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Next meeting: Wednesday, April 17, 2019

Where: Leu Gardens, 1920 N. Forest Avenue, Orlando, FL 32803

6:30 –7:00 is pre-meeting time for purchasing plants from the Member Market.

Meeting officially begins at 7:00 pm

Member Market in April!

Please also bring a snack, raffle/door prize plants, and show & tell plants to the meeting.

Please try to label your raffle and door prize plants, even if you can only write something such as "unknown Aechmea hybrid", every little bit helps the members who are trying to learn about different types of bromeliads! Plants should be clean and insect free.

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Visit our new Bromeliad Society of Central Florida Website! www.bromeliadsorlando.com

You will find an activities page that lists our speakers for upcoming meetings – including a link to 2019 Extravaganza information, downloadable copies of newsletters, plant photos, a map to Leu Gardens, and more! This is a great place for the public to find out about our Society or send us a message. Check it out!

The link for Extravaganza information can also be accessed directly at **www.BromeliadX.com**

2019 Bromeliad Extravaganza in Orlando Be sure to put September 20–22, 2019 on your calendar for the Bromeliad Extravaganza. Hotel rooms may be reserved now for only \$85. plus tax per night.

For more information just go to **www.BromeliadX.com**. We recommend that you book rooms now.

The President's Message

Happy April to all. Haven't seen many April showers yet, but everything is looking great and green.

Our Mother's Day show and sale is coming up on Friday, May 10 through Sunday, May 12, Fashion Square Mall, during mall hours. The Judged show is a great opportunity to see some beautiful and sometimes rare bromeliads all dressed up and looking marvelous. The only disappointment is that a lot of the wonderful broms on display for judging don't have any similar plants for sale. But they are a sight to behold. Every member can enter bromeliads for judging. Please see the rules that Marilyn has already sent out. Think about cleaning up some of your prized possessions.

John Boardman and Pam Flesher will be discussing the show and explaining how it all works at this month's meeting. I know that John and Pam will have a very informative and entertaining presentation. I am looking forward to it. John, a judge himself, is also in charge of the judging aspect of the show. My apologies for neglecting to include John in my list of sellers at our March Leu Gardens sale, so thanks John for selling.

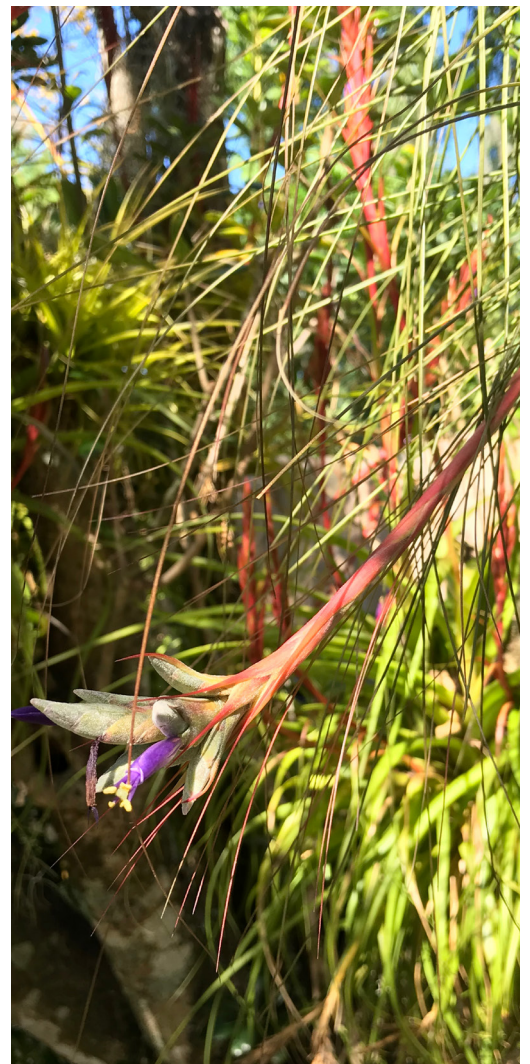
Also think about selling at our Mother's Day show and sale. The rules require that if you sell, you also have to have submit entries for the show. Please refer to the rules that Marilyn has sent out. So if you sell bromeliads, you have to submit bromeliads, but the reverse is not the case. You can submit entries without having to obligate yourself to selling some of your collection.

