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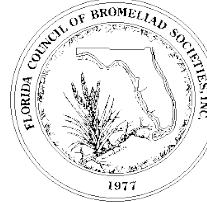
Our meetings generally offer a speaker on timely and noteworthy topics, member plant sales, a plant raffle, special holiday plant auctions, diagnosis of disease and pest problems, and A Country Store with selected bromeliad and gardening supplies.



The Bromeliad Society of Broward County is a member of, and supports:

**The Bromeliad Society International**

<http://bsi.org>



The Bromeliad Society of Broward County is a member of, and supports:

**The Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies**

<http://fcbs.org>



The Bromeliad Society of Broward County is a member of, and supports:

**The Cryptanthus Society**

<http://www.iinet.net.au/~scozier/Culture.html>



NEXT MEETING: JANUARY 17TH, 2007

Guest Speaker: Tom Wolfe  
"What's Blooming in the Wolfe's  
Backyard?"

Among many other things, Tom does a lot of landscaping and consulting. He will be bringing his own collection to sell and doing a PowerPoint program on his yard and others with many more surprises.....Can't wait to see you there!!!!

The Member Sales Table will be closed  
however, we will have our Raffle Table

We meet the third Monday of every month (except January) at 7:30 p.m. in the Broward Agricultural Extension Building

## About our Guest Speaker

Tom joined the Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay in 1965. Over the years he has held many positions in the Guild including serving as President six times. Tom has always been instrumental in encouraging and working with the BGTB members to present annual bromeliad shows, participating in community shows and sales to promote bromeliads, refurbishing bromeliad beds at Lowry Park Zoo, Eureka Springs Park, and Ybor City Museum State Park. Tom helps create displays at the Florida State Fair annually promoting bromeliads and club members pass out literature to thousands of attendees. Tom has served as Chairman of the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies several times. Tom was General Chairman of the successful 1992 World Bromeliad Conference, "Bromeliad Safari", hosted by the Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay at Saddlebrook Golf & Tennis Resort. Because of Tom's leadership, the Club was able to make contributions to the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies,  
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the Evil Weevil Fund, funding for local parks, improvements to the Guild's meeting & library facilities as well as secure the financial future of the club. Tom became an accredited BSI Bromeliad Judge in 1982 and is now a Master Judge. He served on the BSI Board of Directors for 14 years serving as Director, Secretary, and 6 years as Vice President and 6 years as President. Tom is the only BSI President that has served two consecutive terms. Under Tom's leadership, the Board operated effectively and efficiently to serve its members. Tom is presently Chair of the World Headquarters Committee which is an effort to try and establish a permanent home for the Bromeliad Society International at The Marie Selby Botanical Gardens in Sarasota, Florida. The garden would make a perfect home for the BSI since The Mulford Foster Bromeliad Identification Center is already located there and the BSI Archive files are housed there.

Tom has designed and installed many residential and commercial landscapes featuring bromeliads. He is in demand as a speaker throughout Florida and the United States presenting programs on bromeliads to Garden Clubs, Bromeliad Clubs, and the University of South Florida Botanical Gardens. Tom has worked tirelessly through the years, providing leadership when needed, and promoting bromeliads on the local, state, national and international levels. He is presently serving as the President of the Tampa Bay Orchid Society and Director of the Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay. His wife, Carol, is Vice President of the BGTB.

Tom and Carol live in Lutz and grow their bromeliads on their 2.5 acres of land and greenhouses. Carol photographs blooming bromeliads in their yard and greenhouses each month and has a collection of 13,000 plus bromeliad pictures. Some of her bromeliad photos were recently published in the Tampa Bay Magazine. Tom will be using some of these photos in a power point program as he shares his knowledge about them.



## The Presidents Message

We retired 2006 with an excellent lunch celebration put together by our VP Becky Blackwood. Attendance rose by almost 30% this year and we hope more of us will come together next December. We are also coming into 2007 when in May we will celebrate 43 years as an organization. We are happy to still count among our members some of those who were present at the inception.

