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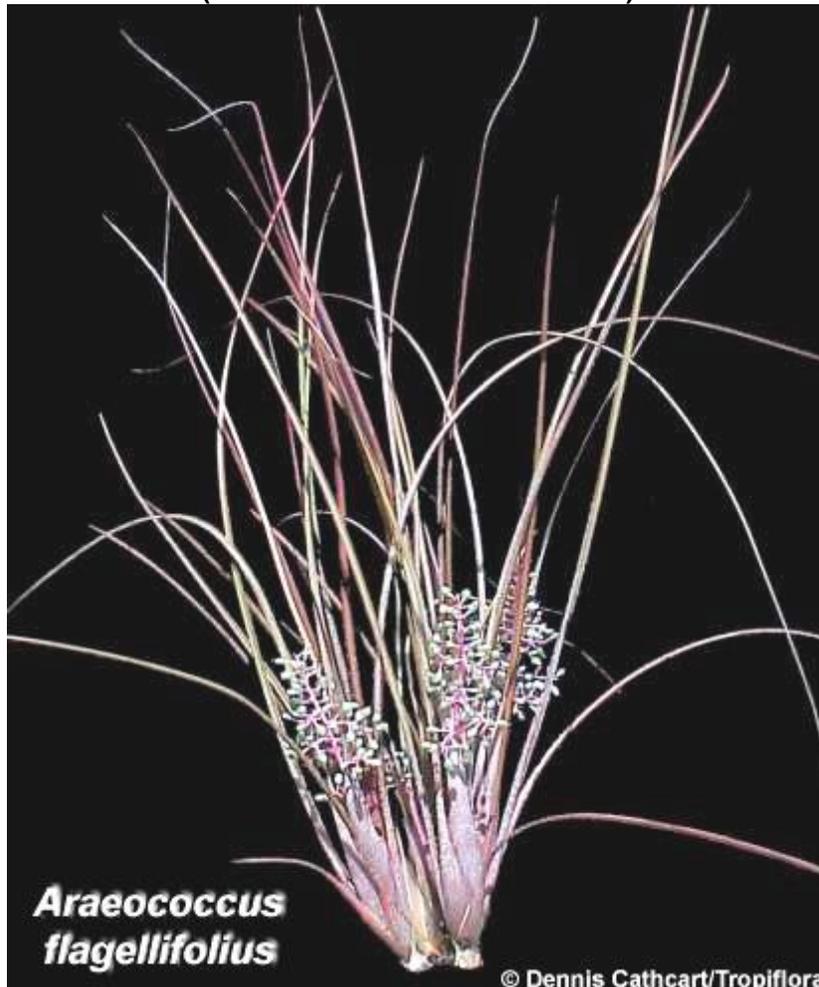
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***ARAEOCOCCUS FLAGELLIFOLIUS*—THE LATIN SPECIES NAME MEANS “WHIP-LIKE LEAVES.”**
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Sarasota Bromeliad Society Monthly Meeting

LOCATION: **NEW PLACE** Sarasota Garden Club, 1131 Blvd of the Arts, Sarasota, FL

DATE: **new night Monday, April 18** **NOTE NEW MEETING DATE!!**—3rd Monday, not 2nd Monday

TIME: 7:30 PM

EXTRAS AND NEWS:

Workshop, 6:45 PM— Terrie Bert will actually give a workshop. She will begin a series of workshops in which she talks about how to grow bromeliads in each genus possible (we can't grow all genera here in Florida). Terrie will be working her way through the alphabet. This month's genera? *Alcantarea* (contains 36 species), *Acanthostachys* (2 species), and *Araeococcus* (9 species). Terrie will bring examples of some of the species in each genus and talk about growing conditions, grooming techniques, and interesting features about each genus.

