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Background and photo above are *Neoregelia* 'passion' (Photos by Sandy Roth)
This is the theme plant for the Extravaganza



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JULY 21, 2015

SPEAKER: Terrie Bert "The Quietly Riotous Q and R Bromeliads"

RAFFLE TABLE: Maria Brenes-Perez

FOOD: Usual Suspects

BERT LECTURE

"The Quietly Riotous Q and R Bromeliads"

This talk is about Quesnelia, Racinaea, and Ronnbergia, three surprisingly diverse and beautiful genera. Tracing their distributions will take us through Central and South America and even to the Galapagos. These genera are poorly represented in collections throughout the world. Learn how to grow them here in Florida. As usual, there will be a game at the end of the talk, with bromeliads as prizes!



Dr. Terrie Bert is a longstanding member of the Sarasota Bromeliad Society (SBS) and the Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society and has held multiple offices in the SBS. She also served the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies (FCBS) as a representative and officer for eight years and has authored articles for the FCBS Newsletter. For the Bromeliad Society International, she has been a Florida Director, chaired several international committees, and contributed articles to the BSI Journal. Currently, she is Librarian, Curator of the Wally Berg Award of Excellence, and a Master Judge.

President's Message

by Sandy Roth

Hello Everyone

Friends Romans Countrymen.... lend me your ear
Our Extravaganza event is near...



I am being hopeful that our members have been thinking about how they are going to participate.

There are many positions to fill...ones where you sit; Ones where you stand; Ones where you walk; Ones where you talk; Ones for the young; Ones for the old Ones; Ones for the shy; and

Ones for the bold – something for everyone.

So come sign up for some fun !!

Peace n Luv

Sandy Roth

Bromeliad Society of South Florida: Thank You

by Andy Siekkinen

I am very happy to report back that my experience of being able to attend and participate in the 1st World Congress of Bromeliaceae Evolution (BromEvo) in March was extremely successful. The support of this club was a significant help and was extremely appreciated. I was able to present both my preliminary results of my genetic research on the genus *Hechtia* and also to represent the BSI to start building stronger ties to the research community and to highlight our relatively new

Harry Luther Scholars Fund. My research uses a very new technique that drew quite a bit of interest and will hopefully make an impact on several other projects being worked on by researchers in Europe and in Latin America.

The conference was attended by around 150 registrants, with the far majority being from Brazil. There were at least six research groups representing Europe (mostly German, but also Austrian, a Swiss group, and a British professor). Many other Latin American countries were represented, but unfortunately a few key countries were not represented (Ecuador and Venezuela for example). And I was the lone representative from the US. As this was the first event, it is expected that the next one will build off of this success and draw more of the researchers from around the world, especially some of the big Brazilian researchers who were not able to attend. One great thing to see was how many young researchers participated. While not all of them will continue with their entire career working on the Bromeliaceae, it is sure that many of them will. Having that many young and emerging researchers in Latin America is a very good sign!

The first two days were filled with symposia and invited conferences covering many different topics. They ranged from floristic inventories, pharmacological activity, modes of evolution, population genetics, and reproductive biology/pollination. The evenings allowed for the display of artwork of three Brazilian artists and poster sessions with over 60 posters highlighting even more research projects.

The final day was full of shorter talks by students and professors (and me) covering some of the newer projects showing what is in progress. Several of the students participated in the competition section where their presentations on their research were judged by professors. That afternoon the conference was wrapped up with an



1st BromEvo, Porto de Galinhas, Brazil, March 2015

interesting talk on inselbergs around the world and how they relate especially to the bromeliads in Brazil followed by planning sessions where the researchers met in groups to discuss strategy

of new collaborations and ways to work together. That evening many of the Brazilian students (and yes, even some of the professors) had an informal party at a bar overlooking the beach that lasted well into the night (unfortunately I needed to leave 'early' to get at least 2 hours of sleep before heading out on a field trip the next morning!). But even in that informal social time, much was accomplished in building relationships and possible future collaborations.