Now that our Billbergias showered us with wonderful blooms – see this month's Member's Gallery section – and went into a waiting period for a spell of cold weather, you may be starting to enjoy the many Aechmeas coming into bloom. With January, comes election time. I will be starting the fireworks at our regular meeting by selecting a Chairperson to head the Nominating Committee. At the same time I will request the members attending to propose the two other members to be involved in the nominating process. This is always a taxing exercise, so I call upon our members to be ready to participate and serve. Our Society will need to be even more energized this year. This will demand from all of us a special effort to bring our Show and Sale in April and the Extravaganza in September to a successful end.

Pepe

## Calendar of Events 2007

**September 2006 - January 31, 2007** - Royal FloraRunning for five months through January 31, 2007, the Royal Flora Ratchaphruek 2006 is a massive horticultural display. For more info visit [www.royalfloraexpo.com](http://www.royalfloraexpo.com).

**February 24th-25th 2007** - Bromeliad Fiesta 2007. Mt. Eden War Memorial Hall.

**April 14th-15th 2007** - Seminole Spring Sale Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society Sprint Plant Sale. Sanford Garden Club Building, 200 Fairmont Drive, Sanford, FL. 9am-9pm both days.

**April 14th, 15th, 2007**

Bromeliad Society of Broward County 11th Biennial Show and Sale will be held at the Trinity Lutheran Church located at 11 SW 11th ST. Ft Lauderdale. April 14th 9-5 / April 15th 12 - 5. For more info contact Ann Schandelmayer 954-583-1124

**April 21st & 22nd 2007** - Bromeliad Society of South Florida Show and Sale. Fairchild Tropical Gardens

**April 21st & 22nd 2007** - 26th Annual Sarasota Bromeliad Society Show and Sale. Theme: Pirated Bromeliads - Exhibits, sales, food, rare plant auction at world renowned Marie Selby Botanic Gardens, 811 S. Palm Ave., Sarasota, Florida. Hours 10:00-4:00 941-955-7553, Show Chairman Dr. Theresa Bert 941-795-6012 or co-chairman Rob Branch 941-358-4953. Plant sale only on April 20th. Show and sale April 21st & 22nd. Show & Sale included in general admission \$12. Rare Plant Auction to be held Saturday night.



April 28th-29th 2007 - Autumn Show Bromeliad Society of NSW Autumn Show. 9-11 Wellbank Street, Concord. Enquiries phone 9971-6183.

September 21st-23rd 2007 - 14th Australian Bromeliad Conference Rydges Resort Hotel, Port Macquarie. Enquiries to 47 Boden Street, Edge Hill QLD 4870 or [linnie@ledanet.com.au](mailto:linnie@ledanet.com.au)

October 9th-15th 2007 - NZ Spring Display & Sale

Bromeliad Society of New Zealand Spring Display & Plant Sale. Venue: Milford Shopping Mall, Auckland. Contact Alan Cliffe (09) 479-1451.

September 2007 TBA

Bromeliad Society of Broward County will host the Biannual Extravaganza - Date and location to be announced. For more info contact Jose Donayare 954-925-5112

## Calendar 2008

June 25-29 2008- World Bromeliad Conference 2008

The 18th World Bromeliad Conference is being held in Cairns, Australia. For more info: [Cairns 2008](#)

## Editors Disclaimer

If any names or identifications are wrong, they will be corrected in the following Scurf!

It must be the right conditions developed this years end in a still confused weather picture, to give us a most extraordinary show of blooming Billbergias. I am glad we did not travel during the Holidays and were present to record these beauties. Here are few of the pictures I took. I am sure you will appreciate the characteristics of the flowers, particularly the color of ovaries, sepals and petals which are quite variable in different Billbergias.



First, our B. Caramba' ('Manda's Othello' x 'Poquito Blanco'), its inflorescence characterized by blue tipped floral bracts and petals

Next, at right, is B. 'Pink Champagne', a very popular complex Carrone hybrid. The flower is very similar but for mostly green sepals with a tinge of pink.



Directly below are two of Don Beadle's hybrids. On the left B. 'Arriba' (Amoena v. rubra x 'Manda's Othello') shows an almost green flower except for the blue tips. B. 'Muchacho' (horrida v. tigrina x vitata 'Colores') at right, is a hard looking plant and its flowers are all green with strong ovary ridges.

