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Sarasota Bromeliad Society *Newsletter*

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Judy Herman & Kay Weber with the XEnchotia they bought, along with the honor of naming the plant. They decided on XEnchotia Kayjudy.

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Sarasota Bromeliad Society Monthly Meeting

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

DATE: **September 19**

TIME: 7:30 PM

WORKSHOP: 6:45 PM

EXTRAS AND NEWS:

Workshop, 6:45 PM— Key Weber will show us how to mount bromeliads on wood and other media. Kay is an expert grower of many plants and a long-time member of the Sarasota Garden Club. One of Kay's plants made the head table at the SBS Show and Sale last weekend! Come and get some valuable tips from Kay.

Check the back pages of this newsletter—Pictures of the show are there, and a summary of the show entries, winners, and donators. Congratulations to SBS members for a fun and beautiful show.

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

This month's tip, from Terrie—Loosing plant tags? You can never have too many tags in your plants. To minimize loss, turn the tag upside down and run it down the side of the pot with the written side against the pot. If it breaks, the tip will break and not the part with the name on it, and with the writing flush against the side of the pot, the writing (which should be in pencil) will not fade as rapidly. For mounted plants, double tag with the two tags attached in different ways in different places. ***Have a good tip on bromeliad care to share? Send it to Terrie Bert.***

UPCOMING MEETING:

Business:

--show report, by Ray Lemieux. Many people helped with the show (by my count, 25 to 30), and many agreed that this year's show was one of the most fun ever. Ray will also discuss next year's show.

--appointment of Nominations Committee. The bylaws state that the SBS president will appoint a nominating committee to find candidates for SBS officers next year. The list of nominees is given by the chair of that committee at the October meeting, and the voting for officers occurs at the November meeting. President Steve Upton will be asking for volunteers for this committee. Please don't be shy about volunteering.

August Program: Laurie Tarleton will discuss the role of bromeliads and mosquito breeding. She will provide SBS members with ideas and actions they can do to educate the public the care of bromeliads to reduce the risk of mosquito-borne diseases.

Laurie has been with Sarasota County Mosquito Management Services for 16 years, the last 6 as Community Outreach Specialist. This will be an informative and timely talk!

EDITOR'S NOTE: At the end of the newsletter is a letter from University of Florida bromeliad expert Dr. Howard Frank pertaining to bromeliads and mosquito larvae. This letter was first published in the Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society newsletter this month. It is very informative and a nice complement to Laurie's talk

SBS MINUTES, July 2016 meeting:

In anticipation of our Bewitching Bromeliads show scheduled for September 10th & 11th, we had an informative workshop hosted by Shirley Evans. She demonstrated how to make artistic arrangements and decorative planters using both live and dead materials. For instance, she showed how pots can be painted, or covered with rocks or moss, to compliment the plant they contain. She encouraged everyone to exercise their creative process for the upcoming show, for it is not only the actual plants which win awards. People have entered drawings, paintings and many other media to demonstrate their love for bromeliads. Shirley also reminded us that all entries are only accepted on the Friday before the show, between 9 a.m. and noon. A big thank you to Eva Talbert for coordinating this fun event.



Vice President Nick Garza introduced our guest speaker Andy Siekkinen. Andy was last here to speak to us in February of this year. His topic was focused on the native vegetation of central Brazil and his power point demonstration included many photographs he took in the Salvador and Bahia regions.

In a switch up of our usual routine, the business portion of our meeting was then called to order by President Steve Upton and the agenda was distributed to members. Secretary Michelle Landry welcomed the following new guests for the evening: Ann Rolland and Lisa Chelekis. Steve advised there are posters available for distribution and encouraged members to request them to help advertise our upcoming show.

Ray Lemieux provided our Members with informational materials to submit entries, and he encouraged everyone to not be afraid to enter items, even if they are new members. He also advised members to donate plants or baked goods (which should be wrapped individually) and anyone attending the banquet pot luck dinner is asked to bring a contribution to the dinner, for which a sign-up sheet was distributed.

The financial report was read by Marion Kennell. Marion also advised members that Ray Lemieux will be interviewed by Linda Carson of NBC news about our Bewitching Bromeliads show. The interview should air Sept 9 @ 6 p.m. and Sept 10 @ 5 am, 6 am & noon. It will be exciting to see one of our own members on TV talking about something we are all passionate about. Good luck Ray – perhaps you could sell your autograph and raise more funds for the club!

