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APRIL 3, 2007 MEETING 7:30 PM

SPEAKER: Lynn Fieber
TOPIC: Spring Show Preparation
REFRESHMENTS: Shirley Berckmans, Charlotte Futerfas, Juan Espinosa, Josefa Leon, Joy Von Wald

SHOW AND TELL TABLE: Bring your problem plants and our experts will try to help. If you have something unusual or in bloom, bring it in and share it with us. The S&T table is where we can get some quick tips from our resident experts.

THIS BROMELIADVISORY: Concentrating on getting prepared for the Spring Show – April 21 and 22, 2007 [Judging on April 20, 2007 and entries to be on April 19, 2007. This issue brings you to the final stretch of the Spring Show. AT the end of this BromeliAdvisory are some informational sheets and forms which you should use when you enter your plants in the Spring Show.

For this Month's Meeting:

What	Who
Sales Table	Antonio Arbalaez

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THE SPRING SHOW IS COMING – A Quip on its Recent Evolution

**THE ANNUAL SHOW IS JUST
WEEKS AWAY – April, 21 -22 2007**
By Robert Meyer

With the advent of the 2007 Show and Sale comes an unwanted change or loss which effectively shortsheets the organization's preparations. In spite of this change, the Show and Sale is expected to be a resounding success as new concepts will counterbalance our loss.

My grimaces and remorse reflect upon the loss of the **Nat DeLeon** "private show." For more years than one can count, Nat has delivered plants by the bushel to our Show – each an alarmingly brilliant-colored spectacle. The majority, usually Nat's personally created hybridization of *Guzmania*, sat at the eastern most end of the auditorium which understandably garnered the greatest attention, with the possible exception of the winner's podium on the northern end of the room.

Thankfully, at the time of this loss comes a gain – and we hope to be a annual celebration which beholds conviviality and joy. Our energetically enhanced **Sandy Roth** and **Judy Pagliarulo** will again take the kitchen helm and deliver the judge's lunch and dinner (as well as eats for the two weekend days). Again they will engage a theme which brands character to the show's potentially sanguine character. Last year was Mexico, this year Greece? Can anyone forget the hats, the guayaberas, the food, the tequila? Okay, maybe some can forget the last item, but the implementation of the South-of-the-Border theme delivered affiliation of bromeliads to our personal memories and gave the show a different – enjoyably different – feel than what most other shows entail.

The loss of Nat, we can only hope, is attributable to a finite illness from which he can arise to the point where he will emerge as a showing party in the not-too-distant future

(next year Nat?) – and if his entries are a fraction of the previous years' volume, that would not bother us as his monstrous efforts of the past were monumentally appreciated, in a manner which we cannot overstate on these sterile pages or in our speeches to our bromeliad public.

The gain of the kitchen crew, and anyone willing to help the masters of the same, will endear this event for different but similar reasons from what Nat DeLeon provided in the past. This is the dawn of a new era of our shows, and I anticipate the future will be warmly embraced by those within as well as outside of our world of South Florida bromeliads. And, we hope, our world – full of character and amusement – engenders those from outside to join our world of beauty and gaiety.

Your show chairman,

Robert C. Meyer.

IF ANYONE WANTS TO BE INVOLVED, call me. (305) 285-8838 during the day or (305)668-334 after business hours. Or e-mail me at meyerrobertc@cs.com and entitle the e-mail as "SPRING SHOW."

In Case You Missed It

by Robert Meyer

Ken Marks came to the rescue of the society last week when he came out of the bullpen to substitute for ailing speaker

With a great number of slides on hand from a recent trip to Costa Rica, Ken dazzled the spectating masses with his chosen pictures from what he described as an inventory of 4,000 photos taken during the trip. Handicapped with tropical forest rain and gray, his pictures astoundingly delivered vibrant and clear photographs of the flora at Horquetas, Volcano Arenal, Monteverde and Puerto Jimenez.

Horquetas was the first stop – a rugged endeavor requiring truck rigs and 4-wheel drive. Amid 2-4 foot tall ant hills and other indigenous critters, Horquetas is not a place for the timid. Ken proved to us he is an emboldened soul in the tropic environment.. Ken shot fabulous photos

of numerous *Guzmania*, *Vriesia*, *Werauhia*, and *Pitcairnia*.

