

JULY 24, 2022 MINUTES OF GAINESVILLE BROMELIAD SOCIETY

The meeting was held at the Entomology Building on UF campus.

Ray Lemieux brought several examples of Deuterocohnia, Dyckias, Hechtias, Pitcairnia, Neoglasiovia, Orthophytum, and Cryptanthus all of which are terrestrial bromeliads and talked about how to propagate them. In the case of one, the plant must have the central bud poked (damaged) so that it will pup. He talked about different growth conditions (Dyckia like water whereas Hechtia likes it dry). Pitcairnia pup in the soil and look like bulbs – they are not cold hardy. Neoglasiovia looks grasslike and pups underground. Orthophytum – some have a bloom spike and some bloom like Neoregelia. Dyckia should have the outer limbs trimmed when replanting since they bend down and will prevent placing the plant in soil.

Business meeting began with Steve Provost announcing John Boardman as next month's speaker and he will address variation in variegation of Neoregelias. September will be David Johnston and October will be Terrie Bert. November will be the holiday party and we will not meet in December.

Sandy Burnett said we had 5 new members today. She reported that the balance in the checking account was \$515.28 and in savings \$3,634.01.

For show and tell, Ron Schoenau brought an Aechmea chantinii (small form).

There were questions as to the clippers Ray used – they were Kamaki professional grade trimmers for \$40.

Steve Provost mentioned that the one of the members of the Gainesville Garden Club had many Neoregelias (fingernail) available for free and if anyone was interested they should contact Steve.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 with 34 people present.