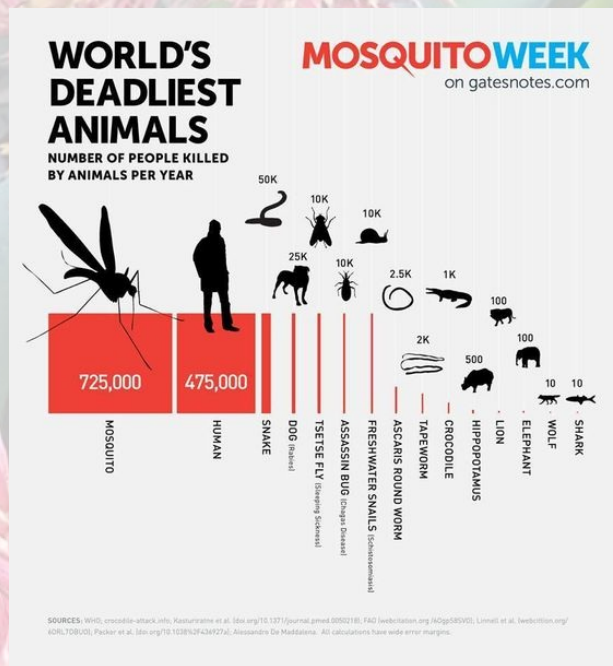


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JANUARY 17, 2017

SPEAKER: Ray Lemieux

RAFFLE TABLE: Alex Bello

FOOD: Usual Suspects

Ray Lemieux

If you crossed Frankenstein, Dr. Hannibal Lecter and Johnny



Appleseed, you may create Ray Lemieux. Rhode Island Ray is a rare commodity – a plant person with character. His speeches usually involve sharp objects, loud noises, and occasionally shrieks from the audience. The common recital of Ray = Ray Lemieux is a long-time succulent grower at Tropiflora. Ray is the most knowledgeable person on the nursery in the area of terrestrial bromeliads and succulent plants in general. He has always had a serious interest in plants and has been a collector for more than 15 years. Ray has traveled to Mexico, Venezuela, Madagascar and Singapore for Tropiflora in search of plants and has helped us build a really world

class succulent collection. After 20 years at Tropiflora, Ray is responsible for many plants in today's market.

Wine Tasting Reminder

Want to show? Cost is \$25.00 now, \$30.00 at the door.

February 4, 2017

4:00 PM

Wine Tasting at Carl Bauer's Home

10700 SW 62 Avenue

Miami, FL

President's Message

by Alex Bello

As we embark on yet another year, I wish to thank everyone and wish all a Happy New. In my initial presidential message, I express my deepest gratitude to the membership in electing me to serve as the youngest President in the Bromeliad Society of South Florida's 56-year history.

As we look forward to bringing 21st century changes and innovative ideas to our society, we need to begin looking outside the box in order to usher innovative ideas or educational activities for the BSSF. For our society to grow and add individuals to our membership who share the same enthusiasm for Learning, Growing, Conserving and Educating others about Bromeliads, the new ideas will often be the enticing difference.

In 2017, many challenges await us. I am very confident we will positively confront these challenges and will effectively continue building on our past success.

I encourage everyone to continue to do what has made this society the best of the best. Be involved in all our wonderful committees, activities, events and most importantly our revered Annual Show and Sale.

Once again, I thank you for this opportunity. To all, always feel free to express any suggestions, concerns or ideas to me or our officers and directors.

Sincerely,

Alex

More Mosquitoes, More Problems

by Robert Meyer

When the bromeliad association with mosquitoes could not get worse, it did.

Winter weather tamed the mosquito invasion, which tamed the concerns of Zika. The CDC has removed all neighborhoods in Miami-Dade County from their "do not travel" locations for the pregnant, and concerns about the very feared Zika seemed to be a concern of yesterday.

Then the Miami Herald on January 10, 2017 writes, "Two new tropical mosquitoes capable of carrying viruses dangerous to humans have been discovered in Homestead and Florida City by University of

Florida researchers. The mosquitoes — native to Central and South America and the Greater Antilles — likely arrived on plants, spread across canals, ditches and ponds in South Florida and will almost surely rise in numbers."

The disease is not the same. The culprits are not the same — *Aedeomyia squamipennis* and *Culex panocossa*. But, the location, for practical purposes, remains here — Miami-Dade County. So what are they bringing?

The Herald says, "The *Aedeomyia* mosquito mainly feeds on birds, which spread viruses like West Nile and Eastern equine encephalitis. If enough birds are infected, the viruses can be passed along to humans and other mammals. . ."

The Herald says, "*Culex panocossa*, which belongs



to the same family of mosquitoes found naturally in Florida, is a confirmed vector for Venezuelan equine encephalitis, which can be

lethal to children or the elderly."

The good news: These mosquitoes essentially are confined to wet Everglades.

The bad news: These mosquitoes' tropical cousins should begin transmitting the diseases or viruses.

Like the 1950's Blob, mosquitoes seem to be ever growing in their presence. The Herald writes, "The discovery also brings the total number of invasive mosquitoes discovered in Florida over the last decade to nine, a troubling sign that a warming planet is paving the way for more tropical mosquitoes to migrate north, bringing the diseases they carry with them. . ."

More health problems. More mosquito problems. More placing the blame on mosquito habitats. Which includes bromeliads.

Hope 2017 news of mosquitoes improves.

New Members – Make a Note

Welcome these new members:

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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.

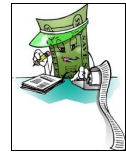
NEW WEBSITE IS UP SaveBromeliads.com



Check it out!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

**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 Carl Bauer's
10700 SW 62 Avenue
Miami, FL**



**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
813-971-4710**



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>
Rate guaranteed by hotel until July 13, 2017

MURDER IN CORBIN A

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151.