Bromeliad Society International World Bromeliad Conference** June 13 – 19, 2016.** Host: Bromeliad Society of Houston, Inc. You can register online at BSI.org—registration fee \$275 + \$45 (single) or \$60 (dual) BSI membership fee if you are not a member. (Registration form at the end of this newsletter.) The event is being held at the Westin Galleria Hotel, 5060 West Alabama, Houston, Texas. Room Rates ---\$139/night with free parking. Got to the BSI website to link to special discounted rate. A registration form and the conference schedule and speakers list are at the end of this newsletter.

Please bring food or drinks for the refreshment table—Special raffle for only those folks!

This month's tip, from Terrie—Get rid of oak tree fallout! Oak leaves, flower pods, and acorns clog the centers and inter-leaf spaces of bromeliads. These are the growing sites of bromeliads. If the oak litter is not removed, it will kill most bromeliads. Oak litter is very high in tannic acid, which will kill the sensitive growing areas of bromeliads. Use long tongs (available at Tropiflora) or put on good gloves and get that stuff out of your bromeliads. Leaves can also be flushed out with a hose. ***Have a good tip on bromeliad care to share? Send it to Terrie Bert.***

UPCOMING MEETING:

Business:

Show and sale—Sept. 9 – 11. Show chair Ray Lemieux will be soliciting volunteers to lead show committees. Some committee chairs have been filled, but the list is still incomplete. If you've volunteered to work on a committee, please let Terrie know so she can fill in the blanks. (theresa.bert@myfwc.com)

The committees:

General Chair	Ray Lemieux
Co-chair	Terrie Bert
Auction	
Awards	Terrie Bert
Classification	Terrie Bert
Cleanup	
Clerks	
Banquet	

Educational Exhibit	
Entries	Terrie Bert
Hostess	
Judges	Terrie Bert
Judges Luncheon	
Placement	
Photography	
Publicity	
Sales	
Staging	
Security	
Show Schedule	Terrie Bert

Final call for 2016 dues. Please ensure that your dues are paid. Check with Bob Stickney.

Thanks, Marcia Dove. Marcia has agreed to be the Public Relations Chair.

Card signing. A card will be circulated for members to sign. The card is to thank last month's speaker for donating his speaker fee bac to the SBS.

April Program: Ken Stokes. "The Study of Bromeliads by Their Parts." The study of bromeliads is usually approached by selecting a single species from a genus and then observing its qualities. There are a few thousand species, so it would be impossible to cover them all in even many presentations. A good approach is to think in terms of generalities about each genus. But there are so many exceptions when approaching the study of a genus, that misconceptions can be generated. By studying plants by their parts, it is possible to be specific as well as to have time to present the exceptions. When a plant is botanically described, it is approached from general form and then identified by describing smaller and smaller details. Seldom does one hear about the roots, so that is where I will begin. The foliage or leaves will be next, followed by their blooms. There will be insufficient time to present the section on reproduction.

About Ken: Ken is a writer and manages a furniture-making business. Ken has had a keen interest in bromeliads for many years and is an avid collector. Ken also enjoys learning about the biology, ecology, and taxonomy of bromeliads. His presentation is an example of how Ken likes to think about bromeliads and shows his interest in taxonomy.

SBS MINUTES, March 2016 meeting:

The meeting was called to order by Stephen Upton, President. Steve distributed the meeting agenda and urged the members to view the beautiful grounds of the Sarasota Garden Club while noting the club's rules for holding meetings at the club. Steve welcomed new guest Diana White and invited her to pick out a plant from the table as a gift from the club.

A motion to accept the minutes of last month's meeting was approved and seconded.

Treasurer Tiffany Reynolds reported that she had reached out to a couple of leaders with the 4-H club regarding SBS's participation in the fair but they were too busy with the fair currently being planned. She intends to continue her efforts next month.

A motion to approve a budget of \$400 to purchase a projector was approved and seconded.

Steve requested a volunteer for the media position, which was accepted by Marty Dove, who passed out SBS advertising posters for the membership to distribute. A member pointed out the poster does not contain a reference to the workshop, which are held before most meetings. Steve advised that the poster can be revised as members wish because it is provided in Word format.

