

# BromeliAdvisory

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Stop and Smell the Bromeliads

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Sales Table	Bruce McAlpin

**MEETING: November 15, 2016**

**SPEAKER: Dr. Bruce McAlpin**

**FOOD: Usual Suspects and Maureen Adelman, Sandy Roth, Christine Pfeffer, Barbara Sparling**

## MEET THE SPEAKER

Previously, Bruce McAlpin introduced us to his magic 10 rules and host of more horticultural secrets during his February 2, 2010 speech. The retired professor of Miami-Dade College taught the members of the society many tricks he learned years ago when working as an apprentice with Bob Wilson – an informal educator who provided McAlpin with many of the tricks shown at the lecture.



**Bruce McAlpin**

The brief outline of the 10 rules are: (1) keep the water in the tanks of the plants; (2) use well drained soil mix; (3) uniform water moisture program; (4) use an appropriate pot for the plant; (5) put the pot in the appropriate location; (6) remove pups at the proper time; (7) fertilize at the proper time(s); (8) control insects and diseases; (9) secrets of seed germination; and (10) protect plant from heat and cold.

## Mark Your Calendar

### WINE TASTING

**FEBRUARY 4, 2017. 4:00 PM** At Lori Weyrick's home.  
14880 SW 200 Street, Miami, FL 33187

## President's Message

by Robert Meyer

"I hear they are going to remove all of the bromeliads at Fairchild," a voice told me the other night. "Is that true?"

Because I am not in the innerworld of the FTBG, nor have any mole who could clue me into the accuracy of that statement, I could only respond that if that were true. . . But, the fact that such discussions is more problematic than whether the same is or is not true.

Placing the burden of the evils associated with Zika upon the narrow shoulders of the plant world is most misleading. Manmade products account for many more convenient breeding grounds, yet they manages to lay blindly blameless. After all, who could survive without plastics?

The plant, unlike manmade objects, only delivers oxygen to the air, reduces carbons, and delivers colors to the landscape. Petroleum based plastics aggravate what plants counter. Yet, people abhor the plants, and leave nothing in the conversation for manmade products. Equally bold are the proclamations that global warming is a hoax, or that climate change is not generated from

**CDC's Response to Zika**  
**How to Protect Against Mosquito Bites**

Zika virus is spread to people mainly through the bite of an infected mosquito. Mosquitoes that spread Zika virus bite mostly during the day, but they can also bite at night. The best way to prevent Zika is to protect yourself from mosquito bites.

**Use insect repellent**  
Use Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered insect repellents with one of the following active ingredients: DEET, picaridin, IR3535, oil of lemon eucalyptus, or para-menthane-diol. Always follow the product label instructions.

- When used as directed, these insect repellents are proven safe and effective even for women who are pregnant or breastfeeding.
- Reapply insect repellent as directed.
- Do not spray repellent on the skin under clothing.
- If you are also using sunscreen, apply sunscreen first.
- The effectiveness of non-EPA registered insect repellents, including some natural repellents, is not known.

**If you have a baby or child**

- Do not use insect repellent on babies younger than 2 months old.
- Do not use products containing oil of lemon eucalyptus or para-menthane-diol on children younger than 3 years old.
- Dress your child in clothing that covers arms and legs.
- Cover cribs, stroller, and baby carrier with mosquito netting.
- Do not apply insect repellent onto a child's hands, eyes, mouth, and any cut or irritated skin.
- Adults: Spray insect repellent onto your hands and then apply to a child's face.

**Treat clothes and gear**

- Treat items such as clothing and gear with permethrin or buy permethrin-treated clothes and gear.
- See product information to find out the number of washings or length of time the protection will last.
- If treating items yourself, follow the product instructions.
- Do not use permethrin products directly on skin.

**Insect Repellent Guide**

Active ingredient	Some brand name examples*
DEET	Off!, Cutter, Sawyer, UltraShield
Picaridin, also known as KBR 3023, Bayrepel, and icaridin	Cutter Advanced, Skin So Soft Bug Guard Plus, Autan (outside the United States)
Oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE) or para-menthane-diol (PMD)	Repel
IR3535	Skin So Soft Bug Guard Plus Expedition, SkinSmart


\*These product names are provided for your information only. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention do not endorse or recommend any particular brand or manufacturer.

www.cdc.gov/zika

development of species, to land dwellers, to knuckle draggers, to two footer, to . . . us.

