

BromeliAdvisory

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Stop and Smell the Bromeliads

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WEBPAGE: <http://www.bssf-miami.org/>



 http://www.facebook.com/groups/BromeliadSSF/?bookmark_t=group

 <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Bromeliad-Society-of-South-Florida/84661684279>

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RAFFLE TABLE: NONE

FOOD: NONE

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What	Who
Sales Table	Open to All We welcome members to sell plants at the monthly meetings. However, if you are planning to sell please call Alex Bello (239-223-6155 or bellotropicals@yahoo.com) to make arrangements.
Silent Auction	NONE

President's Message

Hello from our lockdown facility to yours. It has been an interesting couple of months and if you're wondering when this virus nightmare will end you're not alone. I am not qualified to say when it will end but I can say with all certainty it will end. So have hope. In the meantime we all have a great opportunity to work on our bromeliads: dividing, replanting and cleaning up.

We are working on having a possible ZOOM meeting for next month. It works for other groups, why not ours? Stay tuned and we will let you know. Too much of our membership is in the vulnerable age category to have a face to face meeting anytime soon but when it is safe we are ready. We are currently researching public service projects to begin after the pandemic and the virus has presented us with endless possibilities. If you have any suggestions for a public service project or location drop me an email.

In the meantime what can you do plantwise besides work in your garden? Fairchild is now open to members for 2 hour time slots. No more than 100 people admitted per slot. I visited this morning at 7:30 am and found it both peaceful and safe. Check their website for details. Facebook plays host to too many plant groups to mention them all, but here are a few of my favorites: Bromeliad Society of South Florida; Planet Tillandsia; Facebook pages for all the Bromeliad Societies in Florida, including Broward and Caloosahatchie; Bromeliads; Florida Bromeliads; Art in the Garden; Florida, See It Like a Native; Garden Art.; Junk and Antiques in the Garden – my personal favorite; Bromeliads Around the World; Planet Neoregelia; Bromeliad Species Conservation Network

Finally, if you have experienced any illness or losses at this time you have our deepest sympathy. Please let us know if we can help you in any way.

Stay safe and strong!

Maureen Adelman

In Case You Missed It

by Leonard Goldstein



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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

CRYSTAL

Thanks to all who have donated crystal in the past. Donate Your Crystal to our Show which we will return to you when you win awards. Contact Skye Palmer.

SILENT AUCTION

There will be a Silent Auction at the Next Meeting

Upcoming Events

This too will have to wait for the “ALL IS CLEAR” signal.



Neo. Mad Max



Aech nallyi

Bored, Cleaned My Garden Already, Not a Dead Leaf on the Plants, Even Those on Trees, What Do I Do Now?

By Robert Meyer

In the movie “The Graduate”, a 1960's California neighbor tells the just college graduated Dustin Hoffman, “I have one word for you: Plastics.” To those Bromeliad lovers experiencing angst from cabin fever or other restrictions imposed by COVID-19, I have one word for you: Internet.

President Adelman listed her favorite pages. I start there, by relisting with their hyperlinks.

Bromeliad Society of South Florida –
<https://www.facebook.com/Bromeliad-Society-of-South-Florida-84661684279/?ref=bookmarks>

Planet Tillandsia
– <https://www.facebook.com/groups/planetillandsia/>

Bromeliad Society of Broward County –
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/153801089735/>

Caloosahatchie Bromeliad SocietyBromeliads –
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/caloosahatchie/>

Florida Bromeliads –
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Bromeliadfever/>

Art in the Garden–
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/112008665541767/>

Florida, See It Like a Native –
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/floridaseeitlikeanative/>

Garden Art, Junk and Antiques in the Garden –
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/361616074339782/>

Bromeliads Around the World –
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/bromworld/>

Planet Neoregelia –
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/moonneoregelia/>

Bromeliad Species Conservation Network –
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/649207192286703/>

HERE ARE SOME MORE:

Bromeliad Society of Central Florida –
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/263882333744906/>

Bromeliad Society of South Florida 2 –
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/BromeliadSSF/>

Planet Mini Neoregelia –
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/moonminineo/>

Bromeliads Australia –
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/bromeliadsocietyaustralia/>

Bromeliad Society of Australia –
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2037990933090559/>

OUTSIDE OF FACEBOOK:

Bromeliad Society International –
<https://www.bsi.org/new/>

Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies –
<https://www.fcbs.org/index.php>

Don't by pass their exemplary photo registry
– <https://www.fcbs.org/pictures.htm>

AND CERTAIN NURSERIES HAVE GREAT PAGES (But this could get expensive)

Bird Rock Tropicals –
<https://www.birdrocktropicals.com/>

Tropiflora – <https://tropiflora.com/>

Rainforest flora –
<https://www.rainforestflora.com>

You may be amazed what you see – see the common Tillandsia Curly Slim below – ha ha.

