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Stop and Smell the Bromeliads

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What	Who
Sales Table	Anyone who wishes to bring plants

AUGUST 20, 2019 AT 7:30 PM IN CORBIN B

SPEAKER: Steve Byram, a retired physical education teacher, is a Pasco County Master Gardener. He has been a member of the Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay for 12 years and is the current president. Steve has given talks in Hillsborough and Pasco Counties to garden clubs, nurseries, public libraries, and OLLI Life-Long Learning at the University of South Florida.

Raffle Table: Alex Bello

Food Table: Usual Suspects

President's Message

Keep an eye on the Members' Sales table at our monthly meetings for some interesting opportunities this summer to see and purchase some great bromeliads. Remember the six month rule about owning and growing a plant prior to the show. We are planning some workshops beginning soon to be included in our meetings and to attend on off meeting dates, so keep an eye on the Advisory and Facebook. If you have a topic you would like to learn about in a workshop, let a Board member know. Starting in September there will occasionally be special raffle opportunities for plants that are a cut above. Credit cards welcome. Once the weather begins to cool down a bit we will start having field trips. If you were at the July meeting, you know what they are. Consider a mini vacation to Orlando for all or a portion of the Florida Council Extravaganza to be held September 20th-22nd. Details are in the Advisory. A carpool may be possible. Five members have already signed up. A special project will begin at the August meeting. Don't miss the opportunity to get involved.

In Case You Missed it

by Leonard Goldman

On an anything-but-balmy July night, Robert Meyer took us back to a much more pleasant March weekend with his program titled “41st Annual Bromeliad Society of South Florida Show.” With the aid of Roxy White’s beautiful photographs, as well as shots from the FCBS archive, Robert reviewed the 2019 prizewinning plant entries. Here’s a list of the plants, along with some of his observations about them; growers’ names appear in parentheses. (Copies of the photos are available to the winners.)

Vriesea lubbersii – Best Non-Blooming *Vriesea*. This species takes years to cluster as impressively as this one. It boasts a striking, long inflorescence. (Karl Green)

Vriesea ‘Lemon Pride’ – Ralph Davis Award for Superior Culture (Chieng Manlee)

‘Innovation’ is the name of an arrangement that illustrates the need to go vertical where space is limited – Best Bromeliad Collection (Chieng Manlee)

Tillandsia hildae – Ed Prince Award for Best Non-Blooming Bromeliad and Steve Correale Award for Best *Tillandsia*. This large species is finicky about blooming. (Maureen Adelman)

Tillandsia foliosa – Best Blooming *Tillandsia*. The spiky inflorescence bearing showy red bracts is topped by purple flowers. (Karl Green)

Tillandsia festucoides – Best Novice Entry. This species is hard to grow well. It’s important to avoid exposing it to excessive sun. (Terrie Tallale)

Tillandsia dasyliriifolia – Bronze Blooming *Tillandsia*. A magnificent inflorescence characterizes this species. (Chieng Manlee)

Tillandsia duratii – Bronze Non-blooming *Tillandsia*. This species achieves great length and produces a beautiful fragrant purple flower reminiscent of grape jelly. (Maureen Adelman)

Quesnelia marmorata ‘Rafael Oliveira’ – Best Non-blooming *Quesnelia*. This huge pot of multiple plants is remarkable because of the cultivar’s slow rate of growth. (Chip Jones)

Orthophytum zanonii – Best Non-blooming *Orthophytum*.

