

FLORIDA WEST COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY

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Celebrating over 62 Years in Bromeliads

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June 2016 Newsletter

NEXT MEETING

Date & Time:

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

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

Location:

Good Samaritan Church

6085 Park Boulevard

Pinellas Park, Florida 33781

Program

Marty Folk will present *Why Bromeliads* at our June meeting. His talk will cover the history of how and when bromeliads were brought into cultivation, the reasons bromeliads have grown in popularity, why there are societies dedicated to bromeliads, and how bromeliads are hybridized to enhance the variety. Marty is with the Bromeliad Society of Central Florida and the Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society and has been growing bromeliads for the last 24 years.

Plant Sales

The speaker will be the sole vendor of plants this evening.

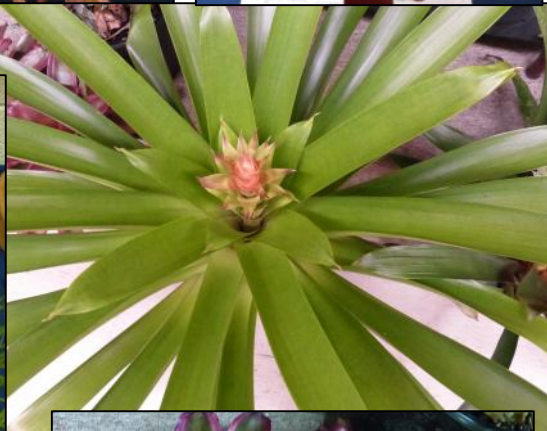
LAST MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Program

Our Annual Bromeliad Auction was well run and profitable, thanks to the many volunteers who made it so. We thank those who helped set up the room (and clean it up afterwards), brought food for the refreshment table, donated plants and bought plants. The plants were the best overall quality in recent years. Auctioneers, who worked in pairs—Barret Bassick and Dick Dailey, Alton Lee and Susan Sousa, and Marty Baxley and Kathy Risley—did a great job of getting the maximum bids for plants as runners showed the plants to the bidders. The usual duo of Mike Petryszak and Gary Lund kept track of the bidding and payments. The food was great, as usual. Below are pictures of the event.



SOME AUCTION ITEMS





Art by Steven Littlefield



Art by Kiti Wenzel

AUCTIONEERS



A FEW OF THE PLANT RUNNERS



SOME BIDDERS



BLOOMING THIS MONTH



Aechmea Loie's Pride



Neoglaziovia variegata

Tillandsia ionantha



Hohenbergia rosea
(Submitted by Gary Lund)





Hohenbergia stellata
(Submitted by Gary Lund)



Aechmea bracteata rubra
(Submitted by Gary Lund)



Pitcairnia, unknown species
(Submitted by Barb Gardner)

UPCOMING EVENTS, 2016

June 13-19, 22nd World Bromeliad Conference, Houston, Texas
(bsi.org/new/conference-corner/)

June 25-26, USF Botanical Gardens Summer Plant Sale
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL (cas.usf.edu/garden)

September 9-11, Sarasota Bromeliad Society Show and Sales, Bewitched Bromeliads
(sarasotabromeliadsociety.org; 941-567-4176)

August 20-21, Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society Sale
The Garden Club of Sanford, Sanford, FL (Ben Klugh at Klughka@yahoo.com)

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