At the precinct, Captain has one of the least pleasing conversations of his life – he was speaking to plant inspectors about plants. The why the plants have to be isolated, and why they have to be confiscated, and why they are to be quarantined, and the scientific explanations associated with those reasons were all topics of disinterest.

When the conversation ended, most of which Captain had intentionally chosen to not hear or attempt to understand, he called out for Vazquez while simultaneously hanging up the telephone.

“Get your plant people and send them to Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services . I want someone to be there to give them a bad time. A really bad time. I want them to understand that they interrupted a multi-month investigation and may have been the cause for letting a murderer flee. Understand?”

Without saying one word, Boss nodded affirmatively and walked quickly out the door to gather Marlene and Rodriguez and while driving have a short and poignant discussion with them who would play good cop and who would play bad cop at the department.

“But why the Department?” Rodriguez asked, knowing by his superior’s immediate facial expression that he asked a question which he immediately wanted to retract. No answer was given and none was expected.

“Can we stop for doughnuts on the way?” Marlene asked, with a flirtatious look in her eye.

“No. But, you can call that Joshua and tell him to join us as their scientific responses may be too much for us to understand, and we may need him for interpretation’s sake.” Boss responded firmly.

Marlene dutifully and immediately called Joshua, who answered after dropping one packed plant to free his arms for the phone in his pocket.

“Hello.” Joshua answered.

“Joshua, this is Marlene. We are going to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, do you know where that is?”

Joshua responded the answer that all but fw in Miami would give – “No.” So, instructions ensued by a follow-up text to Joshua’s phone from which Google Maps would make his charting of the course easy, after which a Waze entry of the destination would make the ride quicker.

In the meantime, Joshua’s thoughts about the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services increased as his need to pack the plants to avoid the Department, combined with his need to avoid the mysterious Mr. Ying, made his need to leave the premises a priority. After packing the last of the boxes, Joshua called Uber, and had the hotel provide a gurney to carry the boxes down the elevator, the one not known by the Department, and filled the boxes to capacity in the car and sat in the front seat of his Uber and headed for his home before going to meet Marlene and the Boss.

“Will he be there soon?” Boss asked Marlene.

“I think so.” Marlene responded, not knowing about the detour with the plants.

“Good” Boss answered, I have no appetite for delay.

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At the Miami International Airport, Susan was with her father and their respective fake passports. Each had a new name and a new nationality. With numbered accounts in Switzerland, money was not needed, nor was luggage as everything they would need could be bought after they arrived at their destination.

“Dad, I am going to miss that group.” Susan said with a rational and honest sense of remorse.

“Yes, I understand. But, we have too many other issues to handle at this moment in our lives. Where do you want to be fo the next couple of years. Australia and Florida were so warm, want to go somewhere with snow or at least a change of season?”

“I do. I do.” Susan responded.

“And, where would that be?”

“Istanbul. I always wanted to be in that enchanted place where east meets west. How about it? You in?” Susan asked knowing that her father would never be able to say no.

“I am in. Let’s first go to Germany. Swing over to Zurich to take care of some money matters. Stay a few days in Koln or Melk. Then take a THY flight from Frankfurt to Istanbul, get a place, and start out again. Sound like a good plan to you?”

“It sounds great.” and just as Susan finished her words, her phone rang for what would be the final time. The phone would soon be dropped in the garbage, but was still with her as she hoped just one more call would come from the people she had grown somewhat attached to.

“Hello” Susan answered.

“Susan, it’s me. Joshua. I had to call. I have a question for you. A person named Ying calls me and keeps talking about Susan’s plants. Do you know anyone named Ying?”

Susan, upon hearing Joshua, grew silent. Her skin turned ashen and her eyes seemingly did not blink. “Ying, you said?” She said after seconds of silence.

Her father, upon hearing that name also stood still. He had not heard that name in months, maybe more than one year. He had hoped to never hear that name again.

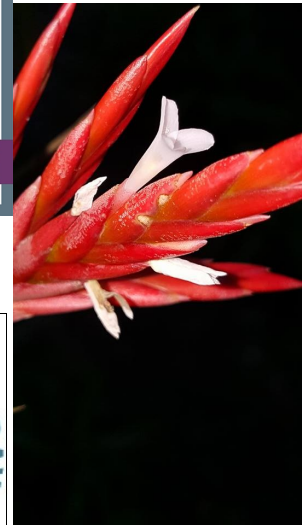
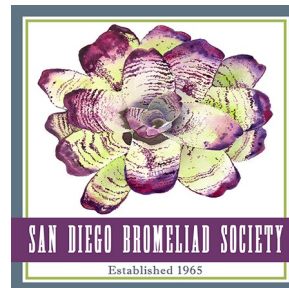
“Yes, Ying.” Joshua said.

“No. Never heard of anyone named Ying.” Susan said and then followed “Joshua, I have to run. I will call you later, okay?”

“Okay.” Joshua responded knowing he had no control over the discussion’s termination.

And, after the call ended, Susan slowly walked to the ladies room and after observing no one could see her near the garbage, threw her phone stealthily into the paper towel stuffed garbage. After which, she strode out and bought tickets for Germany and the commencement of new life as Sarah. Sarah Jerkus

Some things seem to be in bloom



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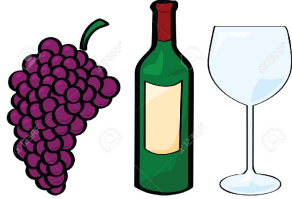
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WINE TASTING REGISTRATION



WHERE: Carl Bauer Home
10700 SW 62 Avenue
Miami, FL

WHEN: February 4, 2017



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