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Stop and Smell the Bromeliads

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Sales Table	NONE

DECEMBER 17, 2019

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.

President's Message

Another year has just flown by us. Thank you all for supporting BSSF. There are many ways to make a difference in our lives. One of the easiest is by volunteering just a little of our time. Invariably, we get more out of the experience than we give to it. Please consider stepping up for BSSF or wherever your interests are. It has been my pleasure and honor to serve as president this year. I look forward to seeing you all at the holiday party on the 17th of December. May your holidays be joyful and your New Year be happy and healthy.

Barbara Partagas

In Case You Missed it

by Leonard Goldstein

EILEENHART is a longtime member of the Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay and the Tampa Bay Area Camellia Society. She became a Hillsborough County Master Gardener in 1980 and is now a Master Gardener Emeritus. Eileen is a resident of Odessa, Florida, located less than 15 miles from Tarpon Springs. Her program, "The ABCs of Growing the Most Common Bromeliad Genera," entertained an audience of nearly 40 at the November BSSF meeting.

Eileen first spoke of the process which, relying on DNA-based refinements, led to a revision in recent years. Of the eight subfamilies of bromeliads, five are relatively new. Her program concentrated on the three subfamilies best-known to bromeliad hobbyists – *Bromelioideae*, *Pitcairniodeae*, and *Tillandsioideae*. (Three of the remaining subfamilies consist of just one genus each.)

Some in the audience were surprised to learn of several of the changes made to familiar names during the last decade: *Tillandsia cyanea* has been reclassified as *Wallisii cyanea*. *Vriesea ospinae* is now *Goudaea ospinae*. And thanks to the decision to carve *Alcantarea* from *Vriesea*, crosses between the two genera are named *Vriecantarea*. Eileen is among those growers who are more than mildly annoyed by name changes like those: "In my yard, they're staying the same."

Along the way Eileen gave some encouragement to growers of *Tillandsia* and *Alcantarea*, both of them species within the *Tillandsioideae* which produce grass pups. With *Alcantareas* in particular, she suggested including part of the parent plant when removing a grass pup. It's eminently possible – with patience – to develop those pups into viable plants. (By way of defining 'patience,' she mentioned one grass pup which took 10 years to bloom.) Separated pups should be potted in a 2:1 mix of Canadian peat and perlite. Is there an optimum size for separating a grass pup from the mother plant? Eileen said that's not critical; she has successfully taken pups of all sizes.

Eileen provided growing tips, along with pros and cons, for a number of genera within the *Bromelioideae* and *Tillandsioideae*, which she considers the two most widely grown bromeliad families:

AECHMEA – The species are thorny, but their blooms are spectacular and, particularly with respect to their bracts, long-lasting. They pup pretty well and can handle a little frost; in her mid-state location, she protects them with pine needles. A technique that growers can use to stimulate pupping is to stab the heart, or apical meristem, of the mature bromeliad.

BILLBERGIA – Many of the species flower around Christmas. Since the bloom period is very short, it is important to concentrate on variegated cultivars. Fortunately, thorns within this family are short. Frost stimulates pupping.

CRYPTANTHUS – Plants within this genus are good for small spaces. Through hybridization, there are now many colors. That's important, because this genus is not grown for its flowers. Thorns, if any, are small. Although they are terrestrial plants, they can be potted as if they were epiphytic. They are cold-sensitive.

GUZMANIA – This is a shade-loving genus. They're not only thornless, but their flowering period is lengthy. They come in multiple sizes. They tolerate some cold.

NEOREGELIA – The species and cultivars within this genus generally like a lot of bright light. Eileen plants them under deciduous trees, giving them greater light exposure during winter months. Their desirable features are their colorful foliage and ease of growth. Less desirable are their formidable thorns and cold sensitivity.

TILLANDSIA – These true epiphytes are thornless and easy to grow, and some are even fragrant. When Eileen pots her *Tillandsias*, she likes to add orchid bark to the mix. There is no need for heavy fertilizing of plants in this genus.

