



**January 2008  
BSSF OFFICERS 2008**

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**Moyna Prince  
Robert C Meyer**

**Door Prize: Alan Herndon  
Education: Nat DeLeon  
Hospitality: Elaine Mills  
Library: Lynne Fieber  
Membership: Moyna Prince  
Member Plant Sales: Anthony Arbelaez  
Raffle: Peter & Clara Kouchalakos  
Refreshments: Patty Gonzalez**

What	Who
Sales Table	Antonio Arbelaez MONTH OFF

**JANUARY 1, 2008**

MEETING NONE

SPEAKER: NONE

RAFFLE: NOPE

WHEN: Wait One Month

WHERE: Not as Fairchild

WHEN: No Answer

WHAT: Breather

**January 9, 2008 Meeting for Annual Show**

WHEN: 7:30 PM

WHERE: 6601 SW 73 Court  
Miami, FL 33143

[66 Street and 73 avenue basically – front of house has large hedge. No signage. May put teenage son to good use and have him flag all in for a few hours.]

WHAT: Break ground for the Annual Show –  
See Next Page for outline of folks and itinerary.

**WANT TO GET INVOLVED – HERE IS LIST OF THE SHOW'S COMMITTEES:**

Art/Artistic; Award Sponsors; Awards; Catering; Classification; Clerks; Commercial Sales; Hospitality; Information Table; Judges; Photography; Placement; Plant Holding; Publicity; Sales (Money); Schedule; Show Booklet; Staging; and Vendors.

**COME JANUARY 9, 2008 @ 7:30 PM TO 6601 SW 73 CT.**

## Letter from FTBG about Ed Prince Brick

Hello Mr. Meyer,

I wanted to let you know that we have installed the tribute brick in memory of Ed Prince at Fairchild. I will notify Mrs. Prince as well. The brick is located in Quadrant 5. I have attached a brick map as a location reference.

We placed the brick on the path in the midst of a group of bromeliads in the Tropical Flower Garden. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Best regards,  
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### Dues Next Month

A reminder that our dues will be owed next month – you got off for one month because of the holiday's arrival being on our First Tuesday of the Month. Have your checkbooks and pens ready for the February Meeting when **Moyna Prince** will tally the ever-so-modest annual dues of \$20 per person or \$30 per couple.

#### BROMELIADTOID

The word BROMELIAD is derived from Olaf Bromelius (1639-1705), Swedish botanist and medical doctor

In a BSI Article, Smithsonian's Lyman Smith says French Charles Plumier gave the plant Bromelius' name and believes that it is questionable that Bromelius ever saw the plant which bears his name. [Article Vol. 1, Number 2 BSI Journal, "Why Bromeliad"]

## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

By: Robert Meyer

With the advent of the 2008 Show and Sale comes an unwanted changes/losses which effectively shocked the organization's preparations. In spite of these events, the Show and Sale is expected to be a resounding success as new concepts will counterbalance our losses.

My grimaces and remorse reflect upon the diminution of the **Nat DeLeon** "private show." The majority, usually Nat's personally created Guzmania hybrids, sat at the northern most end of the auditorium which understandably garnered the greatest attention, with the possible exception of the winner's podium on the western end of the room.

Knowing about the DeLeon issue, we congruously faced the ever-so-surprising loss of the true Annual Show Chair – or at least a half of it: **Ed Prince**. Years ago, Ed bequeathed the responsibility to this person, but the tender of title was merely a formality for titular recognition. I had neither a grasp of topic nor possession of needed time to learn the sheaves of knowledge for every minute detail involved with the event – starting in 2006 when I first chaired this matter. And, I still remain extremely dependant upon **Moyna Prince, Karl and Kris Green, Joy Parish, Alan Herndon, Lynne Fieber and Michael Schmale, Carl and Margie Bauer, Peter and Clara Kouchalakos, Joy and Harlo Von Wald, Sharon Biddix-Maessen, Tony Arbaleaz, Dean Fairchild, Ken Marks, Mike Michalski and Patty Gonzalez, Bob and Elaine Mills**, and so many others. And, this year posts to be the last of ever-present **Donna Pearce** who we hope can be replaced by anyone this year to handle the awards.

Our energetically enhanced **Sandy Roth** and **Judy Pagliarulo** will help guide this ship from the kitchen's 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 Greece, this year is \_\_\_? Can anyone forget the hats, the guayaberas, the food, the tequila of two years ago? Their implementation of the South-of-the-Border theme vented new life to the otherwise sterile and competitive airs of the judging. Their personalities, and all those affiliated with this annual event, give unique life to plant competition, a life which emboldens many to proclaim this event to be not only different, but better, than many of the similar events witnessed by those of the Florida bromeliad community.

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 or Ed 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.