If you don't want to sell at Mother's Day show and sale, clean up some of your bromeliads for sale at the members market at our April meeting. All bromeliads, big and small, can be sold. Look forward to feeding my addiction with new broms at Wednesday's members market.

See you Wednesday and see you at Fashion Square. Please come out and check out the beautiful bromeliads on display in the show. Tell your friends that if they are looking for great Mother's Day gifts or are needing to add to their collection that we will be set up at Fashion Square for three days that weekend. We will be down at the Panera/PF gym end of the mall. Post things on Facebook and let everyone know.

Just a reminder to talk to me if you are interested in Bromeliad Judges school in Ft. Myers on Saturday, May 4. Also visit www.bromeliadX.com for information on the Bromeliad Extravaganza this September, and tell your friends. A lot of broms for sale at the event's hotel.

mike



This month's speakers are John Boardman and Pam Marion.

John Boardman will be explaining Rules for the Mother's Day Show and Pam (Flesher) Marion will instruct us on how to fill out the show plant tickets.

John started collecting bromeliads in 1982 after winning several bromeliads on a public television auction.

He joined the Bromeliad Society of Central FL in 1990 and became active in showing bromeliads. Over the years John has served as Pres & VP.

At the 2002 World Bromeliad Conference in Saint Petersburg, he won Best Neoregelia with a mounted multiple of Neoregelia 'Ronald'. Years later he became an accredited Bromeliad Society International Master Judge.

John's favorite genus is Neoregelia for the amazing colors and patterns on the foliage. He grows bromeliads in Saint Cloud under a 35' x 30' greenhouse, also growing many different genera, but his favorite is growing variegated Neoregelias.

Pam joined the Bromeliad Society of Central FL in 1996. Pam has held the following positions in the society: Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, and participated as a judges clerk at Mother's Day Bromeliad Shows.

She enjoys growing Tillandsias, Neoregelias, Vrieseas, Guzmanias and Cryptanthus as indoor and outdoor plants. Entering her first bromeliad show with Tillandsia fasciculata mounted on wood, she won Best Novice Division.



Boxes of groomed plants with entry tickets will be a common sight before our 2019 Show.

Fabulous plants awarded ribbons and beautiful awards to be seen after the plants are judged!

An Inspired Display!

Leanne Burton mounted a variety of Tillandsias on some of the black bamboo that she got from Bob Smedley, then gave them center stage in her front flower bed. The bamboo is placed over tall stakes that she sunk into the ground in the way that Bob demonstrated in his presentation at our last meeting.

See her beautiful result below!

Here's a list of the Tillandsia she used:

- T. capitata 'peach'
- T. fusciculata
- T. limbata 'prolifera'
- T. caput medusae
- T. flexuosa
- T. foliosa
- T. juncea
- T. xerographica

The beautiful inflorescence of Aechmea 'Alvarez' that Leanne bought from a Society member at the Leu Gardens sale!



Monthly Meeting Minutes

Bromeliad Society of Central Florida — March 20, 2019

The March meeting featured speaker Bob Smedley who gave a presentation about ways to mount your bromeliads for visual appeal in your landscape or garden. He discussed a variety of ways to mount plants to maximize vertical space and brought lots of example plants and mounts for everyone to look at. Great!

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Mike Saunders.

Vice President's Report:

- In April John Boardman and Pam Flesher will be showing us how to get ready for our 2019 Mother's Day Show which is coming up this May. We'll also be reviewing the rules for the show and sale.
- In May we have our Mother's Day Show and Sale on the 10th–12th. To sell at the show/sale you can sell plants in pots or bareroot. You must enter 5 plants in the show in order to sell plants.

Secretaries Report: New Member: Jennifer Collin and Guest Robin.

Treasurer's Report: Betsy gave the financial report for February 2019 and it will be filed for audit. Betsy went over the basic financials from the Leu Gardens sale – we did even better than last year!