The next morning about 15 of us from the conference began a two day trip to visit habitats in the dry caatinga inland from Recife. This was led by Professor Marccus Alves and some of his students. We climbed all over granite formations to look at *Aechmeas*, *Bromelias*, *Encholiriums*, *Hohenbergias*, *Orthophtyums*, *Tillandsias*, and *Vrieseas*—and even an *Anthurium bromelicola* that only lives in the leaves and tanks of large *Aechmeas* and *Porteas*! The highlight was climbing a large inselberg that rose well over 1000' above where we started the hike. And it even required ropes to make the final ascent to the peak.



Aechmea leptantha
Photo by Andy Siekkinen

All in all, it was an amazing trip and the support from your club was a great help. It is certainly worth meeting more of the researchers studying the bromeliads around the world and hopefully we can involve more of them in our World

Bromeliad Conferences. Maybe even something more might be able to develop in the future... Thank you again for your support!

Another Interview With Famous Irish Horticulturalist, Eddie O'Flaherty by Robert Meyer

Once again I met with chief horticultural leader of the Irish state, Eddie O'Flaherty, who was enthusiastic and surprisingly sober for our short chat.

BromeliAdvisory: So what brings you to South Florida during this seemingly hottest summer of all time?

Eddie: The weather. Not that I want this heat. It is a multinational conference about global warming. A very serious issue, indeed.

BromeliAdvisory: I did not know of such a conference.



Where is it being held?

Eddie: At the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Miami Airport & Convention Center.

BromeliAdvisory: Wow, did you know that the BSSF is hosting a conference there this September called the Extravaganza?

Eddie: Yes, and I have a bit of news for you about the site, if you would care to impart some sage wisdom from this Irish sage to the good people of yer society.

BromeliAdvisory: Please, please tell us what you can.

Eddie: First, the rates we are charged are more than yer getting charged. I checked yer rates, I did. A Ms. Partagas told me about the same, and I was a bit shocked, I was. Yer people did a mighty wondrous job in getting such a good rate.

BromeliAdvisory: That is good news.

Eddie: Please son, try not to interrupt me. Second, the pool and other amenities are as colossally magnificent as the photographs represent. No photo shopping the public areas or other accommodations of this here place.

BromeliAdvisory: Wow.

Eddie: Pipe down son I'm not yet finished. Third, the food was as good as I get at me home. Please do not print that in case the missus opens up her emails and sees that lethally injected comment.

BromeliAdvisory: *Laughter*

Eddie: Third (replay) the conference room is as big as a football – what you call soccer – arena. Can't see how you need such space for bromeliads, but suspect yer Florida folk can really gush their gizzards for such things.

BromeliAdvisory: Well, we did not reserve the big room, but got the small one in the front.

Eddie: Good move as the big room cost a king's ransom, I would venture to guess. Fourth, there is shopping in that there hotel A big a mall with exotic and mysterious items. What a reprieve that was for the nice woman who attended with me.

BromeliAdvisory: So you like the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Miami Airport & Convention Center?

Eddie: Oh yes, very much so.

BromeliAdvisory: And would you like to come to our Extravaganza in September?

Eddie: Oh yes, and I am sure my traveling companion may wish to stroll through those shops again. How do I get a reservation?

BromeliAdvisory: Well you can either call or use the internet. You can either visit <http://tinyurl.com/doubletree-hilton-BRO-reserve> or call group reservations at (305)261-3800, extension 4333, toll free (888)353-1995, FAX(305)260-8900. Please note that the last date to qualify for the special rate is **August 26, 2015** so make your reservations today.

Eddie: I shall lad, I shall.

BromeliAdvisory: Would you be involved in the auction?

Eddie: Ah, yes. I like to buy a few plants. Will there be a plant auction?

BromeliAdvisory: Absolutely. On Saturday evening. September 26, 2015. Got a plant to give? Call Carolyn Schoenau at orlandiana2012@gator.net.

Eddie: No plants to give, but plenty to take home, I suppose.

BromeliAdvisory: And there will be vendors as well.

Eddie: Great son, great son.

BromeliAdvisory: And speakers – one you may know: Craig Morrell.

Eddie: Is that the lad who keeps talking about going to the loo in Wisconsin and contributing to the fertilizer known as Milorganite?

BromeliAdvisory: Tis the one.