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Landry SBS Secretary

Reprinted from The Caloosahatchee Brom. Soc. Meristem, Sept-Oct 2016 issue

Hi Dennis, Hi Carol:

The vector of Zika virus is the mosquito *Aedes aegypti*. It is uncommon in Florida bromeliads. For a start, these mosquitoes prefer to lay their eggs in **dark** containers of nutrient-rich water, such as scrap tires. Here is a study that I made and published in 1988:

<http://journals.fcla.edu/flaent/article/view/58346/560251>. As you see, almost all of the mosquitoes present were of the genus *Wyeomyia*, whose adults bite but do not transmit disease to people.

Better than that, the *Wyeomyia* mosquito larvae outcompete the *Aedes aegypti* for food. Yes, I know that the samples I collected were all from *Billbergia pyramidalis*, but the same applies to other ornamental bromeliads.

Here is a link to the website of the Gainesville Bromeliad Society:

<http://www.gainesvillebromeliadsociety.org/Partners.html>. It includes a write-up about how to control mosquito larvae in your bromeliads. I wrote it in 2014, but the same applies now - just that now we have Zika virus as well as Chikungunya and dengue viruses.

The last two are also spread by *Aedes albopictus* which was not present in Florida in 1988.

In summary, I think the risk of these diseases being spread by mosquitoes whose larvae develop in bromeliad leaf axils is greatly overblown. Further-more, the GBS website describes methods of controlling the mosquito larvae that are present.

Best wishes

Howard Frank

Sarasota Bromeliad Show Results

Sarasota Bromeliad Society (SBS) Show Exhibitors, 2016

Exhibitor	No. Entries	Affiliation/ Other
Terrie Bert	35	SBS
Dennis Cathcart	3	SBS
Inez Dolatowski	2	SBS
Gerri Klemm	1	SBS
Judy Herman	5	SBS
Terrence Hoffman	26	SBS
Debbie Lemieux	2	SBS
Gloria Lowe	2	SBS
Ray Lemieux	5	SBS
Ken Phelps	10	SBS
Bob Stickney	7	SBS
Tropiflora	5	SBS
Kay Weber	4	SBS
Jay Thurrott	1	Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society/judge
Calandra Thurrott	3	Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society/judge
Lisa Robinette	2	Bromeliad Society of Central Florida/judge
Betty Ann Prevatt	2	Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society/judge
Wolfe, Tom	2	Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay/judge
John Boardman	2	Bromeliad Society of Central Florida/judge
TOTAL 19 exhibitors 119 entries		

SBS Exhibits, 2016

Category	Description	No. entries
Division I*	Single plant, potted, blooming	2
Division II*	Single plant, potted, non-blooming	34
Division III*	Multiple plants, potted, blooming	4
Division IV*	Multiple plants, potted, non-blooming	20
Division V	Single plant, mounted	8

Section A	Blooming	3
Section B	Non-blooming	5
Division VI	Multiple plants, mounted	12
Section A	Blooming	4
Section B	Non-blooming	8
Division VII	Decorative containers	4
Section A	Natural materials	2
Section B	Man-made materials	2
Division VIII	Artistic arrangements	6
Section A	Show theme	3
Section B	Exhibitor's theme	3
Division IX**	Judges' challenge	12
Division X**	Novice	0
Division XI**	Commercial	3
Division XII**	Artistic Expression	2
Division XIII**	Exhibits	1
Division XIV**	Display only	10

*This division has only one section.

**This division has no sections.

SBS Auction

Donor	No. donations	Donor	No. donations
Terrie Bert	4	Michael Kiehl/Michael's Bromeliads	2
Dennis Cathcart	18	Ray Lemieux/Tropiflora	18
Jon Hanson	4	Nick and Rosie Mavrikas	12
Herb Hill	1	Ken Phelps	5
Terrance Hoffman	21	Kay Weber	2
Bruce Holst/Selby Gardens	8		

Other donations

Donor	Donation	Donor	Donation
Terrie Bert	Visitors' choice award	Michael Kiehl	Two beautiful auction plants (<i>Hohenbergia edmundoi</i> 'Karla', X <i>Neophytum</i> Cane Fire)
Len & Inez Dolatowski	Best Novice award	Ray Lemieux	Centerpieces for Banquet (very nice!)
Judy Herman	Members' choice award	Ray Lemieux	Bromeliads for judges
Judy Herman	Best <i>Tillandsia</i> award	Ray Lemieux	Bromeliads for public relations
Judy Herman	Best Miniature <i>Neoregelia</i> (Connie Timm memorial)	Bob Stickney	Best James Elmore Memorial <i>Neoregelia</i> hybrid award
Herb Hill	One beautiful auction plant— <i>Guzmania</i> 'Encore'	Tropiflora	Many auction plants, all banquet centerpieces (Thank you, Tropiflora!)