And, man is attempting to counteract Zika, but as one specialist doctor told the press only a week or two ago – "We can't protect women and children." Dr. Tom Frieden finished that lamentful comment with "It will take years to develop a vaccine." Doom and gloom is upon us – at least for a few years.

**Active ingredient**  
Higher percentages of active ingredient provide longer protection

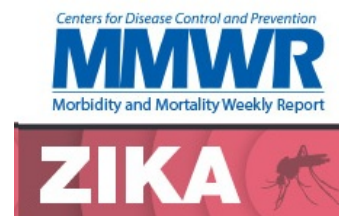
DEET	
Picaridin (known as KBR 3023 and icaridin outside the US)	
IR3535	
Oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE) or para-menthane-diol (PMD)	
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But, most importantly, the man, who is in charge of the group which coalesces to deliver an army to defeat the "unprecedented" viral birth defect known as

Zika's microcephaly, effectively is telling everyone that even drastic measures such as spewing Agent Orange upon all of the gardens in Southern Florida would **not** stop Zika.

Until there is vaccination, there is only man made prevention. "So, one of the most effective control measures for mosquitoes is draining all sources of standing water around your home or business at least weekly," Department of Health spokeswoman Mara Gambineri said. "This includes garbage cans, house gutters, pool covers, flower pots, toys and anywhere rain or sparkler water has collected." Interesting, all of those listed items are **not** plants. The list is devoid of mention of bromeliads.

Better yet, do something to make the mosquitoes lives miserable. "If you must be outside when mosquitoes are active, cover up your skin by wearing long pants, long sleeves, shoes and socks," Gambineri said. "Residents



should also apply mosquito repellent to bare skin and clothing." The state recommends repellents with DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon

eucalyptus and IR3535, or others.

Robert



## Upcoming Events

**November 11-13, 2016**

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

**November 19-20, 2016**

**Key West Garden Club Show**

West Martello Tower by Higgs Beach

[www.keywestgardenclub.com/index.html](http://www.keywestgardenclub.com/index.html)



**December 3-4, 2016**

**Orchid Festival**

Bonnet House

900 N. Birch Rd

Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33304

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



**December 3-4, 2016**

**Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Sale**

W Florida Masonic Center

10868 Metro Parkway

Ft. Myers, FL

[bprevattppcc@aol.com](mailto:bprevattppcc@aol.com)



**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



**May 19-21, 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

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



## MURDER IN CORBIN A

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Gossip in Miami is no less loved than any other metropolitan area of the United States. Gossip among plant societies well exceeds what the metropolitan Miamians could fathom. The narco-like seizure by the Zika-freaky state employees was prime fodder for any gossip. And, prime fodder moves rapidly among the insiders.

Emily Frank was not an insider, but she was sly as a fox. Absorbing the surroundings, and listening to the movement in the hallways, she understood that something had transpired, but did not know the details. She opened the door to the room which Joshua had led her to and saw a person with an angry grimace walk near. She then asked, "What is happening downstairs?"

"The damn state – Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services – made a dog and pony show and confiscated all of the bromeliads and have even brought in television crews to show their actions."

"They what?" Emily responded, not knowing what else to say.

"Yep, you heard it right. The state has made bromeliads persona non grata and they are presently hopping off all of the plants to places unknown."

Government actions are not for the timid. Government actions confiscating thousands of plants for reasons unknown are scary. And, when there is a murder investigation amid the society against whom the confiscation pertains, the odds of having governmental problems increase. Until this moment, the county and state had not communicated. Soon, the state would learn something about what had been transpiring and anyone with simplest logical reasoning could conclude that the likelihood of exposure increases when the numbers of investigators increases.

Emily, growing up with a judge, having watched a sister in the law, and having seen numerous other lawyers in the parent's social circles, knew more than most about investigation and what was likely to happen.

“Joshua,” Emily rang out.

“Yes,” he responded while searching for the perfect plant to show her as the first impression.

“I have to go. An emergency just came.” And, before he could respond, Joshua heard the door close and her steps lessen in the walk down the hallway.

