

The Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society

Next meeting Sunday, November 13th, 12:30p.m.

Sugar Mill Botanical Gardens

950 Old Sugar Mill Rd., Port Orange 32119

November, 2011

Extravaganza 2011!

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The date has finally arrived, preparations are complete (at least as complete as possible – we probably have overlooked something) and we're ready to host the 2011 Bromeliad Extravaganza. Right up front, I would like to thank all of you for your efforts in making sure that this event will be the success that it is certain to be. Our member participation is something that I'm very, very proud of. It seems like everyone has been willing to help out in some way and that help is greatly appreciated!

Just a reminder – we can use boxes for the plant sale, so if you have any medium sized boxes (don't bring the one that your new washing machine came it!) bring them to the Plaza Hotel on Friday. The best size is similar to what canned goods come in at the supermarket – something that is small enough to be easy to carry and yet large enough to hold a number of plants that you are considering purchasing.

What jobs can we use some help with? We need people to sit behind the registration desk on Saturday. We need people to sit near the doors to the sales area to make sure that no one is bringing plants into the sales area. We need them near the doors to the show area also to make sure that no one is bringing

plants into the show area...or bringing them out! We need people to help in the sales area to take tags out of plants and read the information to the cashiers, we need cashiers, and we need people to bag or box the plants up after they have been paid for. We need people to watch over the holding area where people will temporarily store their plant purchases. We need people to help move plants around and show them to the audience at the auction.



**WE WANT YOU – at the
Extravaganza!**

We need people to sell tickets for the raffles...we have all kinds of jobs and we need your help!...and don't forget to wear your new FECBS shirts that Rick was so kind to procure for us and have embroidered. Thanks Rick!

This month's meeting

...will be a "Ramble" to three members' gardens. First, we will be meeting at the Sugar Mill Botanical Gardens on Herbert St. in Port Orange to have a brief business meeting (we'll talk a bit about the Extravaganza) and directions will be passed on to everyone to take them to the first stop, the Rauchs'. From there you will be given directions to the second stop, the home of Erna Jones...and there you will find directions to the last stop, the Thurrotts – you get the idea. This should be a relaxing and enjoyable afternoon of viewing members' collections, discussing bromeliads and recuperating from the Extravaganza!

How do you get started at Sugar Mill Gardens? Head toward Colony in the Wood where we usually meet. Just South of the entrance to Colony in the Wood, Herbert St. intersects Clyde Morris Blvd. There is a traffic light at that intersection. Head east on Herbert St. (toward the beach) and downhill to Nova Rd. There is a traffic light at this intersection as well. Continue east on Herbert St. after crossing Nova Rd. for one block. Then the road splits into Herbert St. on your right and Old Sugar Mill Rd. on your left. Bear to the left onto Old Sugar Mill Rd. and you will soon see the entrance to Sugar Mill Gardens. Parking is on your left, just past the entrance. Oh, and by the way – please note the time for the meeting is 12:30 rather than our usual 1:30 starting time. We'll see you there!

Last month's meeting –

We visited the genus *Vriesea* in October and we learned how to play "Bromeliad Bingo". Many thanks to Mike and Patty for visiting us from South Florida and educating us in the fine points of this game! Thanks also to Charlie Birdsong for visiting us from Baton Rouge. We certainly appreciate him taking the out from his visit to Florida to stop by and say "hi" to our group.

Sudi wasn't able to make the meeting last month, but she was kind enough to send a box of *Vrieseas* to share with the club. Thanks Sudi!

Upcoming Events:

December 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 2011

Caloosahatchee Show and Sale

Terry Park, Fort Myers

For information, contact Dr. Larry Giroux at

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December 11,2011

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Christmas party

April 19 – April 22, 2012

Bromeliad Society of South Florida annual show and sale. More details when they become available.

September 24th-30th

2012 Bromeliad Society International World Bromeliad Conference

hosted by Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies

The Caribe Royal, 8101 World Center, Orlando, FL 32821 – Check out the BSI website (www.bsi.org) or the Florida Council website(www.fcbs.org) for registration information.

