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Stop and Smell the Bromeliads

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What	Who
Sales Table	Antonio Arbelaez (resting)

OCTOBER 20, 2015
SPEAKER: NONE
RAFFLE TABLE: NONE
FOOD: More the merrier – Potluck

OCTOBER – The Auction

What to do: Clean Plants
Where: Bring to the auction
When: Now and October 20, 2015

The meeting will be held in the Corbin A

ABOUT THE AUCTION

This auction represents the largest deposit-making industry of the society. The auction is the needed annual transfusion for the society. To make it work, you merely need to deliver a few good plants to the sale, and also attend the sale. When attending, bring your wallet or checkbook and let it roll. If the auction meets previous years' expectations, the plants being provided will be extremely different from what the market delivers. Thus making your landscape, pool area, and trees to which you affix the lovelies, the talk of the town. And, don't forget – bring a friend.



President's Message

by Sandy Roth

Greetings

Everyone should pat themselves on their back for all your hard work and SMILE because it's over !!!!

BSSF knows how to throw a party that's for sure!!

Everyone worked their butts off !!! Looking forward to hearing the final results

We are #1
Hugs to all of you !!!

So come sign up for some fun !!

Peace n Luv

Sandy Roth

In Case You Missed It

by Robert Meyer

The discussion was less about plants than about technology. Effectively, the time has come for all members of this society to understand the great offers by facebook – a party to whom this society freely displays photos in three different venues.

As stated at the meeting, the advent of internet photograph is analogous to the life-changing event of color television experienced by most in the 1960's. The small 5x7 print is now replaced by 25" to 40" monitors, some with incredible HD capabilities.

If you want to just sit back and look at photos, facebook offers about a good a place as any. In the society's webpage, over 1000 photos of bromeliads can be found. Albums of past shows are there as well. All of the last 6 years of Advisories can be seen in glorious color. Our group page

is almost as strong. And, the recently created Extravaganza page allows anyone to see what they may have unfortunately missed. The album uploaded this past week amount to more than 200 photos. You may recognize many of the culprits seen ogling the tables.

For the wary, Robert Meyer provided an anonymous name for people to surf facebook without having to deliver disclosure. Alternatively, a short tutorial on how to become a member was provided.

Plant Bromeliad, the forerunner in the this medium, was shown as were other pages with bromeliad affiliation. Each on the three large HD screens provided by FTBG's Corbin A building.

If you are still demanding hard copy of the advisory, take a peek on line. After such review – like black and white television – fond thoughts of the Advisory envelope may fade into becoming a memory of things past.

Don't know where to look – go to

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Extravaganza

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Bromeliad-Extravaganza-2015/680427458747123>

by Robert Meyer

The festivities began Friday afternoon. Tickets for a 50/50 raffle started to be sold by Carl Bauer around at 4:00 (and ending the next day just before 7:00). Then the libations. At 6:15, participants could see the first of two silent auctions, and – more importantly – engage a meet-and-greet in the event lobby from 7:00 to 8:30. Some had difficulties finding this place as it literally was not in the hotel, but in an abutting corner seemingly more part of the MACC than the hotel. The participation was large.



Past presidents Carl Bauer and Barbara Patagas (Co-Chair of Extravaganza)

Growers, hobbyists, plant scientists, and plant groupies were able to meet one another and the next day's featured speakers – Craig Morell and Jose Manzanares.

At 9:00 the standing crowd stampeded onto the floor to grab the collectibles. Some of the growers were selling items that they had been holding for years, not realizing the uniqueness of same and with the less-than-demanding prices, observed the tables' inventory vanish in nanoseconds.

At 11:30 AM. CRAIG MORELL, horticulturist at Pinecrest Gardens, the former Parrot Jungle spoke about the history of Nat DeLeon. AT 1:30, JOSE MANZANARES, a major grower in Ecuador, spoke about a unique trip going west to east in Ecuador where many new species were discovered.

After the talks, many registrants returned to the sale room for "I could still use that" shopping.

At 6:00PM afternoon, the first phase of the dinner began with perusal of the auction plants.



Co-chair Maureen Adelman, Rhonda Herndon and Sandy Roth wear volunteer shirts

The banquet commenced at 7:00, and the rare plant auction followed at 8:15 and unfortunately ran through 11:30.

For the few hearty souls conserving energy, Sunday optional garden tours in the Dade-Broward region included stops at Block Botanical Gardens and Pinecrest Gardens (admission fee \$5 regular and \$3 senior). As an alternative, Sunshine Bromeliads opened its doors and cooking for a memorable experience.

People from Japan, Australia and other far regions joined Louisianans, Texans, and even Broward residents.

