



# BromeliAdvisory

Stop and Smell the Bromeliads

January 2021

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**JANUARY 19, 2021 ZOOM MEETING \*\*\* NEW ZOOM ID NUMBER**

**Speaker: Chris Regan Variegated Vriesea by David Fell**

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| What           | Who  |
|----------------|--|
| Sales Table    | Open to All in Future<br>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

Wishing all our members a healthy and happy New Year and a better year than 2020. Covid continues to haunt our lives. The increasing number of cases has necessitated that we continue our meetings on zoom, probably through March. The link is the same. As soon as we can meet in person we will. I encourage all members to get vaccinated and I know how frustrating it is to accomplish that. But the more members we have vaccinated the better our chances of having live meetings again. The good news is there will be no member dues for 2021 so you are all signed up. We have been doing a lot of fundraising because we wanted to spare our members the expense of dues this year. We will, however, be accepting donations if you wish to help us out. We have a great speaker this month: Chris Regan, a real renaissance man from mid-Florida.

See you at the meeting!

*Maureen Adelman*

## ZOOM INFO FOR THE MEETING

Time: Jan 19, 2021 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

**If you Have download the FREE Zoom App on Computer**

Meeting ID: 972 5832 6945

Passcode: BSSF2020

**If you are Appearing by telephone**

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## Student Art Going Digital

The BSSF has digitized our student fine art and photo submissions from the cancelled show last year and is instead reimagining the show virtually.

Beginning December 21, BSSF members, art enthusiasts and plant lovers alike can view the student winners, 1st, 2nd and 3rd place by grade. The link will also include all the submissions and

will be distributed via email, our BSSF website and social: Facebook and Instagram.

Given the challenges of 2020, we wanted to make sure the student's creative talents were still in full display, even though we could not be together in person.

### FOLLOW UP:

Please check our Facebook page, Bromeliad Society of South Florida, for the entries and winners of our student art project. This outstanding art has been sitting unappreciated since our cancelled 2020 show. Now the

entries have been judged and the kids get to see how they did. It is hard to believe these students are only in 6th and 7th grade. Thank you to member Samantha Jones for organizing this project and to judges Urszula Dudek Rossiter and Heidi Davenport, also BSSF members

## Holiday Event at Lori Weyrick's Was a Success

Our Get Out of the House Holiday Event was a success with over 33 members in attendance, though not all at the same time. The weather was beautiful, everything was spaced out, the food was great and the

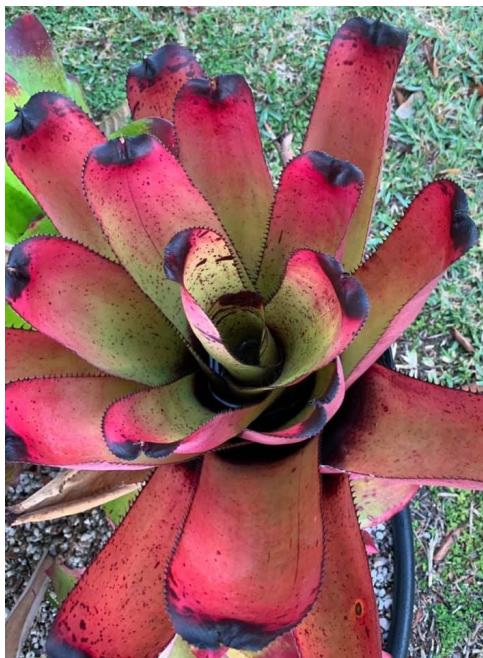
plant selection was wonderful. Thank you to all the member volunteers from our Board who made this a success. We also raised almost \$250. The beautiful raffle plant was won by Sandy Roth.

## If Buying on Amazon – Think Smile.Amazon.com

I had some trouble balancing our BSSF checking account for December but it was for a good reason. There was a deposit from Smile.Amazon.com. Amazon will partner with a charity of your choice and donate .5% of all purchases to that charity. And you know how much we all shop on Amazon right now. First

sign up at Smile.Amazon and choose your charity, hopefully BSSF, Inc. Then instead of going to Amazon.com to shop, you go to **Smile.Amazon.com** and shop. It's the same website except for the charitable donation. I signed up as soon as I saw that donation on our bank statement and I hope you will too.

## Most Popular Photos on FB This Month Details on Facebook Page



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### January 19, 2021

Meeting with Chris Regan speaking about Vriesea  
On ZOOM  
Meeting ID: 972 5832 6945  
Passcode: BSSF2020

### February 16, 2021

Meeting with Pam Koide Hyatt of Bird Rock  
speaking about Tillandsia  
On ZOOM  
Meeting ID: 972 5832 6945  
Passcode: BSSF2020

### March 26 to 28, 2021

Tropiflora Spring Festival  
<https://tropiflora.com/pages/events>

### June 8-12, 2021 [Covid permitting]

World Conference  
Tentative  
<https://www.bsi.org/new/conference-corner/>

### October 1-3, 2021

Tamiami International Orchid Festival  
<https://www.facebook.com/tamiamiorchidfestival/>

### October 21-24, 2021 [Covid permitting]

Annual Show for BSSF  
Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden

## MESSAGES

### WORLD CONFERENCE SAME PLACE NEXT YEAR

World Conference may be held on June 8, 2021 to June 12, 2021 at same place.

Information can be found at:

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

### Members Dues

If you already were a member in 2020, you are member 2021 without a fee!

If you want to become a member, fees will be charged, but the amount remains 1980's reasonable.

Any donations delivered in lieu of membership dues are welcomed. BSSF is a nonprofit organization and donations are tax deductible, if you personal income levels and other criteria meet allowance for deductions.



Vriesea 'Pink Delight' by David Fell



Vriesea Cosmic Cary by David Fell



Lori Von Wald video at <https://www.facebook.com/vonwaldmiamifloridarealtor/videos/3404056043056839>





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