

FLORIDA WEST COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

November 2010



NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER

Date & Time:

Tuesday, November 9th, 2010
Doors open at 7 pm; meeting starts at 7:30.

Location:

Hope Presbyterian Church
1698 South Belcher Road
Clearwater, Florida 33764

Program

Terrie Bert returns with another talk on unusual bromeliad genera in her presentation *Here's Lookin' at More Novel Bromeliad Genera*. It will cover genera that start with the letters H, L, M and N. For these genera, she will review their natural distribution, habitats, and growing conditions. She will also show examples of specific species in cultivation and in nature and describe how (or if) they can be cultivated in private collections, along with other interesting facts and information.

Election of Officers and Trustees for 2011

Our annual election for next year's officers and board trustees will be held during the November meeting. The slate of nominees for 2011 is as follows:

President:	Kathy Risley	Treasurer:	Brian Corey
Vice President:	Marty Baxley	Trustee:	Three-year term: Judy Lund
Secretary:	Suzanne Bogacki		One-year term: Steve Littlefield

Additional nominations for all positions are welcome and can be made at the meeting.

LAST MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: OCTOBER

Program

Kathy Risley organized a "Members' Showcase", a series of short workshops and presentations by 10 of our members: John Bankhead, Barret Bassick, Bob Dalzell, Chip Hill, Dave Johnston, Alton Lee, Gary Lund, Mike Petryszak, Larry Sousa, and Helga Tarver. A guest and former member, Jim Boynton, also gave a presentation. Topics covered included, but were not limited to, the following:



- The genus *Aechmea*
- *Neoregelia* in decorative pots
- Mounting bromeliads on wood
- Growing spectacular *Neoregelia*
- How to grow miniature *Neoregelia*
- Cold weather preparation for bromeliads
- Why collect and grow *Billbergia*?
- *Hechtia* care and feeding, love/hate relationship
- Why collect and grow bromeliad species?
- The genus *Ananas*
- Growing bromeliads in small places

Below are pictures of some of the presenters at the event.



Barret Bassick (on left)



Alton Lee (on right)



Bob Dalzell



Helga Tarver (on left)



Larry Sousa (on right)



Dave Johnston (on left)



John Bankhead



Gary Lund

Show and Tell

Tommy Crocker
Alton Lee
Gary Lund
Helga Tarver

Ananas cosmosus 'Ivory Coast'
Vriesea unnamed Grant Groves hybrid
Till. ionantha 'Fuego'; *Till. didistics*; Vr. unknown hybrid
Till. ionantha 'Fuego'; *Till.* 'Wilds'; *Till. vernicosa*

Show and Tell Plants



Till. ionantha 'Fuego'



Till. vernicosa



Ananas cosmosus 'Ivory Coast'

THIS AND THAT

Refreshments

Cindy Redmond has volunteered to take over chairmanship of the Refreshment Committee as of January 2011. Until then, Janet Bankhead along with Bill and Marianne Schumacher will be handling the refreshments. Please continue your generous support to these folks.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2011, GreenFest Plant Sale
University of Tampa, Tampa, FL

April 1-3, 2011, Tropiflora Spring Festival
Tropiflora Nursery, 3530 Tallavast Road, Sarasota, 941-351-2267 (<http://www.tropiflora.com>)

April 2011, Green Thumb Festival
Walter Fuller Park, St. Petersburg, FL

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