

# Bromeliad Advisory

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Stop and Smell the Bromeliads

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What	Who
Sales Table	Surprise

**NOVEMBER 20, 2018 AT 7:30 PM AT FAIRCHILD**  
**SPEAKER:** Mike Michalski [Topic to be announced]  
**RAFFLE TABLE:** Barbara Partagas  
**FOOD:** Usual suspects

## Slate For Election

[Nominations at Meeting are permitted]

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## Many Losses in Recent Months in the Bromeliad World

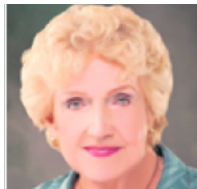
by Robert Meyer

Just within days, Bobbe Dolloey passed away. A long time member, volunteer at Fairchild, and involved in more concepts than about anyone I know, she will be sorely missed. The FCBS recently alerted us about the recent losses in the bromeliad world. Reprinting of the obituaries follows in honor of those people and out Bobbe Dooley.

### BOBBE DOOLEY

Published in the Miami Herald on Nov. 11, 2018

Born in Ft. Worth, TX on Nov 22, 1923, made her transition from this life on Nov 6, 2018. Her almost 95 years of life were filled with great adventure, many successes and much love. Following her graduation from University of Texas, majoring in music, Bobbe both instructed music and was a featured piano and vocal soloist in numerous concerts and productions. In 1945, she married Joseph W Dooley, a US Naval Aviator and for nearly the next 20 years "Home was where the Navy sent them" until finally landing in Miami. In 1955, Bobbe and Joe founded Dooley Realty where they "Put Down Roots Not Branches". Bobbe was the mother of 6 children; Eileen (Kip) Carnall, Coleen (John Stokes) Dooley, Joseph Dooley Jr., Michael (Rosemary) Dooley, Kathleen (Gary Murphy) Dooley, and Bridgit (Charlie Ross) Dooley. Bobbe has 8 grandchildren; Erin Roberson, Kyle Carnall, Erika and Travis Stokes, Kel Murphy and Kully, Amie and Casey Dooley. She also has 6 great grand-children. As a community volunteer, Bobbe spent many wonderful hours at Fairchild Tropical Gardens and in 2011 was recognized as "Volunteer of the Year" for her 30 years of service. Some of Bobbe's best memories were made at the family vacation home in the Florida Keys on Lower Matecumbe. Her beach was home to many endangered sea turtle nesting sites. In lieu of flowers, a donation by check may be made in Bobbe's name to: The Turtle Hospital, 2396 Overseas Highway, Marathon, FL 33050. Online donations may be made at: [turtlehospitalstore.com](http://turtlehospitalstore.com). A celebration of her life will be announced at a later time.



Kinzie, her eldest daughter Marie Eleanor Kinzie Bessellieu, her two sisters, Bettye Rinkel Chandler and Mary Alene Rinkel Waldron, and her brothers-in-law, Andy Chandler and Cecil Waldron. Her spirit is carried on in this life by her middle daughter, Betty Ann (Darrell) Prevatt, and son, Walter Eric Kinzie; five grandchildren, Melanie (Steve) Forbrick, Angela (Lenny) Katz, Richard (Hillary) Kinzie, Steve (Ana) and Tom (Amy) Bessellieu; eight great-grandchildren, Ashley (Ricky) Ziegler, Taylor Schlueter, Kinsey Katz, Austin and Eric Forbrick, and Graham, Luke and Lindsey Bessellieu; as well as extended family and friends from every walk of life.



Eleanor's story starts on January 8, 1921 when she was born in Ft. Myers, Florida, as the oldest child to George and Esther Rinkel. Eleanor lived a full and blessed 97 years, during which time she humbly, but with great commitment, resolved to be and do good. She possessed all of the quintessential traits of being among the most interesting women in the world: adventurous, fearless, rugged, strong, industrious and, at the same time, kind, humble, creative and an avid recycler who believed that everything was useful in it's first function and well beyond.

