

GAINESVILLE BROMELIAD SOCIETY

Where Guests are Welcome and Members Are Encouraged!

Plant and photo
by Nancy Mason

July Meeting Details

July 2012

TIME: Sunday, July 22nd - 2:00 PM

PLACE: UF Entomology/Nematology Building, Natural Area Drive east of the Performing Arts Center on Hull Road, U of F. or the 5th left turn on Archer Road coming East from 34th Street.

PROGRAM: **Speaker: Dave Johnston**

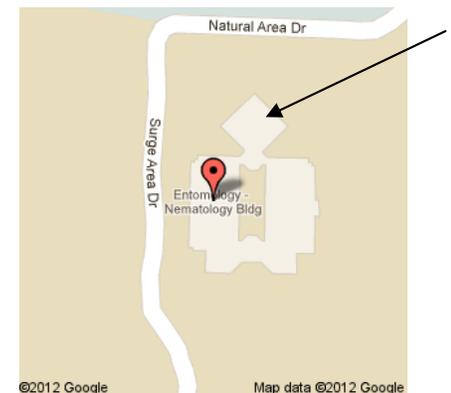


Our meeting on July 22 should be very exciting. Our speaker, Dave Johnston, is a well-known lecturer, collector, and commercial nursery owner of Bromeliads Galore at Pinellas Park. This nursery was started in 1990 and offers over 1500 different bromeliads. Dave will bring plants for sale, so please **come prepared to purchase** some beautiful and unique plants.

The title of Dave's talk is "A Tribute to Chester Skotak" Chester is a hybridizer, grower, collector, owner of Dura Flor Nursery, and an author. His novel Searching for Miss Fortuna describes with humor and vivid imagery the quest for rare plants. Two bromeliads have been named in his honor: *Guzmania skotakii* (Costa Rica) and *Aechmea skotakii* (Ecuador). A Costa Rican tree species also bears his name, *Palicourea skotakii*.

Also part of the program:

Show and Tell, Silent Auction, Door Prizes, Refreshments.



GBS Map : We meet in the triangular building at the end of the arrow.

Secretary's Notes: From Last Meeting, May 2012

The meeting was called to order at 2:09. As Peggy Mixon is not well we will circulate a card for folks to sign.

Nancy Mason presented our program. She's been growing bromeliads 6 years, and orchids even longer. She's lived in Gainesville over 20 years. Nancy's program was all about Tillandias. When she started with bromeliads, she was into Neoregelias, and even gave a talk on mounting them a while ago. Now she is more interested in Tillandias. There are so many of them. She stated that if bromeliads are an addiction, Tillandias are crack cocaine.

(For expediency of delivering the minutes to the Newsletter editor, the details of the Tillandsia presentation will be prepared as an addition to the Website as a cultural information file.)

President David shared photos of his garden trip to England. From castles to topiary gardens over 300 years of age, his presentation treated us to lovely views, including serene and historical, to typically foggy British vistas.

Business: Lorene reported that we have 2 new members, and that almost all the dues are collected.

Dot has been bringing in the ice and drinks. Sandy will bring ice and drinks in July.

Our August meeting will be at Oak Hammock and all refreshments will be catered.

The BSI conference is the last week in September. Our September 23rd meeting is still open.

Our July meeting will be a talk on Chester Skotack. The speaker will bring plants. David can't attend, because it's his 70th birthday, and Irene will host that meeting.

Our Librarian, Irene Aldrich, took over those duties in 2011, when it involved one book, some journals, and some disks. Bob Moxley added some more materials. Chris volunteered to be the new librarian.

Ron suggested our club put an ad in the BSI program. It's \$50 for a quarter page. We could advertise our time and place and it could attract some interesting visitors. Ron suggested Hjordis get the information to the editor. David will get Hjordis in touch with the editor.

Show&Tell

Chris shared a beautiful bloom of *Bromelia silvicolis* (coral pink and white bracts, with magenta flowers). The plant is vicious; the bloom is good 1 ½ to 2 weeks.

Ron shared *Guzmania lingulata*, one of the smallest *Guzmanias*. It is prolific and cute. Also, *Guz. sanguinea*, which has a short bloom. The inner foliage turns red, and the flowers are yellow. The flowers last a week. It produces a pup in the center. He got one from *Tropiflora* and one from another grower. It's doing strange stuff (pups are showing up and one looks like it's coming into bloom). Grow this plant in low light. It is not cold hardy.

David shared "Moon Glow", a *Dyckia* that turned yellow in the sun. *Cryptanthus* "Ruby" was in deep color, grown under trees with partial sun.

Door Prizes were awarded starting at 3:50 and the meeting adjourned at 3:57.

Lois Wood, Secretary



Aechmea biflora

*Bromeliad of
the Month*

**Do You
Remember
This Plant?**

**Could it be
YOURS?**

Source:
Archived Photos on CD
for GBS

Gainesville Bromeliad Society is
affiliated with:



<http://www.fcbs.org/>



<http://www.bsi.org/>



*Keep in mind the
World Bromeliad Conference*

Have YOU registered yet?

To Register: [http://www.fcbs.org/
WBC12Registration.pdf](http://www.fcbs.org/WBC12Registration.pdf)

Schedule of Events: [http://www.fcbs.org/
BC12ScheduleofEvents.pdf](http://www.fcbs.org/BC12ScheduleofEvents.pdf)

Sales Rules: [http://www.fcbs.org/
WBC12SalesRules.pdf](http://www.fcbs.org/WBC12SalesRules.pdf)

Or go to FCBS @ <http://fcbs.org/>

GBS Officers and Staff:

President:	David Silverman	352-378-7481	nmvrlis@hotmail.com
Vice-President	Ilene Aldrich	352-629-1913	ialdrich4@cox.net
Treasurer:	Lorene Junkin	352-375-0322	lorenepaul@mindspring.com
Secretary:	Lois Wood	352-495-0861	lawood@ufl.edu
Newsletter Editor:	Hjordis Owens	352-486-3998	hjordis@bellsouth.net
Librarian:	Chris George	352-215-5533	Chrisg7989@yahoo.com