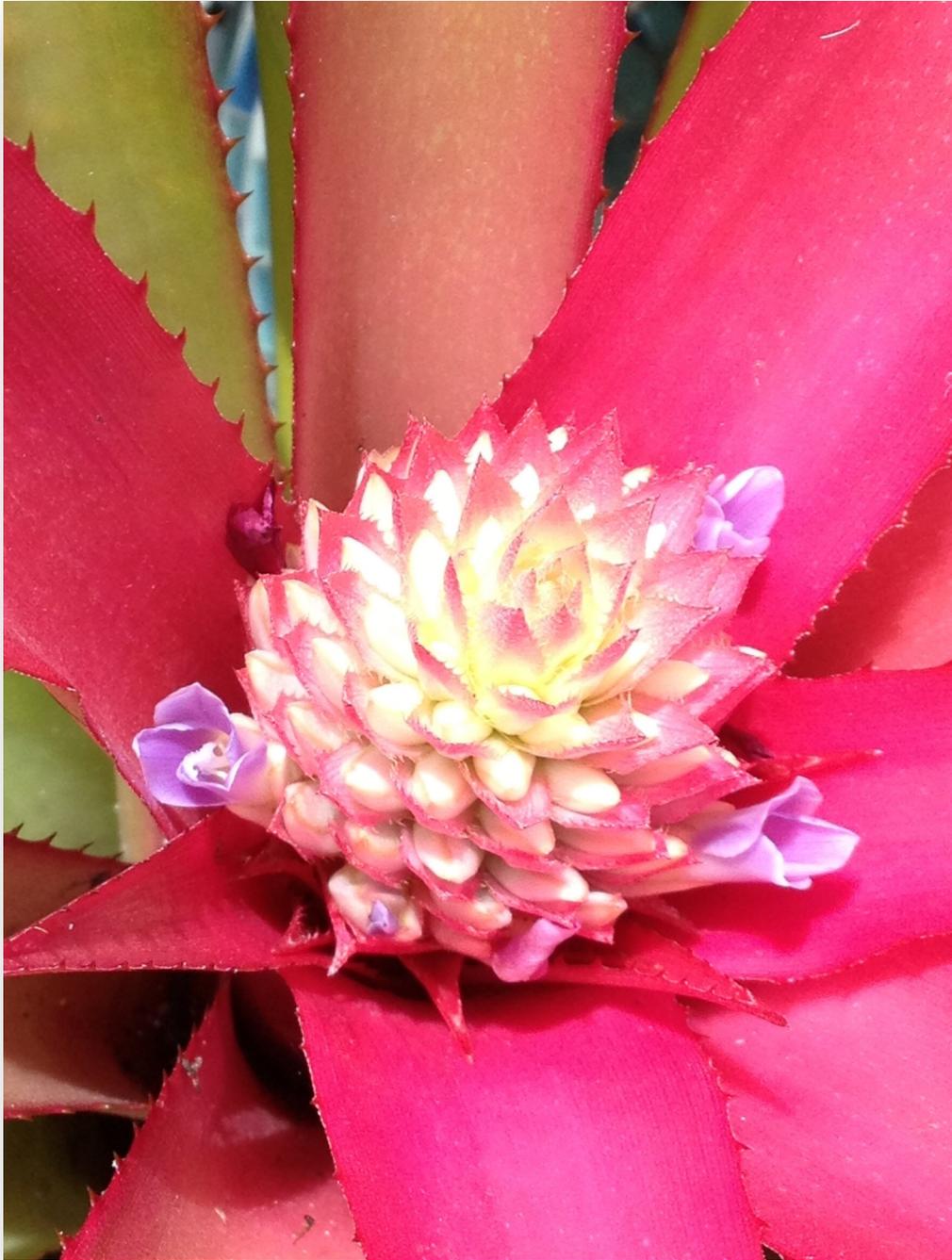


BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF BROWARD COUNTY
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xCryptananas 'Pink Utopia'
image courtesy of Bruce Zaret

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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.

