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**Newsletter of the
Bromeliad Society of Central Florida**
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Next meeting: Wednesday, March 18, 2020

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

Please 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 the Bromeliad Society of Central Florida Website at:
www.bromeliadsorlando.com

You will find an activities page that lists our speakers for upcoming meetings, 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 President's Message

A marvelous March to all. I hope you all are enjoying this nice weather. Won't be long until the heat and humidity are upon us. Our meeting this month will have John and Pam giving insights and examples of preparing plants for our annual Mother's Day Show and Sale in two months.

Marilyn has sent out the rules, so please review before the meeting so you can ask John and Pam all the inquiring questions that are weighing on your minds. Hope to have a number of you enter a plant or two or ten in the show. It's a great exhibit of some beautiful bromeliads.



Besides the show there will be a bromeliad sale. All at Fashion Square mall during Mother's Day weekend. Another opportunity to add to your collection.

Hope to see everyone at our March meeting. And if you don't feel comfortable attending, will see you at our April meeting. Thanks in advance to John and Pam for an informative presentation.

Stay safe and healthy.

Mike



Jay Thurrott

February Minutes

Meeting Minutes – February 19, 2020 Bromeliad Society of Central Florida

The meeting began with members and guests gathering for food and fellowship.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm. There were 31 people in attendance.

Program

Jay Thurrott gave a presentation about “A Visit to Northern California Bromeliad Gardens.” He visited both botanical and hobbyist gardens. California, as a large state, has a wide variety of climates, which affects the appearance of bromeliads. Some cultivars will look different when grown in California versus Florida. Jay discussed how conditions in California and Florida differ and how this affects the types of bromeliads that can be grown in California. High altitude bromeliads grow well in Northern California, as do drought-tolerant cultivars.

Business Meeting

President Mike Saunders called the business meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes of the prior meeting were published in the newsletter. There being no corrections, the minutes for meeting of January 15, 2020 stand as published.

New Members and Guests – We welcomed one new member, Norin Stone. Kathleen Steil, Phyllis Steil, Tina Salado, and Sherry Thraen were our guests.

Vice President' Report – Marilyn Howser announced that John Boardman and Pam Marion will speak at the March meeting. They will show us how to prepare plants for the Mother's Day Show and Sale. Members should review the schedule that was e-mailed so they can ask John and Pam questions about show requirements at the March meeting.

Club members may donate money towards the awards for the Mother's Day show, and donor names will be posted on a sign at the show.

Marilyn e-mailed club members a "Grooming Plants for Show" guide.

There will be a member market at the March meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Leanne Burton presented the Treasurer's Report, which was filed for audit.

President's Report:

Mike Saunders reminded members to submit bromeliad photos and articles to the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies through the website, fcbs.org.

Leu Gardens Sale – March 14-15 – Members may sell their plants at this sale. Let Evan McCrory know you will be selling. Plants must be disease-free and have 2 tags – one with the name, the other with the price and vendor number. The club receives 20% of the sale price. The club needs help at the sale; helpers should wear club shirt and name tag. Friday – because the club is allotted only one vendor parking space at Leu Gardens, sellers will meet at 10 a.m. at the Longhorn Steak House at Fashion Square to load member plants into a truck. Sellers are not permitted to restock or

set up on Saturday. Our sales space at Leu Gardens will be across from the Leu House.

Mother's Day Plant Show and Sale – May 8-10 – In addition to the plant sale, there will be a judged show. Members may sell, but each seller must exhibit 5 plants in the show on order to qualify as a seller. The show schedule was e-mailed to members by Marilyn Howser.

World Bromeliad Conference, Sarasota – June 10-13 – Greg Kolojeski reported that 180 people have registered at this point. The new editor of BSI Journal, Andrew Flower, has completed two issues and is working on the third. There will be a judged show at the conference; the show schedule was recently completed. More information about the World Conference can be found at bsi.org. Schedule of events is available at https://www.bsi.org/bsi_info/WBC%202020%20Time%20Schedule.pdf

Mike Saunders purchased the *New Bromeliad Taxonomy List* for the club library.

Old Business: There was no old business.



New Business: Mike McMahon moved that a committee be formed to determine an appropriate way to recognize Betsy McCrory for her over 40 years of service to the club. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously. A committee consisting of Mike McMahon, Marilyn Howser, and Lisa Robinette was formed.

Announcements: Mike Saunders and Leann Burton are completing requirements to become accredited bromeliad show judges.

Show and Tell: John Boardman and Lisa Robinette brought in plants.

Our next meeting will be March 18th.

Vice Presidents Comments

Hi Everyone

At our March 18th BSCF meeting we will have a MEMBER MARKET so bring a Bromeliad(s) or related item to sell. Also please bring a plant for the door prize table and for the raffle table and if you have a nice plant you would like to bring for show and tell. And of course a snack to share.

Pam Marion and John Boardman will be explaining how to select show Broms and how to prepare them for show. Their program is a fun and informative show and tell. John is a BSI judge and will be judging the Miami Show March 27th. John occasionally speaks to other societies about Neoregelias. Pam is a very creative young lady and truly is John's assistant.

See you then
Marilyn

Mother's Day Show

Now is the time for everyone to start choosing plants to enter in the Mother's Day Show. Remember they don't have to be perfect, but they do need to be clean.

We are now accepting donations for the awards. A minimum of \$15 is being accepted. If you are sponsoring one of the special awards, please note that on your check. Remember that your donation will be tax-deductible. Everyone who sponsors an award will have their name on the sponsor board near the awards table. Someone will talk about that at the March meeting.



