

# BromeliAdvisory

December 2016



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# BromeliAdvisory

Stop and Smell the Bromeliads

**December 2016**

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Sales Table	None

**DECEMBER 19, 2016**

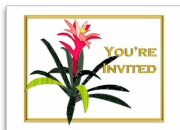
**SPEAKER:** Speaker: NONE

**RAFFLE TABLE:** NONE

**FOOD:** This is the Annual Holiday Party

## No Speakers, Just Holiday Party

Time to take a rest. Holiday Party.



Find a plant.

Wrap the plant.

Make sure no one can peek and see the plant.

Bring plant to Party.

For each plant you bring, you receive a ticket.

With ticket, you can choose a plant – usually not the one or two you brought.

Go home with a new plant, and someone who picked your plant goes home with a new plant.

Cost to you: \$0.00

Lastly, bring drink. No need to coordinate this. We prefer well aged cognac, single malts and red wines from the 1980's – preferably French.

## HOLIDAY PARTY HELPERS

Want to help?  
 Make a call.

Sandy Roth ..... 305-301-0306  
 Barbara Partagas ..... 305-256-7669

## President's Message

by Robert Meyer

In the wake of the happy holidays must come concerning – not necessarily bad – news.

Zika is a still a priority for the bromeliad community. As of December 11, 2016, the following number of cases were reported: in the US States and DC: 4,575; and, in the US Territories: 33,838.

Pregnant women numbers are also alarming: in the US States and DC: 1,172; and, in the US Territories: 2,639.

The CDC has stated, "Pregnant women should consider postponing travel to all parts of Miami-Dade County."

And, although the CDC removed the red area designation for the remaining 1.5-square-mile area of South Miami Beach on December 9, 2016 after three mosquito incubation periods (45 days) passed without any new locally transmitted cases of Zika, the CDC still asserts that the guidance for yellow areas now applies to the South Miami Beach area and all of Miami-Dade County. Yellow areas essentially mean pregnant people – stay away.

Do we know more? Perhaps. Are we spending more? Certainly.

Incubation, as opposed to vaccination, still remains to be the call.

In a year or two, it may be a matter for vaccination. We can only wait and see.

In the meantime, happy holidays while we Miami-Dade folk live in conditions not conducive to pregnant people.

*Robert Meyer*

### In Case You Missed It

Unfortunately, we all missed it as the speaker did not arrive.

### Annual Show is Coming Soon

Alan Herndon will be informing you of the Annual Show in next month's Advisory. Keep an eye out. There will be some changes.

## Holiday Party Facts

Question: What day is it?

BromeliAdvisory: December 19, 2016.

Question: Do I need to bring food?

BromeliAdvisory: Good. Yes. Please. Call Sandy or Barabara Partagas who Numbers are respectively 305.301.0306 or 305.256.7669.

Question: Can guests come?

BromeliAdvisory: Yes – and only \$10.00.

Question: What is this Plant Exchange thing?

BromeliAdvisory: Get a plant, a good one. Wrap it so no one can see it. When you enter, they will give you a ticket. Those who bring plants can then go to the back room and (without peeking) take another plant which is wrapped.

Question: Sounds cool.

BromeliAdvisory: It is.

Question: Can we bring liquor?

BromeliAdvisory: Absolutely.



Question: How late do we go?

BromeliAdvisory: Usual hours.

Question: Do we need to bring anything else?

BromeliAdvisory: Preferably a 2016 Tesla in mint condition, wrapped in 100 dollar bills for your Advisory editor.

Question: Seriously, anything else?

BromeliAdvisory: There may be a 50/50 there with Carl Bauer.

Question: How many show?

BromeliAdvisory: Usually around 80 to 100 with appetites.

Question: Any surprises?

BromeliAdvisory: If I tell you, it isn't a surprise. But, it involves free plants.

Merry Chanukah, Happy Christmas

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**December 20, 2016**  
**Annual Holiday Party**  
10901 Old Cutler Road  
Coral Gables, FL 33156



**Meeting to Review 2016 Show**  
**January 24, 2017**  
**7:00 PM**  
7540 SW 58 TERR.  
PALMETTO BAY, FL 33157.



**February 4, 2017**  
**4:00 PM**  
Wine Tasting at Weyrick's  
14880 SW 200 Street  
Miami, FL 33187



**April 15-16, 2017**  
Orchid & Bromeliad Show  
Flamingo Park  
3750 S. Flamingo Rd,  
Davie, FL 33330-1614  
954- 473-2955



**April 22-23, 2017**  
**Tentative Date Annual Show and Sale**  
10901 Old Cutler Road  
Coral Gables, FL 33156



**Bromeliads by the Bay Extravaganza**  
**August 4-5, 2017**  
Clarion Hotel  
2701 E. Fowler Ave., Tampa, FL 33612  
Ask for Bromeliad Extravaganza Rate  
\$75.00 for single or double.  
\$85.00 for triple or quad  
Complimentary hot breakfast included.