We meet the third Monday of every month except January and February.

Affiliations: BSBC supports



The President's Message

We're listening -

Many of our members have requested colored polo shirts with the Bromeliad Society's logo. At our June meeting, we will have a shirt catalogue for you to choose 1 of the 8 colors available. There will be other styles available, if you prefer. I am also looking at baseball type caps and visors, too, in different colors. Both the shirts and the hats will have our logo. A price list will be available. Depending on the style of shirt, the costs should be approximately \$25.



Several members have also asked about elbow length gardening gloves to protect your arms from the thorns. At our May meeting I mentioned one type of gloves made out of kidskin. The price was around \$36.00. I am looking at less costly vendors and also other materials which will protect you when caring for your bromeliads. Once I find a good product, it will be available at our Country Store. If there are other items you would like us to carry at our Country Store, let Bill David know when you see him. We are here to help you grow beautiful bromeliads.

With that thought in mind, on the next two pages following this message is an article I found from the South Florida Bromeliad Society. For us beginners, this will give you some insight into any problems with your bromeliads. If the article doesn't address your specific problem, bring your ailing bromeliad to Dr. Bruce at our general meeting. Don't forget to cover the top and bottom to prevent leaking and prevent the problem from spreading to our other plants. Let me know what you think about this Quick Guide.

Lastly, I would like to congratulate Josefa Leon and Ann Schandelmayer for being elected Honorary members of our Society. Their years of support have been instrumental in making our Society a success. Both Josefa and Ann are recognized for their many contributions to bromeliads in our communities' gardens. They join Bill and Maureen Frazel, Bud Hendrix and Ignacio Moreno.

See you on June 16th.

Becky



Aechmea Caloosa



Bromelia humilis



xCryptmea_ 'Dazzler'

Images courtesy of Bruce Zaret

QUICK GUIDE TO BROMELIAD PROBLEMS by Peniel Romanelli..... 11 December 1999

Bromeliads are generally quite trouble-free, but problems do crop up. Some of the more common ones, along with some possible causes are listed below.

Pale, bleached appearance

Too much light

Poor color

Too much shade

Fertilizing (a)

Long floppy leaves

Too much shade

Brown or yellow leaf ends or edges

Plant grown too dry

Cold or heat damage

Poor ventilation

Mix or water has wrong pH (b)

Brown spots or patches

Watering in full sun

Too much light

Cold or heat damage

Chemical burns - possibly caused by copper or arsenic from treated wood or misuse of pesticides (c)

Abnormal yellow or pale green mottling of leaves

Scale or spider mites (d)

Bites or holes in leaves

Snails, slugs, insects or

Watering in full sun

Quilling (inner leaves stuck together) (e)

Little or no water in cup

Brown, mushy leaves at base

"Wet feet" [f] as a result of over watering, potting too deep, or bad drainage

Center leaves loose, withered, brown or whitish, and soft, with a smell that would choke a buzzard

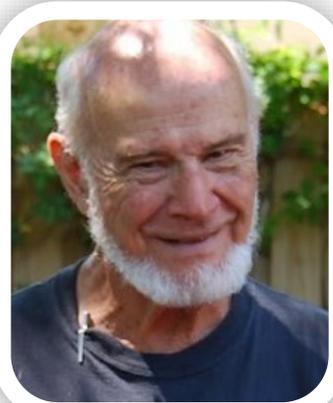
Crown rot [g] - possibly a result of stagnant water or poor ventilation

QUICK GUIDE TO BROMELIAD PROBLEMS continued

- a). Avoid fertilizing Neoregelia and Billbergia.
- b). Most bromeliads like an acidic mix. Dyckia and Hechtia prefer things less acid.
- c). Follow directions carefully. Never use oil-based pesticides, or anything containing copper or arsenic.
- d). Look for tiny black specks or about 1/8" grey lumps (scale), or fine webs on the underside of leaves (spider mites).
- e). While this is usually humidity-related, a recent discussion on BROM-L cited a reference listing over-use of pesticides as another cause.
- f). Correct this quickly. It can lead to caudex (base) rot.
- g). Crown rot can be treated by pulling out the loose leaves, thoroughly rinsing the cup with clean water, and filling the cup with a good systemic fungicide for about 1 hour. Drain, let the plant dry overnight, then refill with clean water. The plant probably won't bloom, but you should get pups.

