



Wishing You A Very Merry Christmas

November Meeting Details

November/December 2011

We will not have a speaker for the November 27th meeting.

Our agenda is the election of new officers. Therefore, we need all members to come and let your voice be heard and vote counted.

In September we discussed a "Plant" exchange for the November meeting and it was discussed again at our October meeting. There were no objections so.....

If you want to participate bring a plant, or maybe a nice container, or plant related item, if you don't have any plants. Those who bring a "gift" will take a "gift" home. Be sure to wrap your plant and/or gift so no one knows what it is.

There were no volunteers for refreshments for November. Therefore we will omit them for this month unless any of you wish to bring something.

Thanks,

George



Secretary's Notes: From Last Meeting, October 2011

Nancy Mason, our Secretary, was unable to attend the October meeting so no official minutes were recorded.

To the best of my memory.....We arrived at Lorene's home at 2:00 PM and took a tour of her garden in the front yard, then proceeded to the backyard for a continued tour. We ended the tour by meeting on her glass enclosed porch, and enjoyed the refreshments she provided along with some from Dr. Frank. There were 15 members present (including our hostess).

Lorene was going to give a presentation on floral arrangements using Bromeliads. However, since she gets her materials from Al Muzzel, and Al was in the hospital, she did not have any materials for the presentation.

Ron provided information (application forms, etc.) on the Bromeliad Extravaganza in Daytona Beach on November 5. He also had additional information on the 2012 World Conference in Orlando.

Irene asked the question on whether or not we were going to have a "plant exchange" at our November meeting. There was a short discussion on how the event went last year.

We adjourned around 4pm (I think).

George Aldrich

CURRENT TREASURY REPORT:

Balance 10/23/11		Receipts	Disbursements	\$1,519.97
	Receipts	\$-0-		
	New Checks		-\$21.00	
Balance to Date:		\$-0-	-\$21.00	\$1,496.97

Bromeliad Calendars for the New Year

Darrow Mixon has produced and had Office Depot print a few Bromeliad calendars that will be available at the November Meeting for purchase. The sale of calendars will be used as a fund raiser and all proceeds will be deposited to our Gainesville Bromeliad Society treasury. The price will be **\$8.00 each**, a real deal!

[I hope there are enough for all of us because I definitely want one.]

Thank you, Darrow, for such a great idea!!



(Graphic, not original calendar)

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2011 Extravaganza:

... a little rundown of the happenings from my perspective.

George and I arrived in Daytona Beach about mid-morning on Friday, November 4. George took care of getting our plants into the sales area and I entered our Cryptanthus in the Cryptanthus Show.

The Cryptanthus Show had 90 entries which is a lot for a show with only one Genus. We were lucky enough to take home a few awards.....George won the Judges Challenge, and I won Division I, Individual Specimen, and the Sweepstakes award.



Friday evening we attended the Ice Cream Social and Bromeliad Art Show at the Peabody Auditorium held for the registrants.

There were 162 registrants including some from Australia, Puerto Rico, California, Michigan, South Carolina, Texas and Louisiana.

As a comparison, the 2008 Extravaganza in Orlando had 197 registrants and in 2007 it was 250. The commitment to the hotel was for 125 rooms and they easily met that. At this writing they did not have the final tally for sales figures, but the estimate is between \$20,000 and \$24,000. I do not know the total amount raised at the Plant Auction either but understand it was comparable to other extravaganzas. There were 26 vendors signed up with 25 showing up plus the member sales tables - 102 tables were used for the sales area. There were vendors from Florida, one each from Louisiana, Michigan and California.



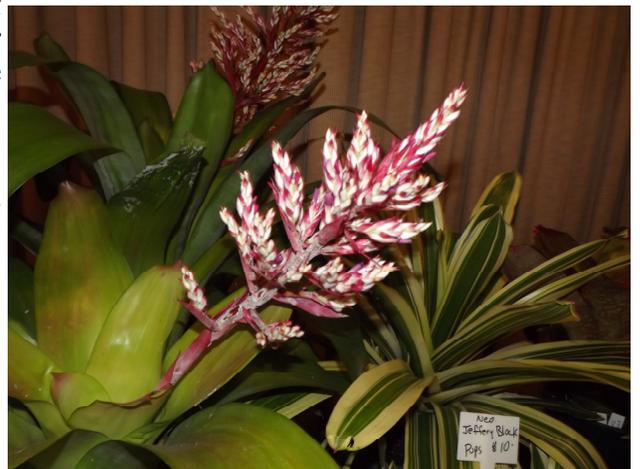
Saturday at 9am the doors opened to the Sales area for the registrants, then to the public at 10 am.

In addition to the sales throughout the day on Saturday they held raffles for baskets filled with nice gifts and raised \$313. One of which I won because George was nice enough to buy some tickets for me. They also sold 50/50 raffle tickets to the registrants for a total of \$420 (a \$210 split for the winner/ FECBS). The ticket for this was drawn at the banquet. They also sold Ads for the program totaling \$500. So all in all they did quite well.

The only downside, no one was able to enjoy the beach because there were 35 mph winds all day Saturday and it was cold.

Irene Aldrich

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