



BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF GREATER CHICAGO

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Hopefully, all of you received the email about the Garden notifying us that the cactus club decided do do their Show without us. The dates that were still available to us for a show were June 13-14 or August 29-30th. The majority of the members said that they preferred the August date. I will notify our contacts at the Garden that is the date we prefer. I will also let them know we will be looking for a Nursery to come in with us and sell plants.

## President's Column

*Well winter is upon us, but hopefully it continues to be gentle. I don't know about you, but I don't look forward to their predictions of heavy snow! I hope that all our plants get along fine during these cold winter months, huddled together for warmth, but not a lot of space.*

*Let us remember to keep Marjorie in your thoughts and prayers as she continues her battle. I look forward to seeing her again when the weather warms up! Let us also remember to keep each other in our thoughts with hopes and wishes for good health. May 2015 be a prosperous year for us all.*

*I want to thank each of you for your participation in our club! I'm glad more of you are being able to come to the meetings, we're hoping that this becomes a trend and we can plan to have speakers and the like come in and make presentations to us.*

*I want to thank Martha for all her tireless work to organize the show, organizing something for us to do or see at our meetings. She is our rock and I for one truly appreciate all she does for us! Thank you to Steve and Paula too, who without them we'd not have a club either.*

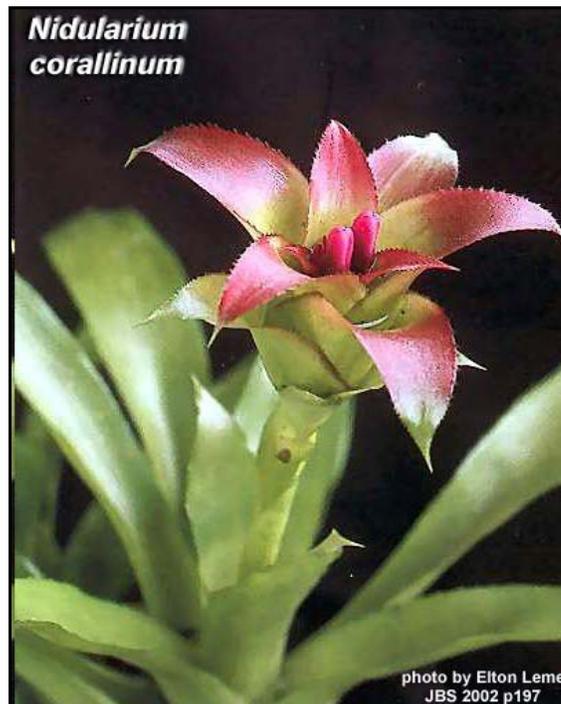
*We look forward to meeting you all again in March 2015. Keep all your little babies bright and happy so they'll be ready to shine at our show in 2015. We'll need all the plants/displays that we can get.*

*Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy New Year to one and all!*

*Lori Weigerding*

In this newsletter we will look back at the year 2014 through pictures.

In our first issue we had an article on Nidulariums. I don't know if any of our members have grown them. Here are a few pictures of them from [www.fcbs.org](http://www.fcbs.org)





Luiz Claudio Marigo

Figure 10

*Nidularium marigoii*, also in habitat, showing leaves colored a glossy, vivid red from the sun. The raised inflorescence is clearly evident.



Luiz Claudio Marigo

Figure 11

*N. marigoii* inflorescence detail. The lower part of the petal is dark blue becoming a pink-lilac on the margins and apex.

In the spring, we wrote about the history of bromeliads and some of the plants that were named after various famous plantsmen.



Billbergia was named for a Swedish botanist, Gustave Johannes Billberg.

Guzmania was named for A. Guzman who was a Spanish naturalist.



Portea was named for Dr. Marius Polte, a French naturalist who lived in Brazil for many years.

In the May/June issue we discussed the Tucson Sonoran Cacti and Succulent Conference. Here are some more pictures from there.





Picture taken Dec. 20, 2014 at B&B Nursery in Tucson  
Can you find the flowers on this *Deuterocohnia lorentziana*?



I found this *Deuterocohnia longipetula* (I believe) blooming in my garden early this month.

We had our Show in July. Here are some more pictures from it.





*Tillandsia duratii* Paula is hoping that it will bloom in 2015.



Neoregelia Grace

In September, Steve and I went to the BSI conference in Hawaii. We visited Larry McGraw's garden who is a member of the Hawaii Society.



We visited Sharon Peterson's Nursery.



Inside of the Nursery.



Outside of the Nursery.

We visited David Fell's Nursery.



Outside of the Nursery.



Inside the Nursery.

They did not have a Show at the Conference but they did have a display.



In October, we went to the Southwest Bromeliad Guild Show and Sale in Houston. Here are pictures from it.



Crypt. 'Steve Hoppin'



Neo. 'Mendoza'



X Neophytum 'Cosmic Blast'



Ae. mollis

We hope everyone has a joyous Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

Please take the time to renew your membership soon.

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