President's Report:

- Thanks to Bob Smedley!
- Mike mentioned that Hicks Orchids and Supplies carries a lot of the items that Bob used in his demonstrations – so if anyone is in need please contact Society member Kenny Hicks. Also, they can fabricate special requests, so don't hesitate to ask.
- The February 2019 meeting minutes were approved.
- If you want to participate in the May Mother's Day Sale and Show let Mike know.
- Thanks to everyone who participated in the Leu Gardens sale and to everyone who sold plants.
- Mike expressed that anyone having any issues with the way the Leu Gardens sale is run or our sales location should bring up their concerns to a BSCF officer, not to any of the Leu Gardens personnel directly. Mike also reviewed some of the Leu Gardens sale restocking and parking rules.
- It is the last super moon of the year...take a look at the super worm moon tonight!
- Mike reviewed the events that will be happening at the 2019 Extravaganza.
- Vickie Chirnside from the Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society is helping with the Extravaganza Rare Plant Auction.
- The first BSI Judges School session will happen the Saturday, May 4th in Fort Myers. The attendees receive lunch and a notebook containing the materials covered in the school. After the first 2 "schools" one becomes a student judge and your vote is counted in shows. The cost is \$25. per school session.
- Update on the BSCF 2018 Audit: Sudi and Katherine have some questions in to Betsy, they'll probably have their report ready for the next meeting.
- Please pay your dues if you haven't already done so.
- Our next monthly meeting is Wednesday, April 17th.

Old or Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Announcements:

- We will not be participating in the 2019 Central Florida Orchid Show/Sale at the armory – they are going to be sticking to all orchid vendors this year so we aren't being asked to participate.

Show & Tell: John Boardman brought in a stunning Vriesea 'RoRo' and a species Tillandsia glabrior from Mexico. Paul Morris brought in a beautiful albo marginated Neoregelia that was in high color to share.

Auction: Thanks to John Boardman for bringing in his Aechmea mertensei for auction. It is a large Aechmea that grows easily from seed. Mike Saunders won the auction.

Bob Smedley donated a chandelier made of Neoregelia plants for Auction. Paul Morris won the auction.

Door Prizes and Raffle tickets were drawn.

The meeting concluded at 9:00 pm. Minutes respectfully submitted by Karen Steinberg

BSCF Board Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2019 – Keke's Breakfast Cafe, Conway Plaza

Attended by Mike Saunders, Betey McCrory, and Karen Steinberg

The Meeting was called to order at 10:15 am by President Mike Saunders

A general discussion was held about the 2019 Extravaganza event and preparations currently being made/items that are needed.

- We'd like to have our next board meeting at the hotel with all Extravaganza chairs. Betsy to check on the possibility of this.
- Karen to make an Excel sheet listing all Extravaganza committee chairs and their responsibilities/basic process/members of their committies. She will route for additions/corrections.
- Betsy to write Extravaganza sales rules and vendor registration form then route for revisions/additions. Karen will then work these revisions into the finished document.
- We need a welcome email to send out to registered people to acknowledge their registration.
- Karen to give Katherine (Registration chairman) the gmail account info/password.
- Hospitality room for members helping during the event – possibly we can get one free of charge from the hotel. We need some snacks and drinks for the hospitality room.
- 2 cash registers – think about the possiblity of an express line. Maybe we can borrow a card reader from the FL Council or Evan/Georgia.
- We need a Chairman for Speakers

The meeting concluded at 12:30 pm Minutes respectfully submitted by Karen Steinberg.

Upcoming Events

May 10–12, 2019

Bromeliad Society of Central Florida Annual Mother's Day Show and Sale
Fashion Square Mall, 3201 E. Colonial Drive, Orlando, FL 32803
Friday and Saturday: 10 am – 9 pm
Sunday: 11 am– 6 pm



September 20–22, 2019

2019 Bromeliad Extravaganza
SpringHill Suites by Marriott and TownePlace Suites by Marriott
8040 Palm Parkway, Orlando, FL 32836
Times to be announced

Our Meeting Next Month: May 15th, 2019

The Bromeliad Society of Central Florida meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 7–9 PM at Leu Gardens, 1920 N. Forest Avenue, Orlando, FL 32803. Guest speaker plants are for sale before the meeting from 6:30–7:00. You'll enjoy informative programs, Show & Tell, plant sales, refreshments & door prizes. Members also receive a monthly newsletter—all for an annual membership fee of \$15 per member, plus \$5 per additional family member (no charge for full-time students). Visitors are always welcome.

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