

FLORIDA WEST COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

June 2010



JUNE MEETING

Date & Time:

Tuesday, June 1st, 2010

Doors open at 7 pm; meeting starts at 7:30.

Location:

Hope Presbyterian Church
1698 South Belcher Road
Clearwater, Florida 33764

Program

Tom Wolfe will give a presentation titled *Roberto Burle Marx and Longwood Gardens*. Tom and his wife Carol live in Lutz and grow bromeliads on their 2.5 acres of land and greenhouses. Tom has been involved with bromeliads for over 45 years, and has been a member of the Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay since 1965. The subject of his talk, Burle Marx, is internationally known as one of the most important landscape architects of the 20th century. A modern nature artist and public urban space designer, he is credited with introducing modernist landscape architecture to Brazil. He was also a painter, print maker, ecologist, naturalist, artist and musician. Tom will show us Burle Marx's connection with bromeliads.

APRIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Program

The May meeting was our annual bromeliad auction, and it was our fifth highest grossing. Our thanks go to all who donated plants, worked the auction, and especially bid on and bought plants. The names of the volunteers and donors are below. If your name is not listed there, please let the editor know so that you can be properly thanked.

Plant Donations

Marty Baxley
Dennis and Linda Cathcart
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Michael Kiehl
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Andy Price
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Auctioneers/Helpers

John Bankhead
Barret Bassick
Marty Baxley
Dave Johnston

Alton Lee
Gary Lund
Kathy Risley

Cashiers

Chip Hill
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Sharon Philyaw

Runners

Barbara Gardner
Bob Herberich

Cathy Lockwood
Helga Tarver

Plant Sorters/Arrangers

Marty Baxley

Helga Tarver



Barret Bassick and his auction action



The dynamic duo, Alton Lee and Kathy Risley, bringing in the bids

Some of the many auction plants:



THIS AND THAT

Speedy Recovery Wishes

As you know, our longtime member Wilma Murphy fell and broke her hip in May. We all wish her the speediest of recoveries and hope she will be back in her garden, and at our meeting, at soon as possible. Send any cards, gifts and such to her home address.

Upcoming Events

It's almost here! The 19th World Bromeliad Conference is July 26 thru August 1 in New Orleans, LA. Go to www.bsi.org/events for more information.

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