In Memoriam

I regret to inform our members of the passing of our dear friend, David McLean. He will be sorely missed. To those of us who knew David, he was a major gardening force in our community. Many of us remember David when he was our Auctioneer at our annual auctions and also a most enjoyable and knowledgeable speaker at many of our general meetings.



To David's family and friends, our thoughts and prayers go out to them for their loss.

A memorial ceremony will be scheduled at a later date. I will let you know when the date has been determined so those of you who wish can attend to celebrate David's life.

Becky

"What's your favorite part of gardening in South Florida?"

I think it's making something fun and interesting. I like to have places in my yard that are a bit of a mystery. My backyard looks like Taiwan. I layer things. Narrow trunk palms support orchids and bromeliads."

Excerpt from: <http://articles.sun-sentinel.com/2008-08-22/>



From the Vice President



Hi, Gang,

Oh my - - I just can't keep up with the pups, the gorgeous colors - - and the weeds and the bright, bright sun. You can really see why South Florida is the bromeliad capital of the world but beware that June, July and August suns are really hot. I'm am constantly snuggling my plants a little closer to the shade.

And what a lineup of speakers we have coming up! This month we have Mike Michalski, from the Miami club, talking to us about hybridizing - - the art of pairing two different plants to produce a brand new type of plant. Normally hybridizers are reluctant to speak about this process - - (try to get Bullis to talk about the creation of the Blue Tango - - about as secret as the Coke formula). Mike promises to get down and dirty and let us in on these secrets. He gave me a taste of his talk down at his overwhelming bromeliad patch. I can't wait to try my hand at creating the world's next hot hybrid Big suggestion - - get a front-row seat early, in order to get right into the middle of the action as he manipulates the pollen and the seeds - - very sexy.

Mike will be bringing some of his creations, so the plant table will be closed.

Don't miss July - - We will be visited by Dennis Cathcart - - the owner of Tropiflora in Sarasota - - BTW, Tropiflora is the world's largest bromeliad retailer. Dennis plans to bring tables full of terrific plants for sale - - and some great stories about his latest trip in the Brazilian bush.

Meanwhile, the Saturday after our meeting, June 21, Harriet and I are opening our home to all of our "Bromeliad Buddies" and Harriet is serving a hot breakfast at 9am on the back porch. All of our bromeliads will be blooming for you to admire - - arrogant little devils - - and we can chat about broms 'til we're chatted out - - and of course, we will have skads for sale.

The address is 4808 SW 120 Ave, Cooper City - - (954-434-8466) - - Get yourself to 595. Go west to Flamingo Road. Go south on Flamingo for 3.5 miles, past Griffin Road. Turn left on 49 street. Go 2 blocks to SW 120 Ave and turn left..... 4808 will be on your right a few houses down. It is a gold house with broms in front and we'll be waiting for you with the coffee on.

Larry

Membership News

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Robert Moorman
Ann Schandelmayer
Linda Wiringer

Membership reminder!

Membership renewals: the rate is \$25 for an individual and \$30 for a family.
We will accept, cash, check, Visa or Master Card.

Although we are no longer members of the [Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies](http://fcb.org) at this time, BSBC members are still be able to access the Council's newsletter on the home page <http://fcb.org> under the Newsletters button. That area, along with the entire site, is public. The Council's Facebook page is also public and intended to promote bromeliads, regardless of the source.