Eddie: Good man, he is. Always entertaining.

BromeliAdvisory: And, on Sunday you can visit Block Botanical Gardens and the garden Morrell

works at and runs – Pinecrest Gardens.

Eddie: Is that the one that made people pay a few dollars this past year or two and we spoke about that and I ragged him a good one for the same?

BromeliAdvisory: Tis the one.

Eddie: Ay. Me apologies for that rant. Was a bit. . . nah. Maybe, nah . . . I was full drunk.

BromeliAdvisory: Full as a 9 wheel keyart?

Eddie: Not so, but was feelin rubbered.

BromeliAdvisory: Well, hope to see you at the Extravaganza, where we may even bring in a special rum connoisseur who will bring a specially blended pineapple rum to show the bromeliad touch upon that spirited world.

Eddie: Sounds mighty inviting. And, as to coming to the Extravaganza, lad – you had me at the word Doubletree.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 11-12, 2015

Ree Gardens Plant Sale – 9:00 am – 5:00pm
7860 SW 124 St.
Miami, FL

July 24-26, 2015

Caladium Festival
DeVane Park
Lake Placid, FL 33852
<http://www.lpfra.com/caladium.htm>



September 12 & 13, 2015
Mounts Botanical Garden
Orchid Sale & Shady Affair
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Mounts Botanical Garden
559 N. Military Trail
West Palm Beach, FL
More Info: 561-233-1757 <http://mounts.org/>



September 26, 2015

Bromeliad Extravaganza
“Bromeliads in the Magic City”
711 N.W. 72nd Avenue
Miami, Florida, 33126

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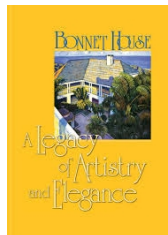
<http://www.bssf-miami.org/state-convention.htm>
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Saturday, October 17, 2015 9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday, October 18, 2015 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Broward County Plant Affair
Plantation Heritage Park
1100 South Fig Tree Lane
Plantation, FL
More Info: 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 14-16, 2015
Fall Orchid Show at
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 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>

MURDER IN CORBIN A

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Fishing through numbers by hand is tedious work. The hardwires knew this. But, attach phone records to a program called Deciphercall, and the results are easy and delivered in staggeringly quick fashion. After a few minutes, Deciphercall had listed the calls, with time and amount of minute details. The list was surprisingly short, only 8 numbers in all were called or received. A few were easy to point out, but one number was different. One number stood out. In short, within a few minutes, Deciphercall had delivered one name which the hardwires delivered to the Captain, who relayed orders to Boss for

questioning.

Boss returned to the Dorset home with Marlene at his side. Their servant still answered their door, they still were quaffed with bowl hairdos, and the furniture was still awkward for Boss' s short legs.

"I hope I do not sound pretentious, but I must ask what brings you back to our home, Sir?" Mrs. Dorset asked with proper tone and humble eye contact.

"We came to tell you that a young woman who called herself Stitch recently died, and wondered if you knew her. Do you know anyone by the name of Stitch?" Boss asked calmly.

"Stitch? Stitch? Quite an awkward name. One which I could not forget. I can certainly say that I do not know anyone by that name."

"How about the phone number 786-444-8923?" Boss asked.

"That number does ring a bell. Oh, pardon the accidental sarcasm. Let me look at my phone. " And, after going out of the room and returning with her state-of-the-art smart phone, she found the number to which the name Sissy was associated. "I know the person with that number to be Sissy."

"And, could you describe Sissy's physical appearance to us?" After which Mrs. Dorset described Stitch, almost to the mole next to her left upper lip.

"Was she a friend or business acquaintance?" Boss asked.

"Pure business. She belonged to a crowd far too young and fast for this person. She was a great interior decorator." Mrs. Dorset concluded.

"Did she belong to any company?" Boss asked.

"Not that I am aware of. We always met here or at a store selling pillows, couches or whatever my contract may require of her." Mrs. Dorset responded.

"Do you have a business card?" Boss hoped this may lead to another walk away for a gathered object.

"I do. Just wait here while I go to my desk and get it for you." And, then Mrs. Dorset walked briskly away to her study.