*Some donations were multi-plant collections

SBS Show Entries and Awards, 2016

Top Bromeliad Society International and Cryptanthus Society Awards, 2016

Award	Winner	Entry
Mulford B. Foster Best of Show, Horticulture	Terrie Bert	<i>Alcantarea brasiliensis</i>
Morris Henry Hobbs Best of Show, Artistic Sweepstakes	Judy Herman	Streaking Across the Night Sky
Bob Whitman Best <i>Cryptanthus</i> Species	Terrie Bert	
Warren Loose Best <i>Cryptanthus</i> Hybrid	Gloria Lowe	<i>Crypt. bivittatus</i>
	Bob Stickney	<i>Crypt. Tiger Lily</i>

SBS Show Awards, 2016

Div	Sect	Description	Winner	Entry
I	A	Single plant, potted, blooming	Terrie Bert None eligible	<i>Neo. Voodoo Doll</i>
II	A	Single plant, potted, non-blooming	Terrie Bert Terrie Bert	<i>Bill. Mando's Othello</i> x <i>Samson Neo. Walking Tall</i>
III	A	Multiple plants, potted, blooming	Terrie Bert Terrie Bert	<i>Vr. scalaris</i> <i>Till. Love Knot</i>
IV	A	Multiple plants, potted, non-blooming	Terrie Bert Terrie Bert	<i>Neo. Night Spot</i> <i>Bill. Incendiary Delight</i>
V	A	Single plant, mounted or free-standing	Ken Phelps	<i>Till. xerographica</i>
	B	Blooming	None eligible	
	B	Non-blooming	Terrie Bert	<i>Ae. nudicaulis</i> X <i>chantinii</i>
VI	A	Multiple plants, mounted or free-standing	Terrie Bert	<i>Till. duratii</i>
	B	Blooming	Terrie Bert	<i>Till. X may-patii</i>
	B	Non-blooming	Terrie Bert	<i>Till. Veronica's Mariposa</i>
VII		Decorative containers	Terrence Hoffman	<i>Dyckia</i> Arizona F ₂ X Larry the Chopper
	A	Natural materials	Kay Weber	<i>Neo Mo Peppa Please</i>
	B	Man-made materials	Gloria Lowe	<i>Crypt. bivittatus</i>
VIII		Artistic Arrangements	Bob Stickney	Bamboo Wander
	A	Theme—"Bewitching Bromeliads"	None eligible	
	B	Exhibitor's own theme	None eligible	
IX		Judges' Challenge	Betty Ann Prevatt	<i>Neo. pauciflora</i>
X		Novice	No entries	
	A	Novice		
XI		Commercial	Dennis Cathcart	<i>Neo. Kamikaze</i>
XII		Artistic Expression	None eligible	
	A	Artistic Expression		

SBS Special Awards, 2016

Award	Winner	Plant
Best James V. Elmore Hybrid Award	Ken Phelps	<i>Neo. Mercado de Pizae</i>
Connie Timm Memorial Best Miniature <i>Neoregelia</i> Award	Terrie Bert	<i>Neo. Night Spot</i>
Wally Berg Award of Horticultural Excellence	Terrie Bert	<i>Till. duratii</i>
Members' Choice Award	Inez Dolatowski	<i>Till hildae</i>
Visitors' Choice Award	Inez Dolatowski	<i>Till hildae</i>
Best <i>Tillandsia</i>	Terrie Bert	<i>Till. xerographica</i>

SBS, Genera Exhibited, 2016

Genus	No. shown	Genus	No. shown
<i>Aechmea</i>	5	<i>Orthophytum</i>	2
<i>Alcantarea</i>	1	<i>Pitcairnia</i>	1
<i>Billbergia</i>	8	<i>Quesnelia</i>	2
<i>Catopsis</i>	2	<i>Tillandsia</i>	20
<i>Cryptanthus</i>	16	<i>Vriesea</i>	2
<i>Deuterocohnia</i>	1	X <i>Dyckohnia</i>	1
<i>Dyckia</i>	21	Decorative containers	4
<i>Hechtia</i>	1	Arrangements	6
<i>Neoregelia</i>	28	Photos	1

Pictures from the SBS Annual Show and Sale Photos courtesy of Michael Beal and Carol Wolfe

A motley but happy crew—some of the show workers



Left to right, standing: David Johnson, Judy Herman, Terrie Bert, Kay Weber, John Osteen, Mick Garza, Bob Cantalamessa, Bob Stickney, Marian Kennell, Terrance Hoffman, Michael Beal; seated, Ray Lemieux, Show Chair



Bob Stickney's arrangement, Ken Phelps *Till. xerographica*



Judy Herman's arrangement—Best of Show, Artistic



Gloria Lowe's Best of Show, *Cryptanthus* species



Terrie Bert's Best Miniature Neoregelia



Bob Stickney's Best *Cryptanthus* hybrid



Terrie Bert's Best in Show, Horticulture