Volcano Arenal allowed more accommodating quarters from a former Smithsonian research center, which included a bird paradise. Ken caught the thumb-sized color-blinding shots of many birds as well as their rivaling-colored toads or frogs. Plants caught on digital included *Guzmania*, *Tillandsia*, *Weauhuia* and *Aechmea*.

Monteverde, as the name implies, entailed altitude and a change of scenery. *Pitcairnia* and *Werauhia* species blended with *Racinaea* and *Tillandsia* encapsulated the majority of the majesty displayed on his slides.

Finishing in Puerto Jimenez in a \$300/day motel ground, few bromeliads were found. Great shots of heliconia and other flora were delivered to the crowd with great appreciation. In the four spots attended, Ken was accompanied by a palm enthusiast, so throughout his presentation he would occasionally show us photographs of unique palms – perhaps the most intriguing being the stained glass palm.

In the end, it is anticipated that over 200 dazzling shots – almost too-good-to-be-real colors – proved to the membership that Ken's knowledge of tropical horticulture is beyond reproach and his equally insightful pithy explanations made him one of the most educational speakers we have had in years.

To Ken, I only can say, "Thank You" and if you ever need a lawyer for a book deal, give me call

March Meeting Kudos

Mike Michalski provided the plants for the raffle table. They included both hybrids and species. Mike has taken up hybridizing and on the show and tell table he had two of his *Neoregelia* creations, including their parents

Door prizes were donated by **Antonio Arbelaez**, **Steve Correale** and **Alan Herndon**. Alan also donated more than a dozen *Billbergia magnifica* seedlings that he had grown from seed. They're beautiful plants with showy silver banding.

Sandy Roth decorated the refreshments table in fine green form in honor of **St. Patrick**. Refreshments were provided by **Elaine Mills**, **Joy Parrish**, **Judy Pagliarulo**, **Bobbe Dooley** and **Barbara Partagas**.

Thanks to all our generous members.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome back to **Victor Taboada**, who rejoined at the March meeting.

If you haven't paid your 2007 dues, this is the LAST BromeliAdvisory you'll receive! Send your check pronto to Moyna Prince, 11220 SW 107 Ct., Miami, 33176.

COMING SOON to a Garden Near You!

April 14-15. Bromeliad Society of Broward County Show and Sale. At Trinity Lutheran Church, 11 SW 11 St., Ft. Lauderdale. Ann Schandelmayer, 954-583-1124.

April 14, 2007 6:30PM -
The Community Gardens Charitable Fund, Inc.
5500 Snapper Creek Drive, Coral Gables, FL
RSVP: by April 7, 2007 @ 305-661-7488
\$75 per person

April 20-22, 2007 THE SPRING SHOW
Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden
10901 Old Cutler Rd
Miami, FL 33156
April 20, 2007 Judging
April 21, 2007 9:30-4:30 Show and Sales
April 21, 2007 1:00 PM Auction
April 22, 2007 9:30-4:30 Show and Sales

Sept. 29, 2007. "2007 Bromeliad Extravaganza" presented by the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies and hosted by the Bromeliad Society of Broward County. Hilton Ft. Lauderdale Airport Hotel
1870 Griffin Rd.
Dania Beach, FL 33004. 954-920-3300.
Special room rates: \$89.00. All events at same location.
Jose Donayre,
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Memories of 2006 Show



Lynn and Friends



Mike Makes a Sale and a Friend



Ed and Moyna Prince with a Winner

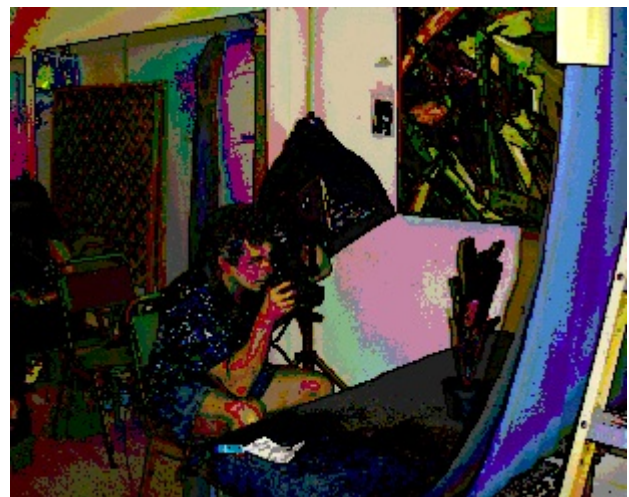


Judges Vote



Judges reviewing entries

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Photographs



Mike Schmale at Work

