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FCBS Newsletter

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November 15 2022 MEETING 7:30 PM CORBIN A

Speaker: Annual Meeting  
Power Point on Show  
Elections

Food Donations Appreciated - Win the prize

Unlimited Member Plant Sales & Silent Auction

## SHOW WINNERS INSIDE



## President's Message

I want to thank everyone who helped make our first Art Show & Sale successful! This was the first large event we have had since before Covid in 2019. We enjoyed being together and hope to continue to grow and get more members in the upcoming year. Looking forward to seeing everyone this week at our meeting. Come out and vote for your club officers who all strive to do the best they can for our club. Please invite your friends and neighbors to attend. We have many things planned for the upcoming year!

Tina Severson

## HOLIDAY PARTY IS NEXT MONTH

It is not too early to get ready for the BSSF annual holiday party. This year we are going to try something new. Instead of a wrapped plant for the secret plant exchange we are going to try a not so secret unwrapped plant exchange. Everyone who brings a plant will get a ticket. When your ticket number is called you may pick your plant. The plant exchange is optional but you cannot pick a plant if you do not bring one.

We will be passing around a sign up sheet for side dishes for the party at our November meeting. You can also bring an appetizer, rolls or a drink (eggnog?). We will supply the main course.

For non-member guests, there will be a \$10.00 charge for dinner.

We will also begin our annual membership drive. You can renew and pay right at the party.

At this year end meeting we will award the Volunteer of the Year award, introduce our new Board, have some free gift plants and enjoy a wonderful evening in a beautifully decorated setting with delicious homemade food.

Tuesday, December 20, 7:30 pm.  
In the Garden House

See you there!

# THE SHOW

The 42nd annual BSSF Plant & Art Show and Sale was held October 22-23 under balmy skies. Fairchild was a beautiful backdrop to the magnificent plants and art. The volunteers worked hard but had fun too. And we made a profit and signed up half a dozen new members. Many thanks to Co-Chairs Barbara Partagas and Samantha Jones and all the volunteers and vendors who made this wonderful weekend a success. We also include photos of our volunteer appreciation party on November 5.

## STUDENT ART WINNERS - PHOTOGRAPHY



1st Place - Left

Anabella Alfonso



2nd Place - Right

Isabella Lopez

## STUDENT STUDIO ART WINNERS



1st Place - Amira Ishmael

2nd Place - Sofia Herrera



Dr. Brom's column will return next month.

## ARTISTIC ARRANGEMENT WINNERS



1st Place - Heidi Davenport



1st Place - Decorative - Tina Severson



1st Place - Ofelia Sorzano

1st Place Decorative Ofelia Sorzano





2nd Place - Decorative - Ofelia Sorzano



2nd Place - Tina Severson



2nd Place - Decorative - Tina Severson



2nd Place - Decorative - Samantha Jones  
(tie)

# INSIDE THE SHOW



# OUTSIDE THE SHOW



# THE VOLUNTEER PARTY AT THE HOME OF SAMANTHA JONES



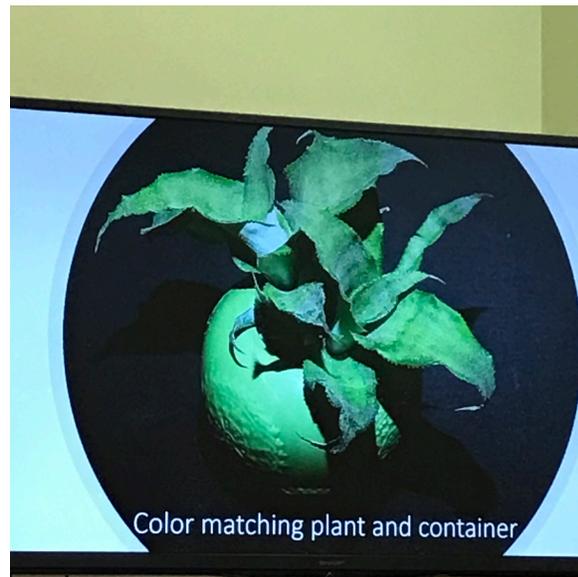
## ABOUT LAST MONTH

Last month's meeting was all about the show. Ofelia Sorzano demonstrated some of her artistic arrangements to encourage entries in our only judged event, Artistic Arrangements. Then Samantha Jones did a powerpoint on Artistic Arrangement winners from past shows around the country. The demonstrations were timely as three days later we were setting up for the show and we had a significant number of artistic arrangement entries.

