

FLORIDA WEST COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY

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October 2018 Newsletter

NEXT MEETING

Date & Time: Tuesday, October 2, 2018 at 7:30 pm
Location: Good Samaritan Church
6085 Park Boulevard
Pinellas Park, Florida 33781

PROGRAM

Jay Thurrott will present a program on *Growing Bromeliads in Northern California*. Jay states that it is a bit different from his previous talks and he will have a lot of pictures of what bromeliad club members in San Francisco and Sacramento have to deal with in growing their bromeliads as well as how they can grow varieties that are usually difficult for us to grow here. Jay has presented a number of interesting programs to our group over the years, and we can expect another great program from him once again.

LAST MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

LAST MONTH'S PROGRAM

Dr. Terrie Bert's presentation, *Sun, Sand, and Sea: Bromeliads that Rise to the Occasion (But None are Perfect)*, was about bromeliads that thrive in sun, salt water, and/or drought conditions. These grow in habitats that include sand dunes (restinga in Brazil), coastal forests, and coastal mangroves and areas beyond a coast, such as deserts and dry, low forests. Terrie showed examples of species in 14 different bromeliad genera that thrive in these tough conditions. Below is a list of the bromeliads she discussed.

Sun and salt tolerant

Aechmea blanchetiana, *eurycorymbus*, *rubra*, *emmerichia*, *aquilega*, *bracteata*, *mariae-reginae*, and *mexicana*

Alcantarea imperialis

Androlepis skinneri

Hohenbergia castellanosi, *correia-araujoi*, and *leopoldo-horstii*

Neoregelia cruenta, *macwilliamsii*, and *rubrovittata*

Portea petropolitana var. *extensa*

Quesnelia quesneliana and *testudo*

Tillandsia flexuosa

Sun and drought tolerant

Dyckia

Encholirium spectabile and *horridum*,

Deuterocohnia brevifolia, *lorentizana*, *meziana*, and *brevispicata*,

Hechtia texensis, *tillandsioides*, and *rosea*,

Orthophytum glabrum and *gurkenii*

Sincoraea heleniceae

Pseudananas sangenarius

For a long list of full sun bromeliads, go to the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies website for an article by Moyna Prince titled *True Full-Sun Bromeliads*. This is the link: fcbs.org/articles/full-sun-bromeliads.htm

SHOW AND TELL

Dick Dailey

Vriesea splendens

Franne Matwijczyk

xCanmea (photo below)

Gary Lund

Tillandsia chiapensis x concolor (photo below)

Aechmea 'Star of Linda' (*Aec. mariae-reginae* x *Aec. fasciata*, spineless form; photos below)



xCanmea



Tillandsia chiapensis x concolor



Aechmea 'Star of Linda'

Gary Lund got the *Aec.* 'Star of Linda' about 10 or 12 years ago and for the first six years it was growing under a large and shady oak tree. The tree was later damaged and then removed, and he left the plant in the full sun to fend for itself. Over its lifetime, it grew a stem that was over a foot long, and this year it put out a bloom stalk that is distorted (photos above). This type of growth is called 'cristate', an uncommon condition where the meristem (the growing tip) produces a flattened crested or contorted stalk. It has several possible causes, including a damaged meristem, or hormonal, genetic, bacterial, fungal, viral and/or environmental causes. According to the BSI website, the 'Star of Linda' often displays a cristate inflorescence.

IN THE GARDEN THIS MONTH

NOTE: Some of these names do not appear to have been registered and are not official.



Vriesea 'Static Shock'



Vriesea gigantea



Vriesea 'Corsica'



Vriesea 'Snows of Mauna Kea' x
platynema x *fosteriana*



Vriesea 'Manoa Valley'



Vriesea fosteriana x *hieroglyphica*

UPCOMING EVENTS, 2018

October 8, Sarasota Bromeliad Society Hosts a Celebration for Linda and Dennis Cathcart
Selby Gardens, Great Room by the Bay, 811 So. Palm Avenue, Sarasota, Florida, 6:30 pm
(Marian Kennell at mmkennell@verizon.net; 941-544-1412)

October 13-14, USF Botanical Gardens Fall Plant Festival
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL (cas.usf.edu/garden)

October 26-28, Tropiflora Nursery Fall Festival
Tropiflora Nursery, 3530 Tallavast Road, Sarasota (tropiflora.com/events)

November 12, Sarasota Bromeliad Society Bromeliad Fall Auction
Selby Gardens Great Room by the Bay, 811 So. Palm Avenue, Sarasota, Florida, 7:00 pm
(Marian Kennell at mmkennell@verizon.net; 941-544-1412)

December 1-2, Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society Sale
Araba Shrine Temple, 2010 Hanson Street, Fort Myers (bprevattppcc@aol.com)

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