This genus is historically not well-represented at our show. (Alan Herndon)

Orthophytum grossiorum – Best Blooming *Orthophytum*. This species features a beautiful contrast between its yellow flowers and its leaves. It does fine without being fed. (Karl Green)

Orthophytum gurkenii ‘Warren Loose’ – Best Non-blooming *Orthophytum*. Not only does it look good pre-flowering, but it also has a great inflorescence. (Ofelia Sorzano)

Neoregelia chlorosticta on driftwood – Best Non-blooming Habitat. This small, beautiful plant is also possessed of a beautiful flower. (Barbara Partagas)

Neoregelia ‘Sexy Pink’ – Bronze Blooming *Neoregelia*. This cultivar can take considerable sun. Its parentage is *N.* ‘King’s Ransom’ x ‘Gold Fever.’ (Chrissy Pfeffer)



Quesnelia marmorata Photo by Roxy White



Lyania corallina Photo by Roxy White

Neoregelia sanguinea – Best Blooming Neoregelia. Featuring gleaming leaves, this species always gets the judges’ attention. (Karl Green)

Neoregelia carolinae tricolor – Bronze Blooming Neoregelia. This variegated bromeliad boasts excellent symmetry and makes a great ground cover. (Karl Green)
Neoregelia carolinae (variegated) – Best Non-blooming Neoregelia and Bullis Award for Best Variegation. (Karl Green)

Lymania corallina – Best Blooming Lymania. This is a rare plant. (Karl Green)

Hohenbergia stellata – Best Cut Inflorescence. Purple flowers atop red bracts make this inflorescence stand out. (Chieng Manlee)

Hohenbergia magnispina ‘Karla’ – Best Blooming Hohenbergia. This unusual cultivar features a tall, white-dominated inflorescence. (Chip Jones)

Hohenbergia brachycephala – Best Non-blooming Hohenbergia. (Pepe Donayre)

Guzmania minor – Best Blooming Guzmania. This is certainly a Guzmania you’ll never find at Home Depot; it’s out of the ordinary. (Karl Green)

Tillandsias on driftwood, featuring *T. seleriana* – Dean Fairchild Award for Best Artistic Entry. (Brad Beardsley)

Deuterocohnia brevifolia – Best Non-blooming Deuterocohnia. There’s a mystery here: What lies beneath this mound of small plants? (Chip Jones)

Cryptanthus warasii – Best Non-blooming Cryptanthus and Best Cryptanthus species. (Barbara Partagas)

Canistrum seidelianum – Best Non-blooming Canistrum. This species is not grown much here. It produces beautiful, firm flowers, but does not pup readily. (Alan Herndon)

Billbergia ‘Hallelujah’ (variegated) – Best Non-blooming Billbergia. This cultivar’s

parentage is *B.* ‘Domingos Martins’ x ‘Ed McWilliams.’ (Barbara Partagas)

Billbergia ‘Poquito Mas’ x ‘Strawberry’ – Bronze Decorative Container. This plant’s ancestry is *B.* ‘Fantasia’ x ‘Poquito Blanco.’ (Pepe Donayre)

Aechmea chantinii – Nat DeLeon Award for Best Blooming Bromeliad. Striping and flower are spectacular. (Alan Herndon)

Aechmea ‘Blue Tango’ – Bronze Cut Inflorescence. This cultivar speaks for itself. It is a cross of *A. dochlamydea* var. *trinitensis* x *fendleri*. (Barbara Partagas)

Aechmea correia-araujoi – Best Non-blooming Aechmea. Its stripes and dots are not common in combination. (Karl Green)

Acanthostachys pitcairnioides – Best Fruiting Bromeliad. This species is notable for its sharp spines. (Ofelia Sorzano)



Hohenbergia magnispina ‘Karla’
Photo by Roxy White



Deuterocohnia brevifolia
Photo by Roxy White

MESSAGES

SAVE THE DATE

What: The Auction – but wait, there is more.

When: October 15, 2019

Where: Fairchild Corbin A, unless announced at another room

What else: Free Dinner – fully catered by the BSSF for you as this is the 60th anniversary of the BSSF

What else 2: Plants will be auctioned.
FREE FOOD FREE FOOD FREE FOOD

Hurricane Preparedness

Check our Facebook page if the meeting and impending storm seem to be a little too close in time to one another. The page is <https://www.facebook.com/Bromeliad-Society-of-South-Florida-84661684279/?ref=bookmarks>

We will try to make an announcement on the page indicating whether or not the meeting is on or off.