From our May meeting



Many thanks to
Bruce Zaret for his
info-rich presentation
on "The Sex Lives of
Bromeliads."



More Membership News

Our next meeting: Monday, June 16, 2014 at 6:30 pm
Deicke Auditorium, 5701 Cypress Road, Plantation, FL



Guest Speaker

Mike Michalski
Bromeliad Society of South Florida

"Hybridizing"

Just how do hybridizers create such wonderful new plants to enhance our gardens and collections? Come to Monday night's meeting and find out. Our VP Larry Davis was certainly intrigued by Mike's intro to the process and he is psyched to give it a try. Who knows? You might be the next great hybridizer to create **the plant** that we all will want to have.

Recently retired, Mike spends the majority of his day hybridizing and taking care of his new kids (seedlings). When not gardening and selling his plants on ebay, Mike likes to travel, fish, collect coins, jewelry, gemstones and old Chinese carvings.

There will be a Raffle Table at this meeting and the Country Store will be open. Count on another great **plant auction!** As Mike will be bringing some of his hybrid creations for purchase, our usual **Plant Table will be closed.**

"DIAPER YOUR PLANTS"

Please diaper the plants that you bring in by using a paper sleeve or a plastic bag to cover the bottom of the plant.

We want to make a good impression and keep the recently renovated Deicke Auditorium as clean as when we got there. Thank you!!!

Info Fun Friendship Plants Food

Harriet's Hoots

Howdy Ho, Everyone,

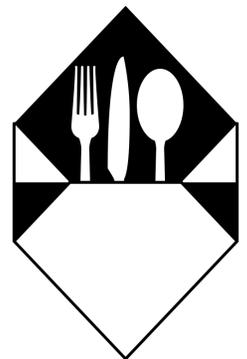
June is bustin' out all over, all over the meadows and the hill..... Opps, sorry ,gang, was just thinking about the movie Carousel and I guess I got carried away (LOL) after all, it is June. Wow, 6 months already, soon we'll be getting ready for our Holiday Party. Well, maybe not quite yet.

Hope everyone is having a great summer. It's been quite hot so I do find it a little refreshing when it does rain. However, as I look out my window and see those black skies, hear the thunder and see the lighting, I would rather see the sun even if it's hot, hot, hot.

Speaking of the weather, I do hope that we have sunny skies on Saturday, June 21st. That is the day of the open house that Larry Davis and I are having. We hope that all of you will stop on by to wander the garden, see if any of our bromeliads strike your fancy as we will be selling. We also will be serving breakfast, so get up early, bring your appetite and come on over. The time of our open house is 9:00 am and the address is 4808 S.W. 120th Avenue, Cooper City, FL. Hope you all can make it as it should be a fun and interesting time.

Ok, now to give a shout out to our members who contributed to our "Buffet Table" You all remember that we changed its name, don't you ?(hahaha) Well, here they are.....

Delores Bass - - Quiche Pie and Kentucky Derby Pie (Wow, those went fast)
Valeria Paz - - Chocolate Cookies and Sparkling Soda (Very nice)
Harry Sperling - - Mocha Walnut Cake (Delish as always)
Shirley Konefal - - Pasta and Sausage (Yummy)
Martha Reichman - Nebraska Goulash w/scalloped potatoes (Just Great)
Richard Sedlick - - Birthday Cake (Very Thoughtful)
Maureen Frazel - Fruit Salad (Refreshing and good)
Tracy Moulton - -Assortment of Pretzels, Fortune Cookies (Nice touch)
Eddie Yi - - Pickled Mangos and Green Mango Slaw (Very Good)
Norma Flack - - Pretzels & Crackers (Great finger food)



That wraps it up for now, gang. Keep cool, don't forget sun screen, a big hat and go get those bromeliads.