A discussion was held on the decision to move our meetings to Sarasota Garden Club given the lack of interest on the part of Selby Gardens to retain us. It was implied that the managers of Selby Gardens feel that they can generate higher revenues by renting the facilities out for parties; therefore

they could cancel monthly meetings as necessary when such opportunities arose for them. Several members pointed out we have contributed \$600/year, and that even higher amounts have been donated paid in the past. The general consensus is that it was a good decision to move.

David Johnson reported that June 13th is the starting date for the Bromeliad Society International weeklong conference in Houston and suggested the club should buy a ½ page ad for \$50. Pat Siglander paid for this last year. A motion to approve placing an ad not to exceed \$100 was approved and seconded.

It was also mentioned that state funding for weevil research has been terminated and we should consider donating money to fund research programs. A collection was taken at the meeting and Tiffany Reynolds agreed to see that the funds reached the proper authorities.

Ray Lemieux reported he has booked the Sarasota Garden Club for show dates 9/09 (plant drop-off), 9/10 and 9/11. “Bewitching Bromeliads” is the theme. Terrie Bert will be securing judges. There are several volunteers still needed for various committees.

Our guest speaker was Jon Hanson. Jon is the owner of Bromeliad Paradise which was founded in 2012 in Naples, Florida. It is a home based nursery built on three acres of family property. Relocated from Southern California, Jon advised that southwestern Florida provides a much more hospitable climate, both weather-wise and business-wise. He showed us many beautiful pictures of the numerous plants he has in stock. You can see much more at his website – <https://bromeliadparadise.com>. Jon also graciously donated his guest speaker fee back to the SBS as a contribution toward the cost of our new projector.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Landry, SBS Secretary

UPCOMING BROMELIAD EVENTS—

Bromeliad Society International World Conference—see note at beginning of newsletter.

Membership form:

The Sarasota Bromeliad Society

Membership Application/Renewal Form

Member Information

Please Print Legibly:

Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone: _____

Cell: _____ Email: _____

Dues Schedule:

\$20.00 per year for Individuals. \$25.00 per year for couples. Dues are paid on a calendar year basis, with renewals due in January. Partial year membership dues are prorated quarterly for new members who join after the first of the year.

Make Your Check Payable to: "The Sarasota Bromeliad Society"

Mail This Form and Your Check To: The Sarasota Bromeliad Society c/o: Bob Stickney, Membership Chair 4860 Baccus Ave. Sarasota, FL 34233, or bring them to the next meeting.

Your Choice: I hereby allow the Sarasota Bromeliad Society to show (check both boxes):

On The WEBSITE (in password protected "Members Only" section) include . . .

- My Name
- My Address
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- My email address
- None of my personal info

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New members only: Please tell us how you learned about the SBS:

Name

Date

WBC REGISTRATION FORM

Please Print Clearly Below:

I understand that my information will appear in the Conference Program as an attendee unless I check here to decline.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Country: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Name on Badges (membership will be verified) _____

BSI Affiliate (if any) _____ **Amount due:** _____

Payment by check in U.S. dollars payable to **WBC 2016** – or indicate credit/debit card: ___ Visa ___ MasterCard

___ Other Specify

Credit Card # _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ Expiration date : _____ / _____ (mm/yyyy)

Name as it appears on credit card

(print): _____

Signature: _____ Today's date: _____

Refunds of 1/2 the Registration Fee are available thru 2015 only in the event of illness.

Please mail to: Annette Dominguez, BSI Membership Secretary 8117 Shenandoah Drive - Austin, TX 78753-5734

Membership status inquiries to: membership@bsi.org or 512-619-2750.