<http://www.bromeliadguildoftampabay.org/news>

## MURDER IN CORBIN A

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The Hurricane Bar and Grill is something only Miamians could love. Walls plastered with memorabilia of the great University of Miami football teams, dating back as far as the 1960's, forced the orange and green images to contrast

against the wood paneling and other brown hues throughout. The dingy flooring, worn from decades of spilled beer and drinks gave the place a dull smell which repelled the Brickellistas. And, that was just how those at the Hurricane Bar and Grill wanted it to be.

The taps never dried out. The refrigeration to the taps never served anything but the coldest beer in the area. Workers at the place had been there for years, some for decades. Some of the workers left to marry the patrons. Others had married the owner's friends. It was all family. Joshua was not family.

Susan was, however, known to the patrons and workers. When Joshua appeared, the lead bartender Before Joshua knew what to say, a Miller Lite on draft was heaved before him and a large man with a baseball cap stood from his seat and walked toward the two people who had arrived after Joshua.

"Hey, who let you in here?" the tall man with the baseball cap now turned backwards said to the strangers.

"We came in for a few drinks and no trouble" one of the strangers responded.

"Well, that is very comforting to know." the baseball hat man said. "Why don't you be a real pal and buy me and my friends a few drinks while you are at it."

"All right." one of the new entries said. "What are you having."

"Drinks on the house!" shouted the baseball cap man, "And, may the celebration begin."

The two strangers saw that the house was no less than 30 people and that the tab would exceed hundreds of dollars. One stood up, and quickly fell back on his seat when the baseball cap man gave him a straight arm nudge to facilitate the seating.

"C'mon. Have a seat. The bartender there is named Jake. Jake will take care of everything. And, you need not worry about anything." And, with that the baseball hat man sat at their side and began to grin and drink, while the other men looked across the bar to discover that their tailing of Joshua was beginning to appear to be a failure.

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"You asked for this meeting." Susan started.

"Yes. I wanted to see you. Speak to you. Before you go. Will I see you again?" Joshua stammered.

"Probably not." Susan coolly responded.



“Will you be in contact – social media or some other way?” Joshua said with a tinge of desperation in his voice.

“Probably not.” Susan coolly responded.

“Do you or your father want me to do something with the plants for your protection or whatever?” Joshua asked hoping for a response other than “Probably not.”

“We want you to deliver the plants to the place where they belong. We want the discovery to make plant history. We want the people of this earth to uncover the mystery of cross genetic hybridization which those plants prove can happen. You, the scientist, will be the mouthpiece. My father and I have handled what we could. Now, there are too many issues remaining. We have to walk out of the light and watch from a distance. You hold the mantle. You are the leader of a scientific cause. Go forth. My father and I know you can do it.” Susan said and then gently kissed him on the mouth and retreated out the back into the alley and into the dark. When Joshua started to follow here, a large person came from behind a dumpster and nodded his head side to side. That was all that Joshua needed to stop his tracks. The days with Susan had passed. It was all a memory for him this moment forward.

When returning to his room at the hotel, Joshua saw that his plants were still there. Bored and incapable of focusing on anything, he turned to his computer to see what could entertain him. He googled cross genetics and found one amusing article about cross genetics hybridizing goats with spiders, mice with birds to make singing mice, chicken eggs modified with human DNA to incubate human-use drugs, human DNA into cows for breast milk, scorpion laced cabbages to kill predatory insects, and Atlantic salmon crossed with faster growing aquatics to make the fish food grow larger and faster. “Oh, my plants are second nature, second tier, to some of these items.” Joshua thought.

As that thought passed his head, his telephone rang.

“Hello” Joshua answered.

“Is dees Joshua from Miami Porice departamint?” asked the person on the other side who Chinese

accent was very thick and equally difficult for Joshua to understand.

“Yes, and to whom am I speaking?” Joshua responded.

“My name Ying.” And then a long silence. “I call about your geneticarry artered prants.”

“What plants?” Joshua asked in perplexed mode.

“Prants in you room.” Ying mandated.

“Oh, you must have me mistaken with someone else?” Joshua said dismissively.

“No, I know you are man with prants. You are man holding Susan prants. I am right. I know.”

Joshua hung up the phone and gathered the plants, put them in boxes and slipped out the back door of the

hotel, constantly looking over his shoulder hoping that neither the state nor Ying would spot him.



#### TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Form is attached, get filled out form to Maureen, and deliver payment to Fred before the deadline which is coming sooner than later.



The Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies, Inc. and The Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay



*Announcing the*  
**2017**  
**Bromeliad Extravaganza**

Friday, August 4, 2017  
Saturday, August 5, 2017  
Sunday, August 6, 2017

**Clarion Hotel**

2701 E. Fowler Ave., Tampa, FL 33612  
[www.clariontampa.com](http://www.clariontampa.com) 813-971-4710

**Make your Reservation**

Ask for Bromeliad Extravaganza Rate  
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\$85.00 for triple/quadruple.  
Complimentary hot breakfast included.  
Rate guaranteed by hotel until July 13, 2017

**Registration:** \$100.00 per person  
After July 25, 2017: \$110.00 per person

**Registration includes:**

**Friday Night:** Barbeque Buffet  
**Saturday:** Plant Sales 9 AM to 4 PM  
Seminars with guest speakers  
Raffles  
Silent auctions  
Banquet and Rare Plant Auction  
**Sunday:** Optional Garden Tours

**For Registration Complete the Following:**

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