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Next meeting: September 16th

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

6:30 –7:00 is pre-meeting time for purchasing plants from our guest speaker. **Meeting officially begins at 7:00 pm**

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Visit the Bromeliad Society of Central FL website at: www.bromeliadsorlando.com You will find an activities page that lists our speakers for upcoming meetings, down loadable 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 Presidents Message

A super September to all. We have a great meeting coming up on the 16th with Dave Johnston speaking and selling plants. He gives a great presentation and I always find a couple of "must-have" broms to add to my collection.

We had a great time at our first meeting back last month. Several members brought gorgeous plants for sale. Thanks to our sellers. Was a great night of bingo, pizza and socializing with our fellow bromeliad enthusiasts. Check out the pictures that Cheryl, our Society photographer, took at the meeting. Was a fantastic time. Thanks to all who came out. And thanks to all who brought plants for sharing.

Remember to bring any plants you are proud of for "show and tell". And the door prize and raffle tables always appreciate your donations.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on the 16th. Take care and stay healthy and safe.

mike

Vice President's Comments

There were 23 members at the August meeting plus a visitor. I think that is very good considering the circumstances. Many of the other bromeliad societies are still not able to meet. The pictures below tell the story of our Aug. meeting. It was a very fun evening.

Hope you can all make it to the Sept. 16th meeting. Our guest speaker is Dave Johnston.

Marilyn

August 2020 Minutes

Bromeliad Society of Central Florida Monthly Meeting Minutes for August 19, 2020

Vice President Marilyn Howser's Report

- Dave Johnston will be our speaker at next month's meeting: September 16th

President Mike Saunder's Report

- A big thanks to Marilyn for quickly organizing our August meeting and pulling everything together. Kudos Marilyn – beautifully done.
- Currently nothing is listed on the Mead Gardens website about the 2020 GROWvember event, we are checking into whether the event will be happening the 1st weekend of November.
- Check out the FCBS and BSI websites!
- No old business
- No new business

Mike also gave the Treasurer's Report

Unfortunately we are operating at a deficit this year with none of our usual plant sales taking place. The report will be filed for audit.

Show and Tell

Pam Marion brought a Vriesea 'Tony'. It was discussed as to whether this plant is actually a bigeneric Guzmania/Vriesea. Pam also shared a Neoregelia 'Lucifer', a nice double plant, and a Neoregelia 'Palmares', which is named after the town where Chester Skotak lives in Costa Rica. Nice!

Steve Beaudoin recommended keeping track of one's plants with the app Plant Album, I believe he mentioned that it is \$4.99. If you have an iPhone or iPad this may be a great way to catalog your plants! There is also a Plant Album Lite version which is free – it has some limitations but may be a great way to try the app out for no cost and the catalog entries can be moved over if you choose to purchase the full version of the app.

John Boardman brought in a Neoregelia cruenta, variegated, which was beautiful! He also shared Neoregelia 'Zenith', a Chester Skotak hybrid and Vriesea 'Abigale Jean', an albo marginated beauty which came from David Fell.

Mike Saunders shared his Neoregelia 'Inferno' and Neoregelia 'Evan', both striking plants!

Door prizes and raffle tickets were drawn.

The meeting concluded at 9:00.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Karen Steinberg for Secretary Pat Neff who could not attend the meeting.

Cathy and Dave Schubert suggested we do a "What's This" in the newsletter. This is how it will work. If a member has a brom or two they can't id, send me (Marilyn) a picture of the plant along with their email address. If someone can id the brom that person would get back to the "What's This" person via their email. Please do not send me any ids I do not want to be the middle person.

What's This?

No what's this pictures this month. But a cute picture from New members Victoria and Gene sent a picture to share a precious moment. They saw their kitty, Coolie, has a new drinking station.



Pictures by Cheryl

Who are these masked people?



Lots of plants on the Door Prize table and also on the Raffle Ticket table.



Several tables of Member Market plants and they were terrific



PIZZA and Salad



Bob made delicious cupcakes



President Mike called BINGO and really made it a fun time.



The BINGO prize plants are in the center of this table.



Show and tell







List of Upcoming Events.

There are no upcoming events at present due to the Corona virus

2021 Bromeliad Society of Central Florida

MEMBERSHIP FORM

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

____ NEW MEMBER ____ RENEWAL

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City, State Zip+4 _____

Phone/Email _____

\$15 for first member, plus \$5 per each additional family member at the same address. Name Badges \$7 per member, if desired. Please check ____ if you would like a name badge ordered for you.

Please make checks payable to BSCF AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

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Or bring to the next meeting.

Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of every month, from 6:30-9:00 pm (buy plants from the speaker between 6:30-7pm) at Leu Gardens, 1920 N Forest Ave, Orlando, FL 32803 You'll enjoy informative programs, Show & Tell, plant sales, refreshments, and door prizes. Members also receive a newsletter. Please come join us!

Treasurer: Date _____ Check# _____ Cash _____

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