Boss gave Marlene the eye nod which meant scramble and look anywhere and everywhere for something suspicious. She bounced out of her seat and smoothly walked about with eyes absorbing the images surrounding here. Meanwhile, Boss remained at his seat, with legs sticking out and far from the floor, while Marlene scoped the home.

When Mrs. Dorset returned, she asked about Marlene's absence which Boss delivered a simple response of "lady's room."

The business card was neither decorative nor engaging.

But, it contained an email account and fax number which may lead to more information.

Boss, accepting the card from Mrs. Dorset, pocketed it while slowly dropping himself from the couch to the floor. Upon his two feet hitting carpet, he called out for Marlene who strutted into the room only nanoseconds later to thank Mrs. Dorset for her time and hospitality.

As the two left, each said the same thing to the other in unison, "Have you got anything for me?"

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Before either could respond, a phone rang and each reached for their hand holds. Boss was the recipient, and was told by Captain to go to an address where there was a lead on the pipe theft.

When Boss and Marlene arrived at the scene, they were welcomed by Rodriguez and others who told them they think the copper pipes are here. In the backyard, hundreds of feet of pipe were strewn about the yard, and the back was lined by the eaves with pipes which were catching the rainwater at the roof's edge. The spout delivered water to the adjoining plants, many withering in spite of the recent rains and hearty sun, which ordinarily are the proper combo for green and vivacious plants.

But, the pipes apparently were not lined, and the spillage delivered copper oxides which are a nemesis for bromeliad growers.

"Look at that." Marlene said to Boss as she saw some bromeliads at the spout's edge looking brown and sickly. "The bromeliads hate the rain water from the copper spout. It is poisoning them. Whoever took the pipe either sought to end a grower's pride, or was not part of the bromeliad world."

When asked who the pipe would be delivered to, the home's owner said it belonged to his landlord who dropped it off only a day ago.

When asked who his landlord is, the tenant said, "Dorset."

Marlene and Boss looked at each other. Then Boss asked, "Did Mr. or Mrs. Dorset personally deliver this pipe?"

"No, man. This black dude brought it. I asked him, 'Hey, man, this can't just be dropped on my green grass. When are you taking it away?' And he answered, 'I know nothing.' But, then he and a few others attached the pipe to the back of the house and left the rest in my yard. That's what happened."

"Did you call the cops about the copper in the backyard?" Boss asked.

"No, man. The neighbor, she did it. She says it is an eyesore and that she cannot cabana-time in her backyard with her pool and grill because of the eyesore. I think I know where she is coming from, you know?"

Boss turned his head to Marlene and the two jumped into their van to Fairchild Garden. Boss hit the ground in stride and walked right to Paul.

"Hey there Paul – happy to see me?" Boss asked in sarcastic tone. "Came to ask you a two-part question. Ready to hear it?" Boss continued as Paul did not respond. "We are offering you a choice: either take a walk with us to be booked for theft, or call Mr. Dorset and tell him the cops found the copper pipe at the house where it must be removed within 5 hours or heads will roll. Which option do you choose, the former or the latter. By the way, the call to Dorset is the latter." Boss grinned.

Paul reached into his pocket, took out his phone, and called. "Hi this is Paul. Mr. Dorset, the police found the pipe and I have to move it or they will start to make hell for all. I can move it for \$500.00. Tell me where to put it, and me and my men will be on it within the hour."

After which Paul held the phone to his ear and said "Uh huh" at least five times. After the last "uh huh", Paul hung up

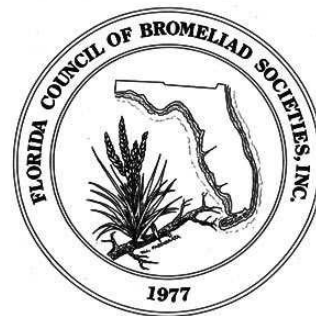
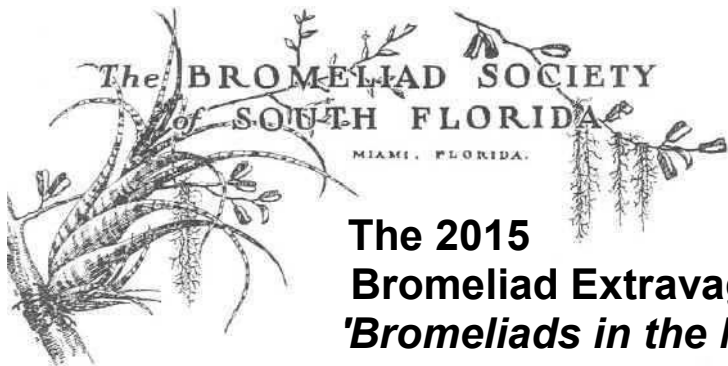
the phone.

