

# BromeliAdvisory

November 2015



*Tillandsia* 'Samantha'

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Stop and Smell the Bromeliads

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NOVEMBER 17, 2015

SPEAKER: Pam Koide Hyatt from Bird Rock Tropicals

Topic: Tillandsia's and Hybrids

RAFFLE TABLE: Pam Koide Hyatt

FOOD: Usual Suspects

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Refreshments: Sandy Roth

What	Who
Sales Table	Pam Koide Hyatt

## About the Speaker

Pam Koide Hyatt is a well known name in the world of bromeliad hybridizing. It is said that she played Energizer Bunny between 1988 and 1989 in making 3,000 *tillandsia* hybrids and waited the requisite 8-15 years to see what her efforts delivered. In 2012, the RHS Chelsea Flower Show may have answered her with the naming of the *Tillandsia* 'Samantha' as a finalist for plant of the year. The ensuing year, that same plant received the Glass Tulip Award for best introductory houseplant.



Owner of Bird Rock Tropicals since 1981, she has traveled extensively through Central America, Mexico and South America for her plant of choice: *Tillandsia*. She has served as a director of BSI, been an international judge of bromeliads, been publications chairman of the BSI, and acted on the Editorial Advisory Board for the BSI. She has also been a Trustee on the board of the San Diego Botanic Garden.

She is bringing many plants for the attendees to purchase.



## President's Message

by Sandy Roth

Gobble Gobble

The Holidays are here !! Soon we will be feasting and partying til the New Year is here. Time to spruce up your garden and burn some of those calories.

And speaking of feasting... Our December holiday party is around the corner... Start thinking about what special holiday dish you are planning to bring !!

And don't forget that our November meeting we will also be having our holiday bazaar... Great gifts for your gardening friends and family

Peace n Luv

Sandy Roth

## In Case You Missed It

The Auction – as Donald Trump would say – was a huuuuge success. Thanks to all for coming, bidding, paying, and aiding in the process.

### ***Tillandsia* ‘Samantha’** BSI

TILLANDSIA ‘Samantha’

Koide-Hyatt P 1989

Medium / large mature rosette to 60cms. diameter x 70cms. tall in spike. Broad, soft grey/green recurving leaves. Upright branched inflorescence of pale pink to rose-coloured scape bracts with lateral green-bracted branches and pale yellow flowers. Named after the daughter of one of the leading European distributors, where released in early 2011. In January, 2013 T. Samantha won the Glass Tulip Award 2013 in the Netherlands for the Best New House Plant release in 2012, conducted by Flora Holland. Reg. Doc. 5/2012.

Country of origin: California USA

Seed Parent: mooreana

Pollen Parent: kalmbacheri

BSI Journal March-April, 2012. pp.90-93. Bird Rock Tropicals stock # TX196.



Photo from Bird Tropicals



Photo from New Covent Garden Market

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**November 14-16, 2015**

Fall Ramble – 75<sup>th</sup> 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**

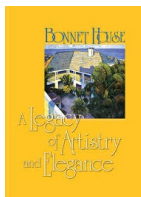
**BONNET HOUSE MUSEUM & GARDEN 9TH  
ANNUAL ORCHID, GARDEN & GOURMET  
FOOD FESTIVAL**

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 11 - 12, 2016**

Tropiflora Winter Sale

3530 Tallevast Road\

Sarasota, Florida 34243.

[www.tropiflora.com](http://www.tropiflora.com)



**December 15, 2015**

Annual BSSF Holiday Party

**Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden**

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10901 Old Cutler Road

Coral Gables, Florida

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



**JANUARY 15-17, 2016**

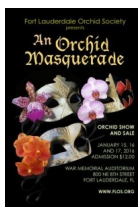
**BROWARD ORCHID FESTIVAL**

NE War Memorial Auditorium

800 NE 8 Street

Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Parking is free.



<http://www.flos.org/wp/society-activities/an-orchid-masquerade-2016-fort-lauderdale-orchid-society-show/>

**MARCH 11-13, 2016**

**FTBG ORCHID FESTIVAL**

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



## Election Time

Here is the presently proposed slate for this year's election.

Office	Person
President	Robert Meyer
Vice President	Alex Bello
Treasurer	Fred Sussenberger
Secretary	Maureen Adelman
Director 2015-16	Rhonda Herndon
Director 2015-16	Harlo Von Wald
Director 2016-17	Barbara Sparling
Director 2016-17	Leonard Goldstein

NOTE: Pursuant to the bylaws, we have an election at the November meeting. Nominations may be made at the November meeting.