See you all at the next meeting.... Hugs, Harriet

From the Editor

Perched high above Los Angeles is the world famous Getty Center.....stunning architecture, rotating exhibits of fine art and lush gardens with a story all their own. It seems that back in 1992, the decision to retain artist Robert Irwin to design the garden instead of a local prominent landscaper was extremely controversial..... Intrigued, after visiting the Ansel Adams exhibit and checking out the illuminated manuscripts (both truly stunning displays) we opted for the Garden Tour in search of how bromeliads might be incorporated into the evolving landscape as per Robert Irwin's belief, "Always changing, never twice the same." Unlike on previous visits, the first thing to strike a visitor now is how really, *really* dry things are. The hills surrounding are brown and bare. Sight (color and texture), sound (from the babbling brooks and water features now silent due to the extreme drought) and scent (from flowers and an array of herbs) drove the initial decision making as to what plants would be used at the Getty. Water needs drive the decisions at this time. Begonias were actually doing well, scattered bougainvillea floated above on rebar sculptures, assorted succulents gave way to assorted grasses. A few rosebushes were in bloom. Then, tucked in one corner and on the end of one other triangular garden were two dykias. Yay! I tried to track down a staffer to inquire about the use of other broms but had no luck in doing so. It never ceases to amaze which plants make the cut and why.



Speaking of cut, I don't know what is happening in your garden but somebody must have dropped vitamins or steroids into the Crescent Garden. Returning after a mere five days, the cardboard plants have tripled in size dwarfing some nearby delicate broms and fighting for space with a couple of blanchetianas. Something is going to get cut back or pulled out. Other broms literally drowned in what had been areas of good drainage. Things are "always changing" on the home front, too, it seems. Lots of work to be done in the garden when the rain stops.

On a very happy gardening note, I had a chance encounter with John Gidding of HGTV's Curb Appeal and Dream Home giveaway. At the recent Home Show, John graciously offered suggestions to homeowners about how to improve their own homes. While looking over my photo, he zeroed in on the Crescent Garden and said, " You have bromeliads! I love bromeliads!" 😊😊😊😊😊

Josie Rivera-Abdo sent an email with a link to a solid article from UF all about Florida native bromeliads. Take a look at <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/uw205> .

Happy gardening,
Gayle

SCURF Features

May Mystery Plant Identified



Aechmea kentii

**Want to win a raffle sheet
with 20 tickets?**

Be the first member to email the SCURF editor at yroftiger@aol.com with the correct name of the bromeliad featured below.



As part of our outreach to the community, BSBC President Becky Blackwood recently donated a selection of bromeliads to students at Gateway Christian Academy in Pompano Beach. Images have been pixelated for confidentiality but the smiles say it all.



Calendar of Local Plant Society Meetings

1st Tuesday	Plantation Orchid Society	Volunteer Park
2nd Friday	Ft. Lauderdale Garden Club	Birch State Park
2nd Monday	BSBC Board Meeting	Deicke Auditorium
3rd Monday	Bromeliad Society of Broward County	Deicke Auditorium
3rd Tuesday	Bromeliad Society of So. Florida	Fairchild Gardens
3rd Wednesday	Equality Park Garden Club	Pride Center
3rd Wednesday	Plantation Garden Club 9:30 am—noon	El Dorado Community Center
3rd Thursday	Bromeliad Society of the Palm Beaches	Mounts Botanical
3rd Thursday	Shade Brigade (no meetings July & Aug.)	Plantation Bldg. Dept.

Places to Go, Things to See

Aug. 16—17	Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Sale	9 am—4 pm	Garden Club of Sanford 200 Fairmont Dr. Sanford, FL
Sept. 8—13, 2014	Bromeliads in Paradise 21st World Bromeliad Conference		Ala Moana Hotel Honolulu, HI

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Have a bromeliad question?
Email yroftiger@aol.com and
we'll ask our experts.

BSBC Country Store

The Country Store has the following items for sale at great prices!

6 in" pots _____ 5 pots for \$ 1.00
Plant Sticks ___ 50 sticks for \$1.00

Contact Bill David
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