Bromeliads in the Magic City was a success. The accommodations, as well as the preparations, were all first class. Great words were said by most who attended.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday Oct 9 – 11, 2015

Orchid Fiesta
BankUnited Center
1245 Dauer Drive
Coral Gables, FL
Contact: Dan Christensen
954-252-8116
damorchid@aol.com



Saturday, October 17, 2015 9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday, October 18, 2015 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Broward County Plant Affair

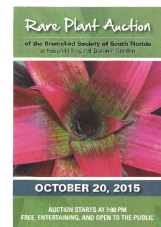
Plantation Heritage Park
1100 South Fig Tree Lane
Plantation, FL
More Info: 954-797-2722

<http://www.broward.org/calendar/welcome.htm>



October 19, 2015

Annual BSSF Auction of Plants
Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden
Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens
10901 Old Cutler Road
Coral Gables, Florida
<http://www.fairchildgarden.org/events-community-outreach>



November 7-8, 2015

35th Fall Palm Show & Sale
Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens
10901 Old Cutler Road
Coral Gables, Florida
<http://www.fairchildgarden.org/events-community-outreach/events-details/artmid/486/articleid/1159/palm-show-and-sale-presented-by-south-florida-palm-society>



November 14-16, 2015

Fall Ramble – 75th Annual
Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden
Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens
10901 Old Cutler Road
Coral Gables, Florida
<http://www.fairchildgarden.org/events-community-outreach>



December 5 & 6, 2015

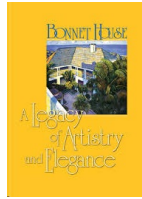
BONNET HOUSE MUSEUM & GARDEN 9TH ANNUAL ORCHID, GARDEN & GOURMET FOOD FESTIVAL

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m

900 N. Birch Road just south of Sunrise Blvd. between A1A and the Intracoastal on Fort Lauderdale beach.

(954) 563-5393 or (954)925-2021.

<http://www.bonnethouse.org/news/orchid-festival/>



December 5 & 6, 2015

9:00-5:00 Saturday

10:00 - 3:00 Sunday

Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society Sale

3410 Palm Beach Blvd.

Ft. Myers, FL

Call Sushil 239.454.5130



December 21, 2015

Annual BSSF Holiday Party

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens

10901 Old Cutler Road

Coral Gables, Florida

<http://www.fairchildgarden.org/events-community-outreach>



APRIL 16-17, 2016

ANNUAL RARE PLANT AND SALE FOR BSSF

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens

10901 Old Cutler Road

Coral Gables, Florida



MURDER IN CORBIN A

© by Robert Meyer

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Boss interrogated the servant as he knew what she was feeling. He could be sympathetic to her and show the sympathy when the right occasion arose to deliver such emotion. Marlene and Rodriguez got the eager tenant.

“You have to know that we are not here because of something you did. We are not here to arrest you. Because there is no arrest, there is not right to an attorney. You need to cooperate and answer my questions. Do you understand?”

She nodded.

“Great. Now, do you anything about a rental property owned by your employers?” Boss calmly asked.

She nodded affirmatively.

“Do you know anything about the tenant?”

She nodded side to side.

“Do you know anything about a woman named Stitch?”

Again, she nodded side to side.

“Do you know this woman?” at which time Boss showed her a photograph of Stitch.

“Yes.” the servant answered. “Her name is Sissy. She came over many times the past few months. Never saw her before.”

Upon hearing this, Boss continued to get little bits from the servant. He learned that they grow bromeliads, that they use Florel. He learned that other guests included the judge, and the judge’s friend – Irene Standish. Pieces were beginning to fall into place. Almost too easily, Boss acknowledged, this case was pointing to one culprit.

After the long discussion with the servant, Marlene and Rodriguez basically delivered minor tidbits, but nothing revealing about the tenant’s landlord. Other than pointing out the details of the weight, height, and unmistakable haircut, the tenant delivered nothing else as the relationship was distant and involved little more than a monthly check delivered for rent.

Boss arrived at the Captain’s door, and described the recent revelations. Without one interruption, the Captain listened attentively with his right hand covering his mouth and left hand on his desk. Eventually, when Boss finished his recitation, the Captain asked, “What do you think? Is there any motive? Any reason? Were they in ‘on it?’”

Boss had to say no. After which Captain asked, “Did any of these meetings include the bunch together, at one time, in the mansion?” Realizing this question had been overlooked, Boss nodded and walked out the Captain’s door

and returned to the interrogation room where the servant remained seated.

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Marin stood perplexed that the simplest question had never crossed his mind. Who started the rumor. Essentially that rumor put a price out on the Gorts' heads.

"How about Stitch?" Joshua asked.

"Stitch? Who is Stitch?"

"The beautiful woman in my morgue who had some type of affiliation with the bromeliad people, but before we could interrogate her, she was murdered in a manner like the others."

"Oh, you mean Sissy. Great eyes, great body, great smile. A beauty no one could forget. Don't you know who she is?"

Joshua, almost daily, felt like he nothing about this case. The aliases, the lack of respect for the

truth. A gaggle of beasts had infiltrated the bromeliad society. The lack of trust he placed in the group was unique and unmatched by any other group he had ever met. "No, I do not know who she is. Never could have a conversation with her. She was dead before I met her."

"Oh." Marin said slightly remorsefully. "She's a Gort. Cousin of Susan. Niece of Stan. Practically a daughter. I hear Stan raised the girl. A wizard at growing. Really natural in making hybrids. Great at keeping plants perfectly symmetrical. Quite a grower."

"Is there any reason she may have entered the world of selling women's lingerie?" Joshua asked.

"What? That woman had a nursery making her a gob of money. Probably raked in over \$100,000 per year. She was the best grower in the Gort clan. No need to leave what your gifted at." Marin retorted.

EXTRAVAGANZA

