly producing an offset with one or more characteristics completely different from the original plant and this, in turn, being able to reproduce itself in succeeding generations. When a variegated off-shoot formed on *Aechmea* Foster's Favorite (*Aechmea* Foster's Favorite Favorite) or among seedlings of *Aechmea orlandiana* cv. 'Ensign', these were mutants or sports, and so was *Neoregelia* 'Fosperior Perfection'.

'Variant' - The plant is different in some way from the others of the same kind. This could apply to either a sport or a cultivar.