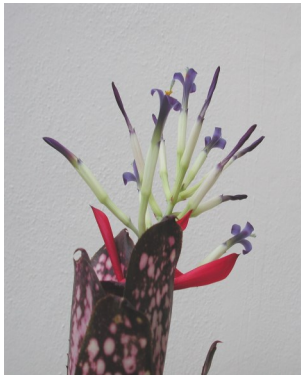


B. 'Miz Mollie', an old Beadle hybrid of *Amoena v. rubra* x 'Muriel Waterman' is one of the largest non-pendant Billbergias. The very intense color of the plant contrasts with the almost green flower. Sepals are light green with just an edge of a darker green like the color of the petals.

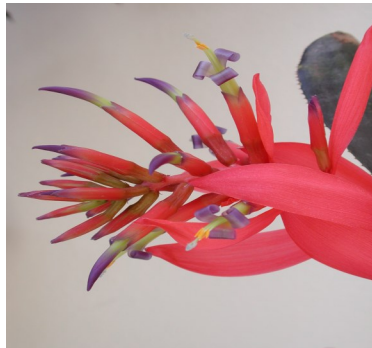
\* Members Gallery  
By  
Jose Donayre \*



With the well liked B. 'Hallelujah' (*vitata* 'Domingos Martins' x *amoena* 'Ed MacWilliams') on the left, Don Beadle obtained an enduring hybrid. It did not miss the show. The photo on the right correspond to one of the light colored Billbergias: 'Grace Goode'. Its tender inflorescence is almost completely light green lacking the intense violet of the 'Hallelujah' petals.



Finally, after almost six years waiting for it to bloom, Beadle's hybrid 1464, soon to be named 'El Zorro', exploded with most striking colors. Note the bright red pedicels and sepals crowned by violet petals against the black leaves.



## Show and Tell

This month, bring a beautiful Billbergia in bloom. This is the time of year when these spectacular plants are coming into there own. We all love to enjoy the fruits of your labor - so show it off!!!!



## We need your talent!!!!

Two things : anyone who would like to help with the members sale table at the meetings, please speak to Pepe. It's a lot of fun, you can use your selling skills and it's a great way to meet people in the club. The second thing is, our show is coming up quite quickly. Anyone who would like to participate this year please get with Pepe or Ann Schandlemayer. There are plenty of positions such as clerks, set - up and tear down that need to be filled. All of you newer members please don't be shy, everyone's help is needed.



Spectacular close-up of the Billbergia bloom



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They're not just on the ground, get'em up high  
For those of you that seem to be running out of  
space in your landscape.....go up!!! Bromeliad  
look beautiful in trees.



[www.bonitanews.com/photos/2005/oct/14/973/](http://www.bonitanews.com/photos/2005/oct/14/973/)

Save our Bromeliads!

Although habitat destruction is a continual hazard for bromeliads in south Florida, the most immediate and serious threat they face is from an invasive, exotic weevil that is killing them on protected as well as private lands. The Mexican bromeliad weevil is referred to as the "Evil Weevil" by bromeliad growers and enthusiasts throughout Florida, because of the devastating effects it has had on bromeliads in private collections and in natural areas throughout south Florida. Current management efforts are concentrating on [classical biological control](#) and the [collection of seeds](#) of native bromeliads to ensure their survival. To learn more go to

[savebromeliads.ifas.ufl.edu/weevil.htm](http://savebromeliads.ifas.ufl.edu/weevil.htm)



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## Reminders

January Birthdays please bring goodies!

Happy Birthday to.....

Pat Boone and Jean Tease

Anyone I missed, than Happy Birthday to you!!!!

Welcome All New Members

Glad your on Board!!!

A big Thank You goes to.....

Becky Blackwood for organizing a wonderful  
Christmas Party

On the Cover.....

*Aechmea nudicaulis* v. *cuspidate*

A very handsome species with dark reddish foliage mottled with deep brown. The form is upright and tightly tubular, but with the leaves flaring toward their tips, but the most outstanding feature is the decorative heavy black spines which give this variety its name.

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E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Month of your Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want a name tag? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to work on a committee or other capacity? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Dues are:

\$15 per year for individuals

\$20 per year for more than one member at the same address

Please make check payable to Bromeliad Society of Broward County and mail this page to:

Bill Frazel, Treasurer

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