Before he could put away the plant in a safe place and upright fashion, Emily’s silhouette had disappeared from his sight when he opened the door and looked right and left down each end of the only hallway to abut his room.

“I wonder what brought about such a change,” Joshua thought to himself. “What emergency was there?”

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After performing an inventory, Joshua sauntered down the hallway to the elevator to return to the action in the Extravaganza. Not until he reached the entry did he realize what Emily senses at their room. Something had to be wrong, after all the room was empty now.

“What is happening?” Joshua asked the guard outside of the door to the ballroom where the Extravaganza was to be held.

“Nothing to concern you.” the state agent responded without an iota of emotion.

“But all of my plants are in there.” Joshua implored.

“Don’t worry about that. All is safe as the state’s Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services will hold those items until the proper authority authorizes release.”

Before he could say another word, Joshua’s phone buzzed. He saw that the call was from Susan.

“Hello,” he answered, still thinking about the ballroom’s closing and what would happen to the plants.

“Joshua, this is Susan.” she said even though she knew he had identified her from the

clerk’s id. “I have to leave now. There is an emergency.”

“What emergency?” Joshua interrupted. How could two people have an emergency on the same day when the strange things around him were occurring.

“Can’t explain now. But, I may not be able to speak to you for awhile. I have to be safe. You know that there are people out there doing bad things to my father. And, they probably would do the same to me if they could. And. . . “

Before she could continue, Joshua asked, “Can I see you now, like immediately, just for a few minutes?”

“I really can’t” she responded. “Things are moving at lightening pace. I am not in control of what is happening. But, remember, those plants that you have. Remember the reasons they exist. Remember what could come of them. Remember the importance of them. Remember the great things which could arise from them. Won’t you?”

Feeling depressed and lost and uncertain of what was exactly happening, Joshua faintly listened and would have merely shrugged had they been within eyeshot of one another. But, because the conversation was on the phone, he gave her a weakly utters “I guess so” and let the phone drop.

Understanding that Joshua was phasing away, Susan yelled in on her phone “Okay, let’s meet. Five minutes from now. Down the street from you is a place called ‘Hurricane Bar and Grill.’ Be there. If you are late, I will not be there. I cannot waste any time. Bye.”

As she hung up, Joshua had a darting lapse of happiness squelched by a sober thought of loss of a good friend. But, he knew that in five minutes he would be somewhere else, and would at least then have a few moments of happiness and maybe a few moments of explanation.

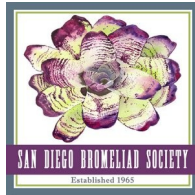
As he walked out, two men followed the thin scientist.

**DONATE CRYSTAL or Money  
for 2017 Show**

Contact Barbara Sparling if you want to deliuvver either. 305-235-6477

## Get Ready for the World Conference

The 2018 World Conference Registration is officially open.



There are indexed rates gauged by the earlier registration effectively delivering some savings.

The box below shows the scales.

Register by	Amount
7/1/16 to 2/28/17	\$350.00
3/1/2017-5/1/2017	\$390.00
5/1/2017 to door	\$425.00

### Other details:

Register online at:  
<http://www.bsi.org/new/wbc-registration/>

Want updates, go to San Diego Society's facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/sandiegobromsoc/>

Basics can be found at:

<http://www.bsi.org/new/conference-corner/>

Hotel is Paradise Point:

[http://www.reservations.com/hotel/paradise-point-resort-and-spa?gclid=CM-ZvJOEnNACFc9Zhgody\\_APIA](http://www.reservations.com/hotel/paradise-point-resort-and-spa?gclid=CM-ZvJOEnNACFc9Zhgody_APIA)

### Forensic Review of 2016 Show

All members are invited to attend review of the 2016 show. It will be held on **January 24, 2016 at 7:00PM** at 7540 SW 58 TERR., PALMETTO BAY, FL 33157.

## Wondering about the World Conference

It is only 18 months away  
Information at:

<HTTP://WWW.BSI.ORG/NEW/CONFERENCE-CORNER/>



**FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY**

**NOVEMBER 11-13, 2016**

**9:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.**

### Fairchild's Fall Garden Festival

includes plant sales, garden growing demos and tips, music, cooking with professional chefs, local food, antiques and collectibles, books, garden tools and decorations, vendors of artisan, hand-crafted jewelry, soap, honey, and more. Plus, fun for the kiddies with Fairchild's own education experts!