Marilyn 🍍



Upcoming Events

May 8-10, 2020

The BSCF's Mother's Day Show and Sale at the Fashion Square Mall. Lots of information to follow.





June 9–14, 2020

World Bromeliad Conference 2020 Celebrating the 70th Anniversary of the Bromeliad Society International!

Hyatt Regency, 1000 Boulevard of the Arts, Sarasota, FL 34236

www.bsi.org/new/conference-corner/

Tropiflora:

<div>14¹⁵ Mar</div> 	CANCELLED - Plant Sale at Leu Gardens PLANT SALE HAS BEEN CANCELLED Tropiflora will be at the Harry P. Leu Gardens... 📍 Harry P. Leu Gardens, 1920 N Forest Ave, Orlando, FL 32803 🕒 14th Mar 08:00 AM - 15th Mar 05:00 PM
<div>20²¹ Mar</div> 	CANCELLED -Naples Flower Show & Garden Market PLANT SALE HAS BEEN CANCELLED Tropiflora will be a vendor at the Naples Flower... 📍 Naples Botanical Garden 🕒 20th Mar 08:00 AM - 21st Mar 05:00 PM
<div>28²⁹ Mar</div> 	CANCELLED - Tropical Plant Fair PLANT SALE CANCELLED Tropiflora will be at A Tropical Plant Fair held at Richa... 📍 Richardson Park, 1937 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors, FL 33305 🕒 28th Mar 09:00 AM - 29th Mar 03:30 PM
<div>03⁰⁵ Apr</div> 	Tropiflora's Spring Festival Tropiflora's 20th Spring Festival will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, A... 📍 Tropiflora, 3530 Tallevast Rd, Sarasota, FL 34243 🕒 3rd Apr 08:00 AM - 5th Apr 03:00 PM

Our next three plant sales that we normally vendor at will be cancelled due to coronavirus precautions. The Spring Festival is currently planned as scheduled until we hear otherwise from State or County mandates.

We wish everyone good health and to take hygienic safety precautions for those near us who need it most.

Our Meeting Next Month: Wednesday, March 18th, 2020

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.

2020 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.

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____ Make checks payable to BSCF MAIL TO: **Bromeliad Society of Central Florida, PO Box 536961 Orlando, FL 32853-6961. Or bring to the January meeting.**

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Treasurer: Date _____ Check # _____ Cash _____



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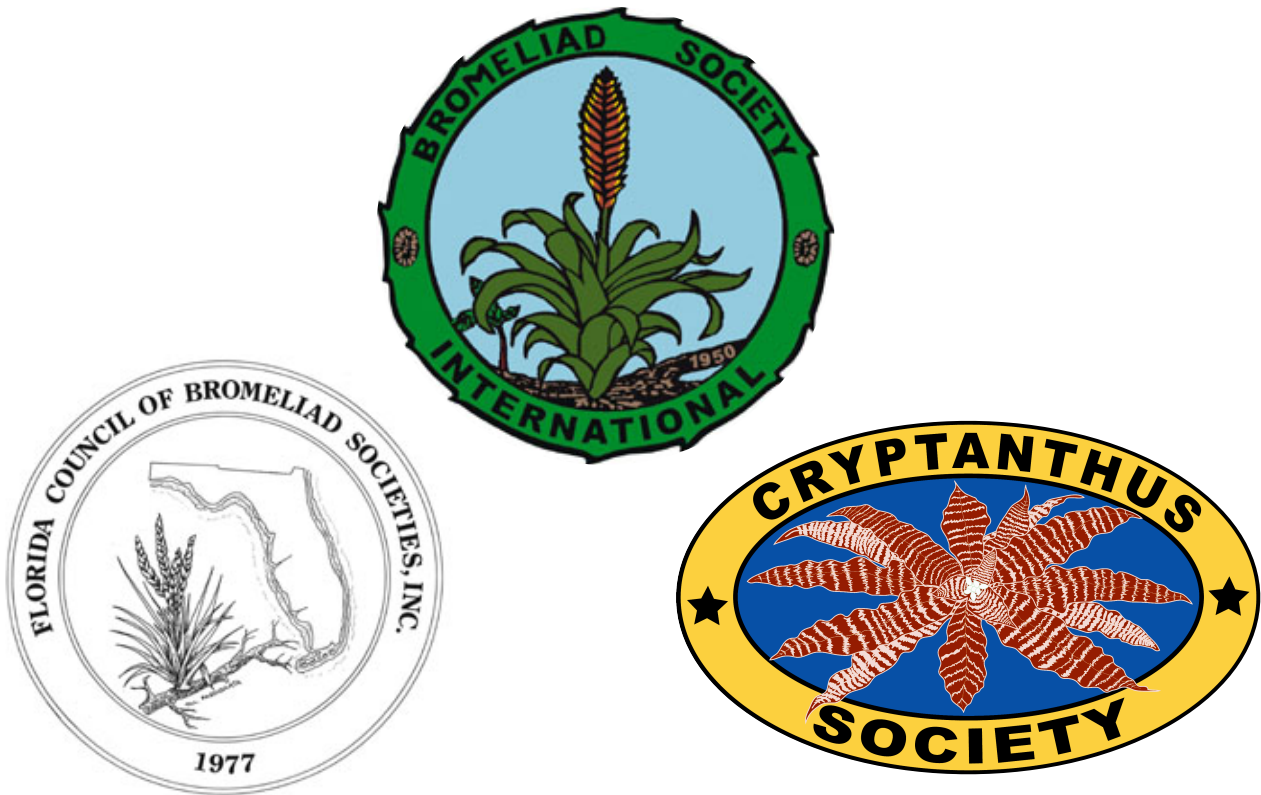
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