

# The Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society

Next meeting Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup> 1:30p.m.  
Wm. A. Finney Memorial Garden Center  
837 N. Oleander Ave., Daytona Beach 32118

April, 2010

## Time to Get Growing!

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By now we should be getting used to Daylight Savings Time. Like it or hate it, we now have another hour of daylight that can be spent working in the garden and, if your collection suffered from this year’s cold like mine, there’s a lot of work to be done. In the Springtime that extra hour at the end of the day is especially welcome since it still tends to be a bit chilly in the morning and I would rather work outside after it warms up.

### Congratulations to our student judges!



Jerry O’Keefe and other student judges – pursuing their studies

Our group of student judges recently completed their second school – held in the Ft. Lauderdale area. They now are eligible to participate in the judging at BSI standard bromeliad shows and many of them are

looking forward to the shows coming up this month (see a listing of these on the last page of this newsletter).

By the way, if you feel that we were picked on by Mother Nature this Winter, we were very surprised to see the extent of cold-damage to plants in the Ft. Lauderdale area!



Ae. warasii showing cold damage – Ft. Lauderdale

### Last month’s meeting...

It’s always a pleasure to have Terrie Bert for a speaker and last month’s program was particular interesting and, as she put it, it was the most colorful of her programs. The photos were outstanding and I have to admit that there are some attractive Hohenbergias out there...although many of them are simply big and green.

### **This month's meeting**

Spring is a good time to review the basics in separating, potting and cleaning up our plants. This month we're having an "enhanced" show and tell to demonstrate these techniques on bromeliads. We'd like everyone to bring in one or two plants to discuss what can be done to improve on it during this season.

### **Recovery, Part 3...**

It's taken me a while to get around to it, but the following is at least a partial list of what I've found to be cold-hardy at my house, what was damaged by the cold weather this year, and what I've come to accept as showing no hint of life despite being covered by frost cloth. Of course, the idea of the frost cloth is that it is meant to trap the residual 'ground heat' and to give a few degrees of extra warmth to the plants under it. Unfortunately, this year we had so many consecutive days of cold weather that there was no ground heat left to retain and the plants suffered accordingly. A few days of low temperatures – frost cloth works wonders in protecting bromeliads. Nine consecutive days with temperatures below freezing for at least 4 hours – supplemental heat is needed for the more cold-sensitive plants...and that's where the following list can be helpful. The following plants were covered with frost cloth for the duration of the cold spell. Plants that were moved to my garage or otherwise brought inside are not included on this list – they were the lucky ones. Select plants from the cold-hardy portion of the list if you don't intend to provide extra protection from cold weather in the Winter. Select from the moderately damaged portion if you have the facilities to provide some protection and select from the cold-sensitive portion if you are looking for a

challenge in growing these bromeliads in this portion of the state.

### Plants that didn't survive this Winter

Ae. melinonii  
Ae. williamsii  
Ae. furstenburgii  
Ae. amicorum (mounted on wood)  
Ae. biflora  
Ae. 'Bill Hobbs'  
Ae. 'Red Ribbons'  
Ae. 'Spring Beauty'  
Ae. andersonii  
Ae. fulgens discolor  
Ae. mertensii  
Ae. tonduzii  
B. tweediana  
B. 'Fiesta'  
Guzmania monostachia variegata  
Neo. 'Eoz'  
Neo. martinellii  
Neo. pauciflora (large form)  
Neo. 'Spots and Dots'  
Orthophytum vegans (variegated)  
Orthophytum conquistador  
Orthophytum alvimii  
Orthophytum 'Warren Loose'  
Portea nana  
Racinae fraseri  
T. mima  
T. tenuifolia var. surinamsis  
T. funkiana  
T. straminea  
T. caput-medusae  
T. capitata (yellow)  
T. hondurensis  
V. chrysostachis

### Plants that survived with heavy damage

Ae. brassicoides  
Ae. amicorum (in a pot)  
Ae. anomola  
Ae. fosteriana  
Ae. mulfordii  
Ae. nudicaulis (various forms with various amounts of damage)