Plant That May Never Sell Again



Senecio rowleyanus “String of Pearls”

NEW HOBBY – HOW TO MAKE ITEMS FOR PLANTING and HANGING MY TILLANDSIA

By Robert Meyer

I hold this truth to be self evident, my imagination diminishes as I grow older.

Facebook, to a certain extent, ignites some imagination. People in Thailand are doing some really neat things with their tillandsia. I have copies, and my happenstance or intent, made some changes which time will either determine to be equal, less or better than the template delivered from the far east.

If you run out of space, have a tillandsia cling onto the bottom of a pot.

It works, the water that drips through will enhance plant. It is a win-win, no?

Great idea for those with little space.

Making swings for the plants caught my attention.



T. Timms' Royal

Often, a flat piece of wood is put below the plant with two 14-gauge wires on each side holding it up and coming to a hook for hanging. The plant will be happy, likely root into the wood, and notice the thin nature of the cut, making it very economical. I have never seen anything like this in our neck of the woods.

Thailand and other far eastern growers also feed the plants. A lt. Twice a week Fuan Wong puts liquid fertilizer on his plants. What do you get? See for yourself. These are not photoshopped!~



Till Duratii

Or these.



Capitata Red x Jalisco Monticola



Till Ehlersiana

Nest Del Rio, who is making amazing hybrids and effectively is carrying the torch where Steve Correale left off, uses a similar concept but with less art form. He uses 12-gauge wire, bought cheaply in bulk (I found 1 buy at Home Depot of about two lifetimes of the stuff, but about one week for Nestor). It can be bent, but with a firm pull. It lasts, and can take a big plant's weight. Even those above. He will be delivering new items to the market sometime in the future.



Till Maribel

Some of the beauty is that we see the largest plants and then the great effort to put a small plant onto a cork, piece of wood, or something, to make it appear equally special. Such majesty. I can honestly say that no single ionantha received this much attention in my garden.



So, get out there. I bought 50 plastic pots for the price of three at OFE's online. I then purchased 300 feet of 12-gauge wire for the price of 12 hangers which are prefabbed (and rust). When bored and watching tv, I have my pliers/cutters with me, a bend the wire, attach to the pots, but the end for hanging and look for plants to put into my newest creation.

VIRTUAL GARDEN TOURING ON FACEBOOK

By Robert Meyer

My oh my oh my.

On facebook, people show you their gardens. And, you thought you were doing something right. Do I have news for you, there are some amazingly talented, very artistic people out there.

Our page has over 1,100 members, and our group page has over 2,700 followers. Between the two facebook pages, we see some pretty gardens. Here are some examples.



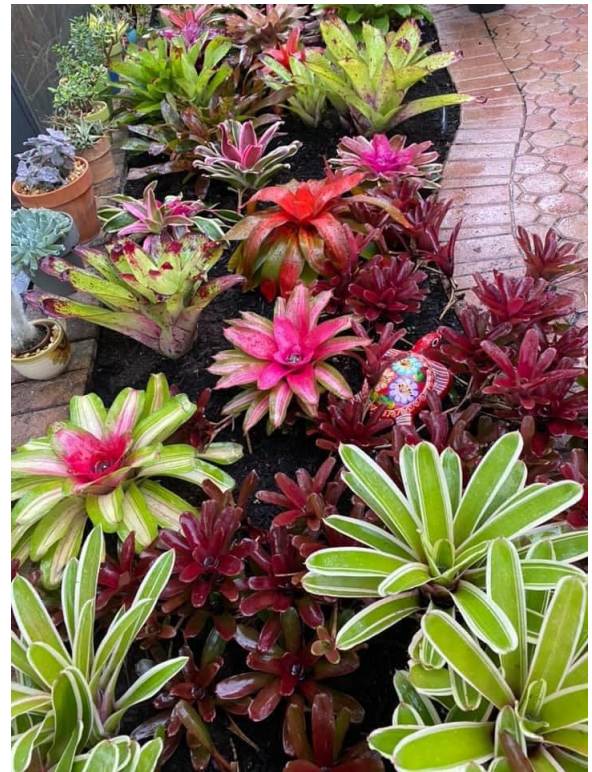
Tina Katsaras yard.



Lori Weyrick Tree



Sue Hatley White yard



Terri Nichols Shane yard