### And another special feature includes our Local Artisan Guilds

Experience local craftsmanship at its finest, as you get a first-hand glimpse at some of our local wood turners, quilt makers, and potters, all with a passion for quality, traditional art and craft.



### Local Art

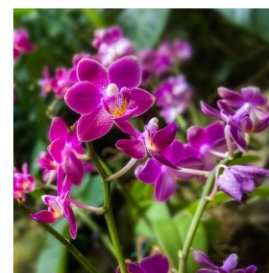
Various local artists will offer their one-of-a-kind works for you to enjoy and purchase for yourself or that special someone.

These paintings and illustrations are jaw-droppingly beautiful and masterfully executed. You won't believe they're made by Fairchild's own Art Students!



### Orchid Odyssey Returns

The Rainforest at Fairchild will be once again festooned with orchids of all types and colors. Our orchids are cultivated in Fairchild's nursery and placed in trees and along pathways when flowering for you to appreciate and adore.



All this and more in your favorite Garden.  
[Read more details of the Festival here.](#)



## AMENDMENT TO THE BY LAWS

Pursuant Article VIII of the Bylaws, the following provisions are set for amendment.

Items in red are the amendments to Articles III and VII.

### ARTICLE III. OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

SECTION 1. The business of the society shall be conducted by a Board of Trustees, hereinafter referred to as the Board, subject to the directives and restrictions contained in these bylaws. The Board shall be composed of the officers and four directors elected by the active members of the Society.

SECTION 2. The officers of the Society shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary ~~and~~ Treasurer and Editor. Except for the Treasurer and Editor, they shall be elected for one-year terms and shall serve until their successors take office. The positions of Treasurer or Editor can be renewed on a yearly basis upon approval of the Board. The President, Vice President and Secretary shall not serve in the same office for more than two consecutive terms.

SECTION 3. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and Board and shall be a member ex officio of all committees except the nominating committee. With the concurrence of the Board, the President shall also appoint such committees as are deemed necessary except for the nominating committee, the composition of which is designated in Article VII, Section 1.

SECTION 4. The Vice President shall perform all duties of the President in the absence of the President and shall be responsible for programs.

SECTION 5. The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the Society and the Board and shall undertake such correspondence as the President or Board shall authorize. The Secretary shall serve as clerk at all elections.

SECTION 6. The Treasurer shall be custodian of all financial records and monies of the Society. The Treasurer shall disburse funds as directed by the Board and shall receive all dues.

SECTION 7. The Directors shall be elected for terms of two years and may not serve more than two consecutive terms.

SECTION 8. The Board is empowered to fill all vacancies in its composition between annual elections.

SECTION 9. The Board is empowered to authorize expenditures of not more than \$250.00. Expenditures over this amount must be authorized by a majority vote of members present at any regular or special meeting of the membership. The \$250.00 limitation does not apply to expenditures, which will be reimbursed, or to reasonable amounts necessary to provide programs.

SECTION 10. Should any person hold more than one of the titles listed in SECTION 2, that person will be entitled to only one vote.

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### ARTICLE VII. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

SECTION 1. The nominating committee shall consist of three members of the Society. The Chairman shall be elected from the Board at the August Board meeting and the other members shall be elected by the Society at its regular meeting in September.

The nominating committee shall report at the October meeting at which time nominations may be made from the floor providing the consent of the nominee has been obtained. Nominations from the floor may also be made at the November meeting with the same stipulation regarding consent of the nominee.

SECTION 2. A majority vote of the members present at the Annual Meeting shall constitute a valid election. When more than one nominee is presented for an office, the voting shall be by secret ballot and tallied by the Election Clerk.

SECTION 3. No member shall serve in the same office for more than two consecutive terms. Members who have held office for more than one-half the normal term shall be deemed to have held that office for a full term.

SECTION 4. Notwithstanding the provision of this Article VII, section 3, the Treasurer's or Editor's position may be renewed on a yearly basis upon approval by the Board.

