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Bromeliad Society of Broward County

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Multiple tillandsias, photo courtesy of Colleen Hendrix

Correction: The picture on the cover of the May 2013 SCURF was not a Hohenbergia, it was a Guzmania "Ice Cream".

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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)

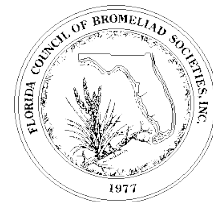
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The President's Message

Hello Bromeliad Lovers,

Hope all is well with each of you - By now you should have gotten the email explaining the plan for **Saturday's Mystery Garden Tour**.

I will see you Sat at 8:45 at Plantation Community Church. Should be a fun day, a day of reflecting and celebrating as we tour these gardens in Jack's name.

Please bring snacks with you, I believe drinks will be at each stop but I say byo (bring your own).

Next, there is no news at this point on whether the church has approved our proposal for the two finger islands in their extended parking lot. So we will wait to hear.

I am collecting dog food for the [100+ Abandoned Dogs of the Florida Everglades](#). A 501c-3 organization that has been getting a lot of media attention lately. For all you animal lovers, PLEASE bring a bag of dog food with you to the church and I will collect from you. Click on the link in blue above if you would like to check it out - this group of women, who have made a commitment to rescue these dogs and to love them back to health so they can find a forever home, are amazing. Thank you so much in advance for your generosity !!!

That is about it - hope you are enjoying your summer so far and I will see you Saturday!

Colleen



Membership News



Maureen Frazel with Jack Meharian

Jack Meharian, a long time member of BSBC who won many artistic awards for artistic arrangements and his enthusiastic assistance in decorating for shows, passed away on May 28 due to complications of surgery. Jack loved his plants and enjoyed fraternizing with members of the society. His presence will be missed by those who knew him well. On behalf of his family and friends, we thank you for your prayers, offers of assistance and condolences.

Harry Sperling

Our condolences to the family of native plant expert, Sun Sentinel columnist and author, Robert Haehle who also recently passed away. Bob spent over 25 years helping fellow gardeners with a variety of gardening-related issues. Bob will be honored at the Garden Center in Birch State Park on Sat., June 15 at 2-4 pm .

Membership News



Robert Moorman
Ann Schandelmayer
Linda Wiringer

Harriet's Hoots

Happy June to everyone - - - Hope you are all keeping dry. What's with this rain, can you believe it? Almost every day - - I'm sure the plants are loving it, but personally I'm tired of it. Oh well, Mother Nature, what can you do.

This is not going to be a very long email since we are all on hiatus until September. I'm sure we'll have plenty of stories to tell each other on how our summer went in regards to our bromeliad buddies.

So, with that being said, it's time to thank you all again for the delicious tidings we had at our last meeting.

Tracy Moulton - - Chocolate Brownies (They were wonderful)
Vlene Smith-Myrie - - Fruit Tray (Oh, so healthy)
Carol Mordas - - Lemon Cake (Yummy, Yummy)
Shirley Konefal - - Rigatoni in Pesto Sauce (It was delicious)
Leslie Parker - - - Chocolate Chip Cookies (We love our sweets)
Kathleen Mackey - Deviled Eggs (one of my favorites)
Lou Weber - - - - - Pineapple Spread (very good)
Sara Donohue - - - Pork Sandwiches (What a nice change)
Barbara Morman - -Banana Nut Bread (Very good and tasty)
Martha Gregory - - Tortellini and Garlic Bread (Wow- it was fabulous)

I think I have everyone - was trying really hard to write down all that was brought in. Well, as I said before, we are not going to meet until September, so you all have plenty of time to check your recipes, etc. and this way you can bring something fantastic to our next meeting. Only kidding.....I do appreciate that you all do bring in wonderful treats, so keep it coming.

Until then, have a wonderful summer and I will see you all in September.

Hugs - - Harriet

From Our May Meeting



Many thanks to Kathy Brown for her presentation on "Bromeliads and Other Epiphytes."

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	Plantation Community Church
3rd Tuesday	Bromeliad Society of So. Florida	Fairchild Gardens
3rd Wednesday	Equality Park Garden Club	Pride Center
3rd Wednesday	Plantation Garden Club	Hawthorne Village Club House
		9:30 am—noon
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

July 12, 2013	Bromeliad Symposium (part of Monocots V, 5th International conference on Comparative Biology of Monocotyledons)		New York Botanical Garden
Aug. 17–18, 2013	Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Society Sale	9 am — 4 pm	Garden Club of Sanford on 17-92, one block south of Lake Mary Blvd.
Sept. 21, 2013	Bromeliad Extravaganza Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society		Holiday Inn Harborside 401 2nd St, Indian Rocks Beach
Sept. 27–29, 2013	Sarasota Bromeliad Show & Sale		Marie Selby Botanical Gardens

From the Editor... Spain —in search of bromeliads

They say, "The best laid plans...." Well, the plan was to search for bromeliads in Spain and to share my findings so you could vicariously enjoy the trip. Here's how my recent journey unfolded.

Malaga, Spain..... an old city on the Costa del Sol....evergreens like we had way up north planted next to cactus plants found in the tropics and deserts in the same garden as huge palm trees..... Interesting. As expected, there were bougainvilleas in abundance and geraniums in window boxes. Not a bromeliad to be had. Is this even possible? Did I just walk on the wrong streets or miss a significant garden?

Off to **Cordoba** to see the courtyards gardens on a special weekend when the old part of the city hosts an open house for visitors who came by the busload. It was charming and unique. Again, geraniums and bougainvillea.....but one, just one bromeliad a not very spunky typical guzmania tucked into the crevice of a doorway.

[The Alhambra](#), Granada, Spain.....the country's number one tourist attraction and a must see..... mosaics, carved wooden doors, intricate ceilings, numerous gardens where roses predominate..... no bromeliads. I am puzzled.

[Barcelona](#).... A canvas for architect Antoni Gaudi..... a city so rich in architecture that it has won an award as a whole, not just for one spectacular construction. Finally, on the legendary Las Ramblas, bromeliads appear along with an array of flowers for purchase just like you would find right here. Few individual bromeliad plants were available but buyers could find bromeliads as part of floral arrangements sold by street vendors. They were pretty plants but nothing unusual. No where were they hanging from terraces or in courtyard gardens or parks Is it a latitude thing? Malaga is in line with Miami.... Barcelona is pretty much in line with Philly, DC and Baltimore.... Even if Barcelona would get too cold in winter, Malaga would still work. Is it a regional issue or a cultural preference issue? Did we just not hit the city / area in which bromeliads are grown? After all, it is said Columbus brought the pineapple back to Spain after his 1493 voyage and it supposedly became popular. No one I met could answer my questions. Since I honestly don't know and the web search yielded little, I am sending an emissary back to Barcelona in the fall to see if they can find out. Stay tuned. Gayle



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Please "diaper you 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 our new meeting place as clean as when we got there.

Thank you!!



Got a bromeliad question? Send an email to yroftiger@aol.com and we'll post the question in SCURF.