## Time to Renew the Membership

It is that time of year for all of us to renew the membership. A separate email will go out with form.

### Bargainers' Delight

The Society's overstocking is your delight. Bargain prices are being delivered to you for this November meeting for the purchase of t-shirts, gloves, tweezers, aprons and mugs. Great gifts for the holidays.

**BARGAIN  
SALE**

### Holiday Party

Mike Michalski and Sandy Roth again are heading the pot luck aspects associated with the Holiday party – **December 15, 2015 at 7:00 PM.**



Call them to identify what you are cooking. Emails and phone numbers are in the roster.

### MURDER IN CORBIN A

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PREVIOUS CHAPTERS MAY BE SEEN IN  
<http://www.bssf-miami.org/>

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Just when the facts cleared up some old questions, the newest revelations began to demand new questions. And, with new questions came demands to ask more of Marin and the others in custody.

As the new questions lingered, time evolved. As time evolved, lack of nutrition became a problem for those in custody. What was never contemplated, was the lack of medicine taking at a prescribed time. And, with that omission compiled with an empty stomach, health issues become increasingly fragile. As an older man with previous heart trouble, Marin delivered what could have been contemplated. He fainted and fell to the ground while turning ashen white.

Immediate paramedic response followed the in house use of the defibrillator. Marin made sounds while sucking air. The computer controlled defibrillation worked to save the patient for a few moments, and the subsequent paramedic relay of Marin to Jackson Memorial – coupled with a quick procedure involving stents – stabilized the situation and preserved a potentially important witness.

When returning to the hospital after her recent visit to see Candy, Marlene was sitting at the door's opening to assure that the police presence was known. At this time, it was unclear whether the Marin's episode was another Florex response or somehow otherwise related to the BSSF deaths. In an abundance of caution, Captain demanded 24-hour watch on Marin and Marlene was named as the first at the watch.

Marlene kept wondering why and how come her recent month had been a constant visit to the hospital. What is so important about bromeliads? After all, they are nothing when contrasted to orchids, no? And, the prices certainly show the public will spend almost anything for an orchid and nearly nothing for a bromeliad. So, why are so many lives being jeopardized for the forgotten step child of the orchid?

An, even though the rumor was that there was a cross breed of orchid – a cheap phalaenopsis at that – with a cheap bromeliad, such a cheap cross was nothing when contrasted to great orchids. Fights had brewed over some Vandas in the orchid world – partly because of ego and partly because of economics. But, never had the torrid world of orchid competition delivered corpses to Corbin or other places. Why? Marlene kept asking herself.

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Joshua was not a detective, but the importance of Stitch's relation to the Gorts had to be known. He relayed the information to Captain and Boss as soon as he could, and at the same time made numerous attempts to contact Susan through his cell phone's speed dial.

Just as Joshua was making his fifteenth attempt to contact Susan, Shirley walked by with eyes on his phone and chirped, "Someone trying to contact their GF?"

Joshua attempted to ignore Shirley and looked at the phone to see if a response was being made. Shirley, someone who never admired those who attempted to ignore her, blasted out the next sentence, "Boy, that girl Susan is way out of your league and your umpteen attempts to hook up with her are a sad statement about your desperation."

While blushing, Joshua turned to Shirley and said, "Wherever you go, you leave behind a mess. I've known you less than a few days and already I know you are in the middle of shoot out with the federals, had to pee in a cup with IA, and now deem it appropriate to yell out my private business in these public halls. Get lost."

When Shirley heard this, she thought first to beat him up. But, since he was a cop and she was under investigation, that urge was quickly dampened by quick resolution that her entitlement to retirement would be more beneficial than blackening Joshua's eye.

Shirley with a sever stare, slowly walked away and pointed her finger at Joshua without another word. Another day, another time, she would configure a method to respond to his impertinence.



When Shirley was out of sight, Joshua again dialed Susan. To his surprise, she answered.

“Susan, I have been trying to contact you for a long time now. Can we meet?”

“Joshua, we can meet. But, please do not call any more today. Let’s meet at Versaille’s café bar at 8 PM tonight. Okay?”

After Joshua responded affirmatively, he hung up and started counting the minutes between that call and 8 PM.