Eleanor lived her life in service to faith, hope and charity. She put God first above all else and was the longest tenured member of the First Presbyterian Church on Second Street in Ft. Myers, where she participated in the chancel and bell choirs for more than six decades. At a close second was her family, for whom she spent countless hours cooking, quilting, gardening and canning. She was active in operating the family businesses, Kinzie's Rose Garden, Kinzie's Florist and Kinzie's Wholesale Nursery, which is still in operation today. Next is her devotion to the community where she was born and raised. As a native of Ft. Myers, Florida, she was a member of the Pioneer Club of Lee County, and she gave back in so many ways including generous contributions to the First Presbyterian Church and

**ELEANOR KINZIE** — Published in The News-Press from July 22 to July 24, 2018

Fort Myers - Eleanor Knight Rinkel Kinzie entered eternal life on Thursday, July 19, 2018. There's no doubt she had an expedited pass straight through the Pearly Gates to be reunited with her late husband of 58 years, Girard Eric

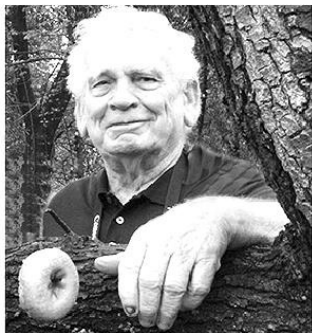


P.E.O. (Philanthropic Educational Organization), which provides higher educational opportunities for women. She loved the outdoors, admiring all the flora and fauna, and fishing the backwaters of Sanibel. Additionally, she earnestly served her passion for her hobbies, which included growing orchids and bromeliads, scrapbooking, quilting, and stamp and coin collecting. She was a member of Southwest Florida Quilters' Guild, Southwest Florida Orchid Society and Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society, serving as an officer at times throughout the years, and she was an international accredited master bromeliad judge.

A Celebration of her life will be held Wednesday, July 25, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. at The First Presbyterian Church, 2438 Second Street, downtown Ft. Myers. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the funeral service. A reception will follow immediately after the service, and internment will take place at the Ft. Myers Cemetery following the reception. If you would like to make a donation in her honor, the family suggests: First Presbyterian Church, 2438 Second Street, Ft. Myers, FL 33901, or P.E.O. Foundation, 3700 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50312..

**CHET BLACKBURN** — Published in The Sacramento Bee on Sept. 19, 2018

Chester "Chet" Homer Blackburn passed away on September 15, 2018 at his home in Auburn, CA in the familiar surroundings of his family, dog, and plants. He was 85 years old. Chet was born in Cincinnati OH, moving to California when he was 18 years old to join the service and go to college. He married his wife Jean in 1968, bringing her and her four young daughters Leslie,



Laura, Linda, and Lisa to the Auburn area. The prankster-in-chief and Jean were months shy of their 50th wedding anniversary.

A plant collector since high school in Ohio, Chet had cultivated thousands of diverse and rare plants on his 8-acre garden in Auburn. The upkeep of this vast plant collection kept Chet busy during retirement, sharing the maintenance with Jean. He specialized in bromeliads and native plants. Chet, a member of the Bromeliad Society since 1976, was the go-to person for all things bromeliad. Chet was the editor of the international botanical journal, the Journal of the Bromeliad Society, from 1996-2002. Having over 1,500 varieties of bromeliads in his collection, he even had a species of bromeliad named for him: *Vriesea blackburniana*. Chet was an invaluable member of

the Redbud Chapter of the California Native Plant Society since its founding in 1991, having held almost every position on the board from president on down.