WBC 2016 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, June 13, 2016

Hotel check-in, Westin Galleria

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

8:00AM - 5:00PM Conference Registration

8:30AM - 5:00PM Judges School (3)

8:30AM - 9:00AM BSI Board Breakfast

9:00AM - 5:00PM BSI Board Meeting

9:00AM - 5:00PM Displays & Exhibits Setup: Vendors & Affiliates

12:00PM - 1:00PM BSI Board & Judges School Luncheon

6:00PM - 8:00PM Board Dinner

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

8:00AM - 3:00PM Setup: Show & Sale

9:00AM - 3:00PM Registration of Show Plants

9:00AM - 3:00PM Conference Registration

12:00PM - 1:00PM Official Conference Opening, Lite Lunch, Welcome Address - BSI President

3:30PM - 8:30PM Optional Tour - Jimbo's Nursery, Catered BBQ, Lectures/Demonstrations

Thursday, June 16, 2016

8:00AM - 9:00AM Judges & Clerks Continental Breakfast and Briefing

8:00AM - 8:30AM Late Show Plant Entry – **With Prior Approval**

9:00AM - 5:00PM Conference Registration

9:00AM - 12:00PM Judging of Show

9:00AM - 12:00PM Optional Tours – To Be Announced (TBA)

12:00PM - 1:00PM Judges/Clerks Luncheon

1:00PM - 4:00PM Awards Placement

2:00PM - 5:00PM Seminars -TBA

5:00PM - 8:00PM Cash Bar

6:00PM - 9:00PM Show & Sale Opens to Registrants Only

Friday, June 17, 2016

9:00AM - 12:00PM Conference Registration

9:00AM - 5:00PM Show & Sales Area Open to Public

9:00AM - 12:00PM Seminars - TBA

12:00PM - 1:00PM Box Lunches - All Registrants

1:00PM - 5:00PM Seminars - TBA

6:00PM - 10:00PM Cash Bar

6:00PM - 7:00PM Heavy hors d'oeuvres – All Registrants

7:00PM - 10:00PM Rare Plant Auction

Saturday, June 18, 2016

9:00AM - 5:00PM Show & Sales Area Open to Public

9:00AM - 12:00PM Home Tours -TBA

1:00PM - 2:30PM Judges Certification Committee Meeting

3:00PM - 4:00PM Southwest Bromeliad Guild Annual Meeting

1:00PM - 5:00PM Optional Tours - TBA

6:00PM - 7:00PM Cash Bar

7:00PM - Banquet

Sunday, June 19, 2016

9:00AM - 12:00PM Cryptanthus Society Annual Membership & Board Meeting

9:00AM - 12:00PM Show & Sales Area Open to Public

12:00PM - 3:00PM Break Down of Show & Sales Area

WBC 2016 Speaker List

Gregory Brown – Department of Botany - University of Wyoming

Topic: To be announced (TBA)

Thomas Givnish – The Henry Allan Gleason Professor of Botany - University of Wisconsin-Madison

Topic: 100 Million Years of Bromeliad Evolution

Eric Gouda & Renate Gouda – Utrecht University, Utrecht, Netherlands

Topic: Collecting Bromeliads in the Andes

(Eric to serve as panelist on Website Update)

Alan Herndon - BSI Journal Editor, Miami FL with

Eric Gouda - BSI Webmaster, Utrecht Netherlands

Topic: Panel Discussion: Update on BSI Journal and BSI Website

Bruce Holst – Director of Botany, Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, Sarasota, FL

Topic: TBA

Pamela Koide Hyatt – Bird Rock Tropicals, Encinitas CA

Topic: Thirty Years of Hybridizing Tillandsias – What I've Learned

Elton Leme – Attorney; Botanic Conservationist - Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Topic: The Cryptanthoid Complex – Cryptanthus, Orthophytum, and Lapanthus

Banquet Keynote Address: Conservation of Bromeliads in Brazil

Jose Manzanares – Author, scholar, researcher, explorer and lecturer - Quito, Ecuador

Topic: TBA

Annette Dominguez – BSI Membership Secretary - Austin, TX with **Rick Ryals** – BSI Director-

South Daytona Beach, FL

Topic: Growing BSI Membership - Challenges and Successes - A Round Table

Discussion

ARAEOCOCCUS GOELDIANUS & *A. PARVIFLORUS* ARE MEDIUM-SIZED EPIPHYTES THAT HAVE FLUFFY-LOOKING INFLORESCENCES WITH TINY WHITE FLOWERS
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