No matter what, follow the Miami-Dade County guidelines on how to prepare and engage yourselves during and after the storm

Sign Up for Extravaganza Now

Deadline for reduced Rates is August 17, 2019

Information at end of this Advisory

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
Contact Alex Bello

CRYSTAL

Thanks to the following for donating crystal to the Show: Robert Meyer, Barbara Partagas, Maureen Adelman, Sandy Roth, Patty Gonzalez, Elaine Mills, Virginia Shrenker and Barbara Sparling.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

2019 Bromeliad Extravaganza

September 20th - 21st, 2019

SpringHill Suites & TownePlace Suites,
8040 Palm Parkway,
Orlando Lake Buena Vista (near Disney Springs).

www.BromeliadX.com

Room booking: <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1547843838096&key=GRP&app=resvlink>



BSSF Auction and Catered Dinner to the Membership

October 15, 2019

Corbin A

10901 Old Cutler Road
Coral Gables, FL 33156



Judge's School II

Fort Myers, Florida



Fairchild Ramble

November 8-10, 2019

10901 Old Cutler Road
Coral Gables, FL 33156



BSI World Conference

June 9-13, 2020

Sarasota Hyatt Regency
1000 Boulevard of the Arts
Sarasota, FL 34236



https://www.facebook.com/pg/Bromeliad-Society-International-BSI-468938213148940/events/?ref=page_internal

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



2019 BROMELIAD EXTRAVAGANZA
Orlando, Florida
(near Disney Springs)
September 20th - 21st

2019 Bromeliad Extravaganza

www.BromeliadX.com

Conference Registration Fee:
\$100

Sponsored by the **Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies** and hosted by the **Bromeliad Society of Central Florida**, this will be Florida's biggest Bromeliad event of the year! The **Bromeliad Extravaganza** will include a Friday Night Dinner (BBQ buffet), Saturday Workshops (four speakers), a Saturday Night Banquet (Italian buffet) with a Rare Plant Auction, and last (but not least), the biggest Bromeliad sale of the year in Florida.

The Bromeliad sale is open to the public on Saturday from 9 to 4.

Bromeliad growers and enthusiasts from all over Florida will bring a large selection of top quality Bromeliads for your purchasing pleasure. **Those who register for the Conference will get first chance to acquire some of these fantastic plants on Friday evening.**

Hotel Reservations -The hotel room rate for Conference registrants is \$85 per night (plus taxes) with one to five persons in a room. This rate includes an elaborate breakfast buffet and free parking. Deadline is August 17, 2019

You can select one of two connected hotels that are

Marriott Orlando Theme Parks/Lake Buena Vista properties that opened in October 2018:

- ◆ **SpringHill Suites** (407-635-8500) or
- ◆ **TownePlace Suites** (407-239-4005)
- ◆ They are located at **8040 Palm Parkway, Orlando, FL 32836**

To obtain the conference rate, call the hotel and ask for the special Bromeliad Extravaganza **\$85 rate**. The rate will also be available from Sept. 17th to 24th for those who would like to make a vacation out of their stay.

You need to book by August 17th for this special rate.



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**The 2020 BSI
World Bromeliad Conference
June 9 to 13, 2020
Hosted by: Sarasota Bromeliad Society**



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**Mark Your Calendars:
The 2020 World Bromeliad
Conference (WBC2020)
will be held in Sarasota,
Florida, USA, Tuesday,
June 9th thru Saturday,
June 13th, 2020.**

- **\$149 room rate, with all rooms providing water views**
- **free parking to both hotel guests and conference visitors**
- **centrally located in waterfront downtown location**
- **no resort fees, lots of family entertainment opportunities**
- **ample facilities to accommodate our group of 200+/- participants conveniently located near Marie Selby Botanical Gardens and several internationally renowned bromeliad growers**
- **more information on the hotel and its amenities can be found at <http://sarasota.regency.hyatt.com/>**