VRIESEA – This is Eileen's favorite genus. The plants are shade-loving and possess no thorns, and their blooms are long-lasting. To stimulate flowering she uses Florel, a University of Florida creation. Florel even stimulated flowering in a *Billbergia* that had not bloomed in 40 years!



Eileen speaking at meeting

MESSAGES

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

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 Skye Palmer.

Membership Chair

Need someone to take over for membership. Maureen Adelman, who has handled this responsibility for years, is becoming your new president and does not have the time to perform the duties for each. We ask that someone take the helm during Maureen's absence.

Next Month's Speaker

Next month the speaker is YOU! We are bringing in plants and decorative containers. We **invited** you to bring in your own decorative container and match it with a plant. At the end, we will sell the plants to members at ridiculously low prices – well below retail. This is a must come and see.



Calling out to all in order to save money and natural resources. If you are receiving the BromeliAdvisory by mail, we ask that you become an email recipient. Contact Robert Meyer at meyerrobertc@cs.com if would like to help.

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 Barbara 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 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 2019 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 a surprise clerk.

Question: Do I need to smile at the party?
BromeliAdvisory: No. But, it can't hurt.

Question: Will Sandy R. Make me bromeliad holiday tree?
BromeliAdvisory: Anything for a price.

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 17, 2019
Annual Holiday Party
10901 Old Cutler Road
Coral Gables, FL 33156



January 17-20, 2020
10:00 AM -6:00 PM
MIAMI-DADE FAIRGROUNDS



March 21-22, 2020
Garden Fest Plant Extravaganza
9AM to 4PM
Volunteer Park,
12050 W Sunrise Blvd
Plantation, Florida 33323



April 4, 2020
Orchid & Bromeliad Show
Flamingo Park
3750 S. Flamingo Rd,
Davie, FL 33330-1614
954- 473-2955



March 28-29, 2020
Annual Show and Sale
10901 Old Cutler Road
Coral Gables, FL 33156



May 15-17, 2020
Redland International Orchid Show
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Fruit & Spice Park
24801 SW 187th Ave, Homestead,
FL



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.



**BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
BSSF, Inc.
2020 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

(PLEASE PRINT) NAME(S)

(Couples - please include BOTH first names)

ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____

ADD'L. TEL. _____

Year Joined BSSF: _____

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Include e-mail address in the roster? (Y/N) Yes No

E-mail BromeliAdvisory? (Y/N) Yes No (You will not receive a hard copy)

EMAIL _____

IF ANY OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS DIFFERENT FROM LAST YEAR,
PLEASE **HIGHLIGHT** OR UNDERLINE

Please renew my(our) membership in the BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF SOUTH FLORIDA for the period of March 1, 2020 to February 28, 2021.

Check the category: Single membership \$25.00
 Dual membership \$35.00

Dual members enjoy all the privileges of active membership, but receive only one copy of the BromeliAdvisory.

DUES MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 1, 2020, IN ORDER FOR YOU TO BE INCLUDED IN THE 2020 ROSTER

Please mail completed form and check
(Payable to BSSF, Inc.) to:




Maureen Adelman
9421 SW 134 Street
Miami, FL 33176

Or E-Mail this form to:
mhadelman@comcast.net

You can pay up to 5 years at the rates described above. All payments are NONREFUNDABLE



Signup for BSI Membership & Register for WBC 2020

<p>WHO</p>	 
<p>WHAT</p>	<p>Biannual World Conference</p>
<p>WHEN</p>	<p>June 9-13, 2020</p>
<p>WHERE</p>	 <p>Hyatt Regency Sarasota 1000 Boulevard of the Arts, Sarasota, Florida, United States, 34236</p>
<p>HOW TO REGISTER</p>	<p>https://www.bsi.org/new/world-bromeliad-conference-registration/</p>