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**OCTOBER 19 2021 LIVE MEETING 7:30 PM**

**GARDEN HOUSE – NOT CORBIN BLDG**

**SPEAKER: BROMELIAD BINGO**

**FOOD OR DRINK WILL NOT BE SERVED**

**SILENT AUCTION AND MEMBER PLANT SALES**

#### BSSF Covid Rules

To Insure Your Safety the Following are Covid Rules for In-Person Meetings:

- Masks are again required
- There will be one entry and one exit at the back of the Garden House. The kitchen entry will be locked.
- If you do not feel well or have a temperature – please stay home.
- Seating will be 6 ft. apart. Family members or social bubble members may sit together.
- Social distancing will be observed at raffle table, auction tables and plant sales.
- Plan to arrive early to purchase plants.
- Masks, disinfecting wipes, and hand sanitizer will be available at the entry.
- No food or drink will be served.

#### HOLIDAY PARTY AND AUCTION

**Tentatively scheduled for Saturday**

**December 18 1 pm to 4 pm**

**SANDY ROTH'S PATIO**

## President's Message

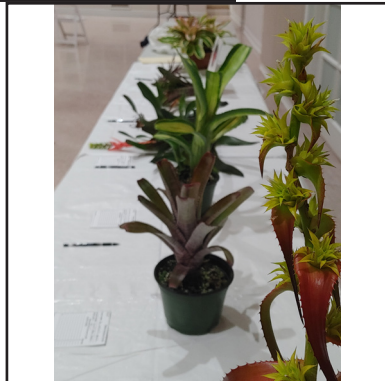
Ah, October. We can finally go outside without melting. We don't have to worry as much about our plants burning. And things aren't growing as fast so there is less maintenance needed in our gardens. This is also the time we choose our board for the coming year. We need a president, three directors, an advertising chairperson and a membership director. These positions are all vital to our continued success as a plant society. Karen Bradley is canvassing the membership for people who are interested and willing to serve. If you are called I hope you will say yes. This society does not run itself, our membership does. Also this month, we are foregoing speakers in favor of Bromeliad Bingo, a game we haven't played in over two years. It's just plain fun with tons of bromeliads as prizes. And don't we all need a little fun? Wear your lucky shirt, hat, ring or whatever and join in.

See you at the meeting!

Maureen

**Speakers:** No speakers this  
month - Bromeliad Bingo

### PHOTOS FROM LAST MONTH'S MEETING



## GARAGE SALE

The garage sale is scheduled for Saturday, January 15, 2022, 8 am to 2 pm. Please save your household items, books, clothing, baby items, kitchen items or anything you no longer use. Dropoff will be 4-7 pm on Friday, January 14.



# ASK DR. BROM

DEAR DR. BROM:

In the last year or two I have heard a lot of new names for bromeliads that I thought I knew. Even the genera have changed. How did this happen and how can I keep the new names straight?

You are right that a lot of names have changed and the reason is DNA. Based on DNA research and sequencing a lot of errors in nomenclature have been found. Great for scientists but bad for those of us who must learn the new names. The new classification is based on evolutionary history, 70 million years of evolutionary history to be exact. And because of DNA research new genera were necessary. And how do you keep the new names straight? I am afraid you will have to learn them the same way you learned the original names.

Let's start with the subfamilies. The family Bromeliaceae originally had three subfamilies (Bromelioideae, Pitcairnioideae and Tillandsioideae). Due to DNA research there are now 8 subfamilies:

BROCHINIODEAE - 1 Genus

LINDMANIODEAE - 2 genera

HECHTIOIDDEAE - 1 genus

NAVIODEAE - 5 GENERA

PITCAIRNIODEAE - 5 genera

PUYOIDEAE - 1 genus

TILLANDSIODEAE - 21 genera

BROMELIODEAE - 39 genera

Most of the bromeliads we are familiar with are still in the 3 original subfamilies. And most of the DNA research to date has been on the 21 genera of the Tillandsioideae subfamily.

Remember the sequence of bromeliad classification: Family, Subfamily, Genus, Species. I always use the clue Girl Scouts to determine that genus comes before species.

So as an example *Aechmea fasciata* would be

family Bromeliaceae, Sub-family Bromelioideae, Genus *Aechmea*, species *fasciata*.

Now for the changes. You might want to save this page and place it in your favorite bromeliad book. You will also want to change your plant tags accordingly. The list is daunting but you will probably only recognize a few of your bromeliads on the list. I only had to change three tags.