Ae. orlandiana (same story as for Ae. nudicaulis)  
Ae. squarrosa  
Ae. 'Fosters Freckles'  
Ananas (various forms)  
B. 'Brimstone'  
Hechtia guatamalensis (I think it's still alive)  
Neo. ampullaceae types (everything from 'unmarked' by the cold to 'barely alive')  
Neo. johannis 'DeRolf'  
Neo. rubrovittata (not too bad, a few marked leaves)  
Pitcairnia undulate  
Portea petropolitana  
Portea petropolitana var. extensa  
Portea petropolitana var. noettigii  
Puya mirabilis  
Racinae fraseri  
T. secunda  
V. ospinae

Plants that survived unscathed

Virtually all of my Vrieseas except V. chrysostachis and V. ospinae (V. hieroglyphica looked like it enjoyed the cold!)  
Ae. 'Black Jack'  
Ae. 'Burgundy'  
Ae. 'Jackson'  
Ae. 'By Golly'  
Ae. 'Perez'  
Ae. caudata  
Ae. caudata 'Blotches'  
Ae. chlorophylla  
Ae. coelestis albomarginata  
Ae. disticantha – both var. schlumbergeri and var. glaziovii  
Ae. recurvata and its hybrids  
Ae. blanchettiana  
Ae. gamosepala  
Ae. gracilis  
Ae. kerteziae  
Ae. kleinii  
Ae. lamarchii  
Ae. luddemanianna  
Ae. maculata  
Ae. perforata (! This was a surprise)

Ae. ramosa  
Ae. weillbachii (various forms)  
Ae. winkleri  
Ae. 'Suenos'  
Ae. tessmanii (also a surprise!)  
Ae. 'Lucky Stripes'  
B. brasiliensis  
B. nutans (various forms)  
B. leptopoda  
Catopsis sessiliflora  
Catopsis morreniana  
Catopsis minima  
Crypt. X roseus  
Guzmania monostachia forma alba  
Hechtia texensis (I forgot to cover this one and it survived just fine-go figure!)  
Hechtia tillandsioides  
Hohenbergia pennaie  
Hohenbergia corrae-araujei  
Neoglaziovia variegata  
Neo. johannis  
Neo. corrae-araujoi  
Neo. pauciflora (small form)  
Neo. nivea  
Neo. zaslewsky  
Neo. mucagensis  
Neo. 'Martin'  
Neo. 'Passion'  
Pitcairnia spicata  
T. Montana  
T. edithae  
T. fasciculata  
T. guatamalensis  
T. sphaerocephala  
T. duratii  
V. espinosae

Upcoming Events:

**April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

Quarterly meeting of the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies. Hosted by the Gainesville Bromeliad Society

**April 10-11, 2010**

Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society sale.  
USF Botanical Gardens Spring Plant Sale at

the University of South Florida in Tampa  
<http://www.cas.usf.edu/garden/>

**April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010** 8:30am to 12:00noon only!  
The Volusia County Master Gardeners  
Eleventh Annual Plant Faire (someday  
someone will learn how to spell *Fair*  
correctly). Very wide assortment of plants for  
sale

**April 17-18, 2010**  
Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Show and  
Sale. Tampa Garden Center  
2628 Bayshore Blvd Tampa  
Tom Wolfe 813-961-1475

**April 17-18, 2010**  
Bromeliad Society of South Florida annual  
Show and Sale Annual Show and Sale  
[Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden](#)  
10901 Old Cutler Road, Miami

**April 17<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010**  
[Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant  
Society](#)  
Spring Plant Sale  
Garden Club of Sanford  
9:00am - 4:00pm  
200 Fairmont Drive (on 17-92, one block  
south of Lake Mary Blvd., Sanford).

**May 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010**  
[Bromeliad Society of Central Florida](#)  
Mothers Day Show and Sale  
Orlando Fashion Square Mall, Orlando

**May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010**  
Annual Halifax Council of Garden Clubs  
luncheon/business meeting. This year we  
will be hosting this event at Knicker's  
restaurant at the LPGA golf course.

**July 28<sup>th</sup> – Aug. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010**  
“Bromeliads in the Big Easy”  
BSI World Conference in New Orleans.  
Not registered yet? What are you waiting  
for? This promises to be a party like no

other! For more information, check the  
following web site:  
[http://www.gnobromeliads.com/GNOBS\\_W  
BC2010.htm](http://www.gnobromeliads.com/GNOBS_W<br/>BC2010.htm)



Rick holds a prime example of *Ae. nidularioides* with Bill Frazel  
in the background



Closeup of the same plant in the Frazel's shade house