He put together an impressive "Living Wildflower Show" in the spring each year, transporting plants from his home nursery. Chet was the project coordinator for two definitive reference books, Wildflowers of Nevada and Placer Counties and Trees and Shrubs of Nevada and Placer Counties, and contributed content to the wildflower book's second edition. To share his love of plants with his grandchildren, Chet created a most unusual kid-friendly plant: his "doughnut tree." Planted 30 years ago, the "seed" for the doughnut tree was actually a Cheerio given to him by his grandchild. With grandpa's help, the preschooler carefully planted the seed outside the sunroom window so the doughnut tree's progress could be easily seen. When that child visited again at Easter, Chet decorated a large Chinese Pistache tree near the planting spot with more than a dozen doughnuts. That delicious harvest turned into an annual family tradition. "Now we have doughnut harvests every spring," Chet said. "If it's a cold winter, they're all frosted doughnuts. But I'd have to say, that doughnut tree is the rarest plant in my collection." Chet is survived by his wife Jean; children: Laura (Jacek), Linda (James), and Lisa (Gregg); grandchildren: Keith, Kirsten (John), Amber (Brian), Katrina (Jacob), Stephen (Alexis), Zach, Andy, Alex, and Aaron; and great-grandchildren: Sawyer, Molly, and Bentley. An open house will be held on Saturday September 22, 2018 at Chet's home from 1:00 - 4:00 pm.

**MAUREEN FRAZEL** — [https://www.meaningfulfunerals.net/obituary/5371077?fb\\_id=14549](https://www.meaningfulfunerals.net/obituary/5371077?fb_id=14549)

Maureen was born to Dr. Denis and Alice Sweeney on May 14, 1930, in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada. She wed her beloved William (Bill) Frazel December 29, 1956 and they resided in both Fort Lauderdale and Davie, Florida during their wondrous life.

She is predeceased by brothers, Brendan, Jim and



Jack Sweeney and sister, Marlene MacFarlane. She is survived by her devoted and adoring husband Bill, three children: Denis Frazel (Rowena), Kathleen White (Chuck), and James Frazel (Ellie). She is

blessed with her eight loving grandchildren:

Denis' children, Dirk, Marea, Julia, Keelin; Kathleen's children, Conrad, Jeremy; James' children Marlee Potter, and Alie.

Maureen was a medical histologist who facilitated the opening of the medical pathology laboratories at the University of Miami Medical School. Her slides were printed in the preeminent textbook on pathology. Her skills were sought out at Broward General, Plantation, Bennett, and Margate Hospitals after which she owned Frazel Histo-Path Lab. Her expertise was in such demand that she worked in her lab until the age of seventy-seven.

All who knew Maureen think of her each time they see a bromeliad. She was an avid gardener and horticulturist and was both member and held all forms of leadership roles at the Fort Lauderdale Garden Club, the Moringa Garden Circle, the Bromeliad Society of Broward County, and the International Bromeliad Society. She was one of the founding parishioners of St. Bonaventure Catholic Church in Davie, Florida where she was the first choir leader, and Eucharistic minister. She started the Young at Heart group that she actively participated in throughout her retirement years.

Matriarch Maureen was a businesswoman, an adventurer, an environmental preservationist, community organizer and hand-holder. She encouraged all in her sphere to be strong, independent and strive for excellence. We can hear the bells ringing as we have another Angel in Heaven.

Viewing on Thursday, October 18, from 5-8 pm. at TM Ralph Funeral Home, 7001, NW 4th St., Plantation, FL. Mass of Christian Burial, Friday, 10 a.m. at St. Bonaventure Church, 1301 SW 136th Avenue, Davie, Florida. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, St. Bonaventure

**DON BEADLE** — Article from September 2013  
BromeliAdvisory

A Louisiana born native, he had to move on. "Not a Cajun," he self-describes.

He entered the military and left after becoming an engineer who sought greater worlds than oil fields. So began the world of hobbies. One day, he received a bromeliad. It did not grow well. A friend advised that he try an Aechmea "Black Jack." It lasted. That friend was John Anderson – an eventually renowned cultivator of Aechmea.

Soon, Don wanted to own every variety of every species of the bromeliad world. But, a finite pocket and accompanying wallet made such an urge become more of an afflicting itch, than a despondent dream.

