

FLORIDA WEST COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

April 2012



NEXT MEETING

Date: Tuesday, April 3, 2012
Location: Hope Presbyterian Church
1698 South Belcher Road
Clearwater, Florida 33764
Time: Doors open at 7 pm; meeting starts at 7:30

March Program

Kenneth Stokes with the Sarasota Bromeliad Society will present tips on how to grow bromeliads to their maximum potential, both for personal enjoyment and as candidates for a plant show. He will show examples of bromeliad defects, discuss their causes, and explain how to prevent them. So, if you have examples of bromeliads with defects that you want Ken to diagnosis and suggest treatment, bring them in.

Plant Sales

The speaker will not be selling plants, so sales by members are welcome. Remember that members selling plants are required to donate at least one plant to the evening's plant raffle table.

LAST MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Program:

Dr. Terrie Bert talked to us about four of the eight bromeliad genera that begin with the letters O or P – Ochagavia, Orthophytum, Pepinia, and Pseudananas. She threw in a 'bonus' genus, Lapa, that had only two species. She added that these two species, *itambensis* and *duartei*, were previously in the genus Orthophytum. As usual, her talk was fast-paced, well organized, and informative. She showed us pictures of representative species for each genus discussed, and told us about their natural habitats and growing conditions.



Editor's note: Our eagle-eyed Helga Tarver reports and Harry Luther, former head of the Bromeliad Identification Center, confirms that the genus Lapa has been changed to Lapanthus, and there is discussion among the bromeliad nomenclature community about dropping Lapanthus and returning its two species to the genus Orthophytum. In addition, they are considering dropping the genus Pseudananas and assigning its only species (*sagenarius*) to the genus Ananas as *Ananas macrodontes*.

Show and Tell

Reported by Helga Tarver

Tom Crocker	<i>Guz.</i> 'Irene' (red form); <i>Guz.</i> 'Fortuna' x <i>Guz.</i> 'Myth'; <i>Guz.</i> 'Rachel'; <i>Guz.</i> (unknown hybrid)
Bruce Garley	<i>Quesnelia testudo</i> ; <i>Til. tenuifolia</i> ; <i>Til. simulata</i>
Alton Lee	<i>Vriesea schwackeana</i> ; <i>Aec. disticantha</i> X <i>Quesnelia quesneliana</i>
Gary Lund	<i>Bromelia balansae</i> ; X <i>Androlaechmea</i> 'O'Rourke'; <i>Aec. sphaerocephala</i>
Frannie Matwijczyk	<i>Crypt.</i> 'High Voltage'; <i>Neo.</i> 'Cookie' (unregistered Bullis hybrid)
Kathy Risley	<i>Aec. apocalyptica</i> 464
Linda Sheetz	<i>Aec. bromeliifolia albobracteata</i>

Below are pictures of some of the Show and Tell plants.



Neo. 'Cookie'



Guz. 'Rachel'



Guz. 'Irene' (red form)

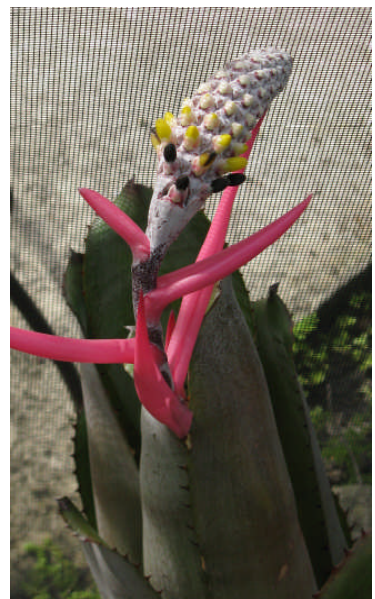


Vr. schwackeana



Aec. bromeliifolia albobracteata

← ← ← Compare this *Aec. bromeliifolia* variety *albobracteata* shown at the last meeting with this *Aec. bromeliifolia* → → form shown at the previous (February) meeting.

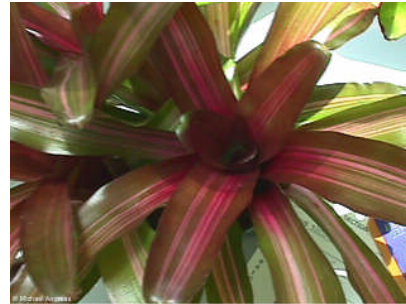


Aec. bromeliifolia

THIS AND THAT



On the left is a picture of a Tillandsia 'tree' FWCBS member Nicole Matwijczyk constructed in mid-December for a holiday display at the Salvador Dalí Museum in St. Petersburg. At the top of the tree is a *Til. tectorum* and the rest of the plants are *Til. xerographica*. Originally it also had a *Neo. 'Zoe'* on it to give it a touch of holiday red. (Photo of example below courtesy of the FCBS website Photo Index).



Neo. 'Zoe'

The tree is still on display at the museum and Nicole reports it is growing well in bright light and low humidity (50%). The *Til. xerographica* are happy and blooming.

You might recall that Nicole maintains the museum's 'Living Wall' that is composed almost exclusively of bromeliads. For more on the wall, re-visit the article about it in the FWCBS October 2011 newsletter.

UPCOMING EVENTS, 2012

March 30-April 1, Tropiflora Spring Festival

Tropiflora Nursery, 3530 Tallavast Road, Sarasota, 941-351-2267 (tropiflora.com)

April 14-15, USF Botanical Gardens 23rd Annual Spring Plant Sale

University of South Florida, Tampa, FL (cas.usf.edu/garden)

April 14-15, Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society Sale

Sanford Garden Club, Sanford, FL (407-539-4314)

April 20-22, Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Show and Sale

Tampa Garden Club, Tampa, FL (bromeliadsociety@juno.com)

April 21-22, Sarasota Bromeliad Society Show and Sale

Manatee Convention Center, Palmetto, FL (sarasotabromeliadsociety.org)

April 28-29, Green Thumb 23rd Annual Plant Festival

Walter Fuller Park, St. Petersburg, FL (stpete.org/parks/greenthumb)

May 12-13, Bromeliad Society of Central Florida Mother's Day Sale

Fashion Square Mall, Orlando, FL (mybscf.org)

September 24-30, 20th World Bromeliad Conference, Orlandiana '12

Orlando, FL, USA (bsi.org/events/2012/Orlando2012)

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