"Where does he want it?" Boss asked.

"He told me he knows nothing about the pipe nor the house nor anything that I am talking about." Paul, understanding this might mean he is going to jail, looked down to his feet and showed signs of weeping.

"I guess this is not your day." Boss concluded while Marlene cuffed him and bowed his head while putting him into their car's back seat.





**The 2015
Bromeliad Extravaganza®
'Bromeliads in the Magic City'**

WHAT: You're invited to attend the 2015 Bromeliad Extravaganza®
Sponsored by the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies
Hosted by the Bromeliad Society of South Florida
WHEN: Friday & Saturday, September 25 and 26, 2015
WHERE: DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Miami Airport & Convention Center

EXTRAVAGANZA REGISTRATION FORM

Extravaganza Registration Includes:

Admission to Friday Night "Meet and Greet"

Saturday: Lectures, Plant Sales, Banquet and Rare Plant Auction

Registration Fee: \$75.00 per person

Banquet Only Fee: \$50.00*

*This is only for guests of paid registrants (i.e. family, friends) attending the Florida Council Banquet and Rare Plant Auction

Please indicate the number of persons:

____ Grilled Free Range Chicken

____ Grilled Veggies with Couscous

____ Grilled Mojo Spiced Salmon

Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone/Cell/Email: _____

Bromeliad Club/Society Affiliation: _____

Checks should be payable to BSSF, Inc. and mailed to:
Fred Sussenberger, BSSF Treasurer
19731 Eagle Nest Rd.
Cutler Bay, FL 33157-8642

Refunds in the event of illness only will be considered until August 26th.
We cannot guarantee any banquet registrations received after September 22nd.

Extravaganza Hotel Rates: \$107.00 a night (plus applicable taxes) have been secured with the group code **BRO**, Bromeliads in the Magic City. For special requests, please contact the hotel directly. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/doubletree-hilton-BRO-reserve> or call group reservations at (305) 261-3800, extension 4333, toll free (888) 353-1995, FAX (305) 260-8900. Last date to qualify for the special rate is August 26, 2015 so make your reservations TODAY.
Refer to www.bssf-miami.org or www.fcbs.org for more information and important dates.

EXTRAVAGAN TOUR FORM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2015

Reservations are requested in order to give our hosts an idea of how many people to expect.

Go on your own at no transportation cost -or- use our scheduled transportation at a cost of \$22.00 per person. Bus/van transportation to Block Botanical Gardens and Pinecrest Gardens is approximately a 5 hour round trip departing from the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel at 8:30 am on Sunday, September 27, 2015.

Payment must be received by July 26, 2015

**Minimum number of persons for bus/van service is 25.
The Transportation Fee is totally refundable if minimum is not met and
we will communicate as such with you no later than July 31, 2015.**

Name(s): _____

Contact Telephone Number: _____
(Preferably the phone you will have on your person while visiting Miami)

_____ Number of persons in your party going to **Sunshine Bromeliads**.

_____ Number of persons in your party going to **Block Botanical Gardens**
___ I/We will **not** need transportation.

_____ Number of persons in your party going to **Pinecrest Gardens***
___ I/We will **not** need transportation.

_____ Number of persons in your party going to **Block Botanical Gardens and
Pinecrest Gardens:**
___ I/We **will need** transportation.

*Please note that since Pinecrest Gardens is a municipal garden a fee will be collected at their entrance gate, \$5.00 regular admission, \$3.00 senior admission.

There is no entrance fee for either Block Botanical Gardens or Sunshine Bromeliads.

Payment must be received by July 26, 2015

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