He wanted to enter the world of hybridizing. Neoregelia were already dumfoundingly addressed

in the bromeliad charts. Billbergia were the ignored – the stepchildren of the bromeliad world of hybridizing. That simple fact is why the Beadle world entered the world of billbergia.

Billbergia's unusually short life span made preservation of pollen a chore. He tried bagging the stuff in plastic. It went bad. Then bagged the pollen and froze the contents. That worked. From there the pollenization of cultivars with different time periods began.

Today's billbergia are commonly speckled – giving the great effect of stained glass luminescence. This all started with Don's receipt of Bob Whitman's "Domingos Martins." He crossed that spotty plant with "Ed McWilliams" which produced "Hallelujah" – often the crowd



favorite for decades to follow.

As space became a valuable commodity, he met surfer dudes in Corpus Christi, Texas who worked as carpenters during the off season. They built Don a two-story home, from which his second floor master bedroom walked out to a shade house, beneath which was more growing space with the Beadle extra comforts – including a hot tub from which the neighbors' boys peeped over and to whom "he never disappointed them."

Photographing was another passion and thousands of slides of the hybrids were shot and kept in the Texas facility.

One year, he packed his truck and took his loyal miniature dog for a ride to see buddies Harry Luther and Wally Berg. To his dismay, they had gone south of the border for a bromeliad excursion. Don liked the surroundings and called a local realtor asking for a home with "a ski lift to the back door, beach front, and space for green houses." She had just the thing.

In a phone call that same day, the property was bought and Don moved to Florida in 1986 to become el jefe de Los Milagros.

The years of hybridizing increased as he fitted the facility with more shade houses, and other

amenities. His engineering background made such home improvement projects less stressful – and in fact were his joy. In 2000, Don sold his nursery to Michael Kiehl, got a boat and made the boat another engineering/repairing venture for his fix-it skills.

After selling that boat and moving back to the land, Don enjoys his time with another boat project and occasionally working at Kiehl's where he can work without being paid.

As stated on the FCBS page, "Don's passion for bromeliads led to ground breaking Billbergia cultivars that made this genus one of the most popular; his ground breaking bromeliad photography set the standard for bromeliad pictures; his passion for knowledge led to the Bromeliad Cultivar Registry; his vision for an accurate registry accessible and available to one and all took him beyond his peers and now serves the entire world."

For more on Don, go to:  
[http://fcbs.org/articles/Don Beadle Bio.htm](http://fcbs.org/articles/Don_Beadle_Bio.htm)

### **Amendment to the Bylaws** [Second Publication]

Pursuant to Article VIII of the BSSF bylaws, ARTICLE VII, SECTION 4 is to be amended as follows: "Notwithstanding the provision of this ARTICLE VII, SECTION 3, the Treasurer's, [Secretary's](#) or Editor's position may be renewed on a yearly basis upon approval of the Board

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## **MESSAGES**

### **BECOME A BOARD MEMBER**

New blood for the BSSF board is very welcomed. Once a month obligation. No hassle. Free meals. Great people. You will wonder why you waited so long. Contact *any* of the Board members about an interest.

### **Badges Wear Them**

We make some pretty neat badges. They help our fogged aged memories for names. Starting next month, anyone who wants a door prize *must* be wearing a name badge. This way we will better address one another by name. FYI – do not put the badge onto anything which may be affected by an external

### **NEW MEMBERS PLEASE COLLECT BADGES**

We have 16 new members. Your membership entitles you to Membership Badges. We have them. Come to our meeting and pick them up. Ask for Maureen. She holds the badges.

### **BECOME A BSI JUDGE**

Contact Betty Ann Prevatt.  
\$25.00 first lesson  
Application available at the Meeting

### **CRYSTAL**

Donate Your Crystal to our Show which then will return it to you when you win awards.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **TPIE**

**January 16-19, 2019**

Broward County Convention Center  
1950 Eisenhower Blvd.  
Fort Lauderdale, FL USA 33316  
954-765-5900  
[www.ftlauderdalecc.com](http://www.ftlauderdalecc.com)



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