*Tillandsia acostasolisii* now *Lemeltonia acostasolisii*

*Tillandsia anceps* now *Wallisia anceps*

*Tillandsia asplundii* now *Josemania asplundii*

*Tillandsia cornuta* now *Lemeltonia cornuta*

*Tillandsia cyanea* now *Wallisia cyanea*

*Tillandsia delicatula* now *Josemania delicatula*

*Tillandsia dodsonii* now *Lemeltonia dodsonii*

*Tillandsia dyeriana* now *Racinaea dyeriana*

*Tillandsia grandis* now *Pseudalcantarea grandis*

*Tillandsia hamaleana* now *Racinaea hamaleana*

*Tillandsia laxissima* now *Barfussia laxissima*

*Tillandsia laxissima* var. *moorei* now *Barfussia laxissima* var. *moorei*

*Tillandsia lindeniana* (new was *umbellata*) now *Wallisia lindeniana*

*Tillandsia macropetala* now *Pseudalcantarea macropetala*

*Tillandsia monadelpha* now *Lemeltonia monadelpha*

*Tillandsia narthecioides* now *Lemeltonia narthecioides*

*Tillandsia pinnata* now *Josemania pinnata*

*Tillandsia platyrhachis* now *Barfussia platyrhachis*

*Tillandsia pretiosa* now *Wallisia pretiosa*

*Tillandsia scaligera* now *Lemeltonia scaligera*

*Tillandsia singularis* now *Josemania singularis*

*Tillandsia triglochinos* now *Lemeltonia triglochinos*

*Tillandsia truncata* now *Josemania truncata*

*Tillandsia truncata* var. *major* now *Josemania truncata* var. *major*

*Tillandsia venusta* now *Racinaea venusta*

*Tillandsia viridiflora* now *Pseudalcantarea viridiflora*

*Tillandsia wagneriana* now *Barfussia wagneriana*

*Tillandsia x duvalli* treat as “*Duvalii*” now *Wallisia x duvalli* treat as “*Duvalii*”

*Mezobromelia brownie* now *Gregbrownia brownie*

*Mezobromelia fulgens* now *Gregbrownia fulgens*

*Mezobromelia hutchisonii* now *Gregbrownia hutchisonii*

*Mezobromelia lymansmithii* now *Gregbrownia lymansmithii*

That is not all but that is enough for this month. In future columns we will tackle the genus *Vriesea*, cultivars of *Vriesea* and *Tillandsia* and two other genera.

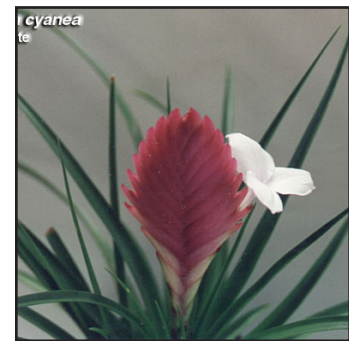
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Derek Butcher and Eric Gouda, the “Taxon List”; <http://botu07.bio.uu.nl/bcg/taxonList.php?getCSV>



*Gregbrownia hutchisonii*



*Wallisia cyanea*

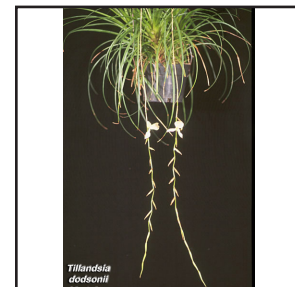


*Pseudalcantarea grandis*



*Barfussia wagneriana*

*Lemeltonia dodsonii*





## Silent Auction and Member Plant Sale Rules

When we have a speaker bringing plants, we will only allow 4 plants for silent auction in order to give our speakers who travel here and pack up their plants a fair chance to sell their plants. If you would like to sell a plant at the silent auction you will need to contact Rene Izquierdo ([rcizquierdo@bellsouth.net](mailto:rcizquierdo@bellsouth.net) or 786 246-5813) and he will let you know if there is an opening for your plants(s). You will be paid 80% of the sale price and BSSF will receive 20%.

We will likewise defer to our speakers for member plant sales and will hold no member plants sales when we have a speaker bringing plants. When we do have member plant sales, all plants must be double tagged with 2 plant id tags, one for the buyer and one for us to total up the sales. You will again be paid 80% of the sale price. To participate in member plant sales, please contact Alex Bello ([bellotropicals@yahoo.com](mailto:bellotropicals@yahoo.com) or 239-223-6155) to schedule your sale so that we are not overrun with plants.

Palm Society Show  
November 6-7  
Fairchild Garden

### UPCOMING EVENTS

One Day Sale - the Kampong  
Friday, Oct. 29 by reservation  
3-4 pm members, 4-6 pm public

BSSF Annual Show  
March 24-27, 2022  
[Fairchild Garden](#)

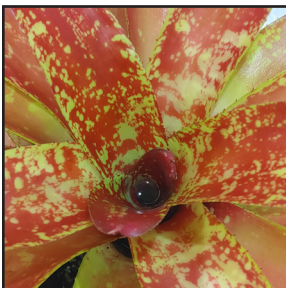
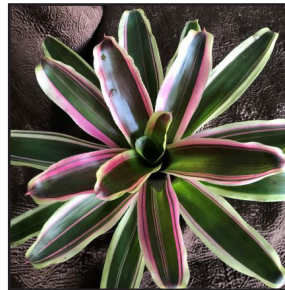




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# What's Blooming

By Stephanie LaRusso

This month in the Herndon Collection the last of the Neoregelia and Nudicaulis flowers are finishing their summer bloom. Vrieseas however are still showing off so make sure to look in your shaded areas so you don't miss the magic!





