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***AECHMEA LUDDMANNIA*—A COMMON AND PRETTY LANDSCAPE BROMELIAD; IT COMES IN SEVERAL DIFFERENT FORMS
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Sarasota Bromeliad Society Monthly Meeting

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

DATE: **May 16**

TIME: 7:30 PM

EXTRAS AND NEWS:

Workshop, 6:45 PM— Ray Lemieux will talk about and demonstrate the use of various potting media for terrestrial bromeliads. Ray gives great workshops. Plan to attend

Important request—Please do not handle or pick up the Show and Tell plants. Please just look at them.

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.

Evil Weevil donation—The SBS received a thank-you message for our donation to the Al Muzzell Weevil Fund. The message appears after the minutes. If you'd like to donate, the person and her address is in the message.

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

New Feature—member news—Have any news about yourself or any other member of the SBS? Send newsletter editor Terrie a message or tell her and she'll include the news in the next SBS newsletter. What kind of news? Birthday, new baby or grandchild, death in family, big trip, anything that's exciting to you. Just let Terrie Bert know <theresa.bert@myfwc.com>



This month's news—Tiffany Reynolds just got engaged!!

Terrie Bert's dad, grad school major professor, and a cousin all died within one month (bad month).

This month's tip, from Terrie— Time to fertilize. I fertilize with a slow-release pellet fertilizer (Nutricote; sold in Home Depot & other places as Dynamite). Use at least a 4-month-release fertilizer. Put ½ - 1 tsp on the potting soil for terrestrials, put 2 – 3 pellets in some outer leaves for epiphytes. ***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 updating our progress.

Reports—Steve Upton will report on the new projector he purchased for the SBS.

Steve will also show the ad to be placed in the BSI World Conference Program booklet.



May Program: Teresa Cooper. Evil Weevil Update. Teresa Cooper has been working to save Florida's bromeliads from an invasive bromeliad-eating weevil, the Mexican bromeliad weevil, since 2001. She has monitored several weevil-infested wild bromeliad populations to determine how destructive the weevil can be and she worked with a biological control program to control the weevil. Unfortunately, the biological control effort was not successful. Now, while pursuing other methods to manage the weevil, Teresa has been working with land managers, volunteers, and scientists on parks, refuges, sanctuaries, preserves, and other natural areas throughout central and southern Florida to develop the Save Florida's Bromeliads Conservation Project. In her talk, Teresa will discuss the history of the Mexican bromeliad weevil and Florida's bromeliads, the ecological importance of Florida's bromeliads, and the conservation efforts that are being developed and put in place to save these wonderful plants.

SBS MINUTES, April 2016 meeting:

The meeting was called to order by President Steven Upton. An agenda and Plant Sale notice was distributed to members. Steve advised we are holding off on purchasing a projector for now. Members signed a "Thank You Card" which will be sent to Jon Hanson, last month's speaker, who donated his speaking fee to SBS to help pay for our new projector. Steve also asked for names of any deceased members to pass the information along to the Chair of the BSI conference program.

Steve also graciously provided a PUR water dispenser in the snack area for the benefit of the members. Also, \$100 was approved last month to place an ad in the BSI program. Prior Treasurer Susan Stobo has the ad on disk.

Ray Lemieux spoke regarding volunteer positions still available for the SBS garden show scheduled for Sept 9 (set-up), Sept 10 & 11 (show). It was determined anyone interested should attend a meeting at Tropiflora on Sunday, April 24th @ 2 p.m.

Ray also advised he is picking up library books and will perform a new inventory. Eva Talbert graciously volunteered to store the books in her storage unit.

Steve introduced the following new members – Becky Nagen, Gary Nagen, Betty White, Caroline Wattler & Patty Charlesat, as well as visitor Nelda who was a guest of Betty White. They were invited to their first choice of a free plant from the raffle table.

Eva Talbert inquired if the membership would like to request topics for the workshops as she welcomes any and all input. She also mentioned that Rob Branch will open his garden for viewing once a year on Mother's Day and he has invited our club to go at any time.

For New Member Packets – see Bob.

VP Mick Garza advised he works for a sign company who will provide a discount on signage to SBS for the show. There is a large banner which can be used as a display in the road. He will check

with the county first regarding necessary permits, if any. David Johnson confirmed that he presently has possession of a banner. Mick also volunteered to organize the raffle tickets for the garden show.

Treasurer Tiffany Reynolds gave the treasurer's report. There was also \$31.41 collected for research to fight the evil weevil. Tiffany further provided a reminder to members that all 2016 dues should be paid.

Terrie Bert, the publisher of the SBS newsletter, asked for anyone to let her know if they are not getting a newsletter so she can purge old list. She also mentioned members need to be current on dues to get the newsletter and be listed in the state directory.

Terrie Bert and Nick Mavrikas brought plants for Show and Tell.

VP Mick Garza introduced guest speaker Ken Stokes. Ken provided a lively presentation which highlighted his approach in analyzing bromeliads by their parts to help explain their various adaptations. To the delight of our members, his presentation included many examples of the features he discussed.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Landry, SBS Secretary

THANK-YOU MESSAGE regarding weevil fund donation

Hi Elizabeth:

I am delighted that the Sarasota Bromeliad Society would like to make a donation to the Al Muzzell Weevil Fund! Every contribution we can get is much appreciated and put to good use. I have spoken with Sudi Hipsley, the treasurer of FCBS, and she said to make the check payable to FCBS and mail it to:

Sudi Hipsley
6616 Tusawilla Dr
Leesburg, FL 34748-9190.

On a cover letter please state that the donation is for the 'Al Muzzell Weevil Fund'. You could put that on the reference line of the check as well. Sudi will acknowledge every check/letter she receives.

Sudi will be away from 23 March to 18 April, but you can still send the check and she will take care of it as soon as she returns.

Thank you, and thank the Sarasota Bromeliad Society for your generous gift.

Sincerely,

Teresa

Teresa M. Cooper PhD
University of Florida
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UPCOMING BROMELIAD EVENTS—

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

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

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
- My Phone number, My Cell number
- My email address
- None of my personal info

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

In the Sarasota Bromeliad Society DIRECTORY include . . .

- My Name
- My Address
- My Phone number, My Cell number
- 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

AECHMEA NUDICAULIS COMES IN NUMEROUS FORMS AND IS QUITE DIVERSE IN APPEARANCE