We also presented our proposed list of officers for 2023 thanks to Karen Bradley and her nominating committee: Mike Michalski and Vicky Perez. I hope you will all thank the three of them for their hard work. The proposed Board is as follows:

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|-----------------|--|
| President:      | Tina Severson                                    |
| Vice President: | Patty Gonzalez - new                             |
| Secretary:      | Lenny Goldstein                                  |
| Treasurer:      | Olivia Martinez                                  |
| Director:       | Maria Almodovar                                  |
| Director:       | Heidi Davenport                                  |
| Director:       | There are 3 nominees for 2 Director's positions: |
| Director:       | Tony Almodovar, Karen Bradley, Alex Bello        |

Three nominees for 2 Director's positions will necessitate a written secret ballot to be conducted by our Secretary, Lenny Goldstein, per our bylaws.





## SPRING SHOW AND SALE IS SCHEDULED

Our spring show and sale has been scheduled and approved by Fairchild. This will be a judged show, our first since 2019. If you remember our show scheduled for March 2020 was cancelled at the last minute due to Covid. It is not too early to look over your plants and give a few some special attention for the show. The dates are April 27-30, 2023.

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## AMAZON SMILE PERMANENT FUNDRAISER

If you are buying on Amazon, think Smile.Amazon.com. Sometimes we have trouble balancing our BSSF checking account. That is because we have received an automatic deposit from Smile.Amazon.com from some of our members who use this website instead of Amazon.com. Amazon will partner with a charity of your choice and donate .5% of all purchases. It adds up. And you know how much we all like to shop on Amazon. Both websites are exactly the same but you cannot get the donation from the regular Amazon website. Just go to Smile.Amazon.com and sign up. Choose the charity of your choice, hopefully BSSF, Inc., and then shop there every time you need something from Amazon. I signed up as soon as I saw that donation in our checking account and I hope you will too. It's like free money.

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## BEWARE OF EMAILS

If you receive emails purportedly from the BSSF president or another officer asking you to purchase gift cards for some event or charity we support, please ignore. We, along with several other plant societies, have a longstanding problem with a cybercrook hijacking officer emails. We will never ask you to buy gift cards or money orders.

## SILENT AUCTION AND MEMBER PLANT SALE RULES

When we have a speaker bringing plants, we will only allow 4 plants for silent auction in order to give our speakers who travel here and pack up their plants a fair chance to sell their plants. If you would like to sell a plant at the silent auction you will need to contact Rene Izquierdo (rcizquierdo@bellsouth.net) or 305 282 9333 and he will let you know if there is an opening for your plants. You will be paid 80% of the sale price and BSSF will receive 20%.

We will likewise defer to our speakers for member plant sales when we have a speaker bringing plants. You will again be paid 80% of the sales price. To participate in member plant sales, please contact Alex Bello (bellotropicals@yahoo.com) or 239 223 6155 to schedule your sale so that we are not overrun with plants.

We appreciate your cooperation so that there will be no hard feelings if members bring plants and are turned away because we have a speaker who brought plants to sell.

SILENT AUCTION: Rene Izquierdo  
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305 282 9333

MEMBER PLANT SALES:  
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239 223 6155

## UPCOMING EVENTS

BSSF Spring Judged Show and Sale -  
April 27-30, 2023 - Fairchild

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden:  
11/20 - Cars in the Garden  
11/11-1/8 - Night Garden

Fruit and Spice Park  
12/4 - Heritage Festival

Pinecrest Gardens  
11/19-20 Palm Society Show  
and Sale - 10-5  
12/11-1/1 - Night of Lights

Flamingo Gardens  
10/1-12/31 - Gallery Display -  
The Everglades: Through the  
Eyes of Clyde Butcher

## MAKE MONEY WITH YOUR PLANTS

We are in need of volunteers to supply our Raffle Table. Cut some pups from 8-10 of your plants and bring them to the meeting. If you are uncomfortable with public speaking someone else can talk about the plants, even if you don't know their names. You receive 80% of total sales. Contact Alex Bello 239-223-6155 or bellotropicals@yahoo.com