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October 18, 2022 MEETING 7:30 PM CORBIN A
Speaker: We will be Discussing Details of the
Oct 22-23 Show

Food Donations Appreciated - Win the prize

Unlimited Member Plant Sales & Silent Auction

THE SHOW IS ALMOST HERE

Our first show since 2019 is October 22-23, 10 am - 4 pm at Fairchild and we want to make a splash. Here is what you can do:

1. Volunteer and get in FREE. Admission is \$25 but free if you volunteer.
2. Enter an artistic arrangement and/or bring plants for display.
3. Donate plants for the auction and bid on plants.
4. Sell your plants at Member Plant Sales as donations or for 50% of the sale price

Contact Barbara Partagas: bpartagas@bellsouth.net or Samantha Jones: samanthanjones100@gmail.com

We will have lots of plants for purchase either at the auction or from our vendors
JOIN US!!!

President's Message

We are thankful that Miami was spared from the wrath of Hurricane Ian. I hope that everyone is safe and had little or no damage to their homes. This is the month of our Bromeliad Show and Sale. We are excited to get back out there and show the community what we are made of! For the meeting, please feel free to bring in your show and tell items. Also bring in anything on which you require show advice. Our expert co-chairs are here to help you.

I need to reiterate that I as President will never ask you for a money order or gift cards to be sent to someone for a cause. Please do not allow yourself to be scammed. Always feel free to call me if you get a request like this.

A SHOW FLYER is at the end of this newsletter. Please print it and share with your friends and family or favorite store/restaurant.

Tina Severson

MOST WANTED LIST: SHOW VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for a few good men and women for the following positions:

2 Plant Holding workers: Saturday and Sunday. This task is to temporarily hold purchased plants while the owners visit the Garden House.

4 Member Salespersons: Saturday and/or Sunday. This task is to greet visitors and help them choose suitable plants for their yards. We encourage all members who want to sell their plants to spend a couple of hours helping the club and the sellers to earn some money.

4 Auction Runners: 1 to 2 pm both Saturday and Sunday. This task is to record the bidder number of auction winners, take the plant to the winner and take the bid ticket to the cashier.

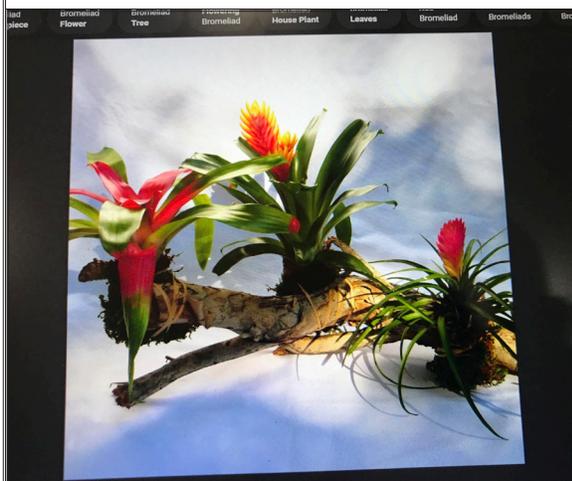
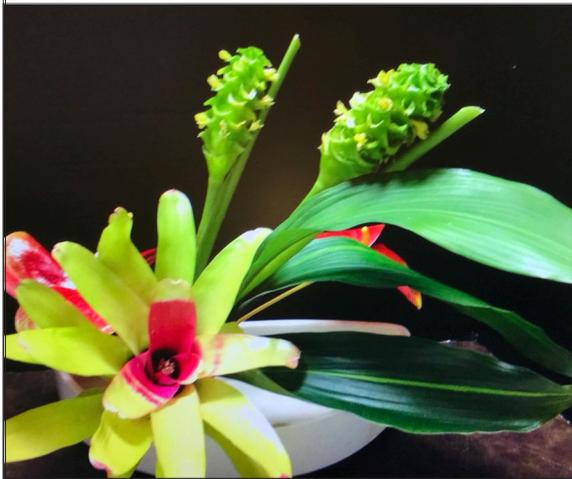
2 Catering Persons - Friday, keep the cooler filled with water, supervise the pizza snack party for volunteers and vendors. Saturday: keep the coolers filled with water. Sunday, keep the coolers filled and break down at day's end.

Contact Barbara Partagas (bpargagas@bellsouth.net) to volunteer. Remember volunteers who work are invited to the Volunteer Party on Nov. 5 and receive free entry to Fairchild (a \$25 value). Thank you for helping.

DEAR DR. BROM:

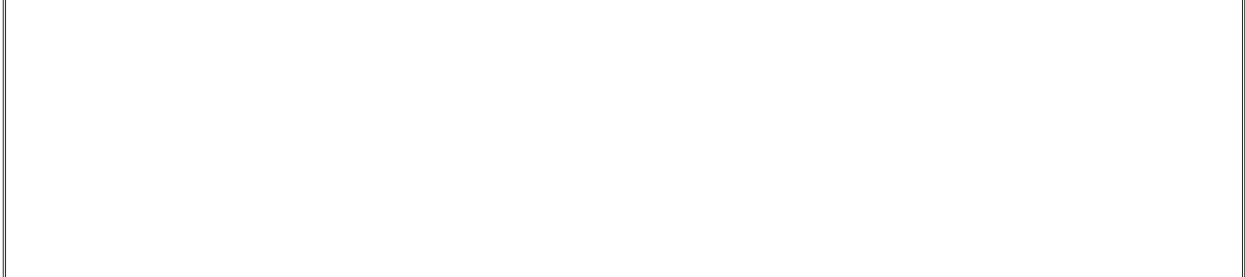
Dear Dr. Brom: The show is fast approaching and I have no ideas for my artistic arrangement. Help!

This year should actually be easier than in years past as it is not a judged show. That means anything goes. No BSI rules. Use an unusual container. Collect bromeliad flowers from your yard and arrange them in oasis. For those unfamiliar with oasis it is a florist's foam that retains water. It is available at Michael's or other floral supply shops. Then cover the arrangement in Spanish moss. Or place a grouping of bromeliads in their pots in a larger container and cover with Spanish moss. Of course, pictures speak louder than words so following are a collection of arrangements to inspire you. Good luck!





PLANT DROP OFF: Friday, Oct. 21, 12-5 pm
SATURDAY 9-9:45 AM
SUNDAY 9-9:45 AM



Guidelines for Artistic Arrangements and Decorative Containers

October, 2022 only

Since this is a fun show, we are relaxing the rules we use for juried competition.

Entries can be submitted between 12:00pm and 5pm on 10/21/22 and between 9:00am and 9:45am on 10/22/22 and between 9:00am and 9:45am on 10/23/22

Size: entries must fit on display table.

Categories: artistic arrangement, decorative container, mounted, cut inflorescence

Materials: entries must feature bromeliads, home grown preferably.

Design: entry must be designed entirely by exhibitor.

Plants: must be cleaned and free of insects and scale

Imagination: let 'er rip

Voting: All visitors and guests and BSSF members coming into the Garden House will be invited to vote each day. There will be Saturday and Sunday winners.

Awards: ribbons will be awarded to 1st, 2nd place each day.

Breakdown: Entries must remain on exhibit through 5:00pm Sunday Oct. 23, 2022.

Guidelines For Entering Plants in the Plant Display

Tables will be set up to display the different genera of bromeliads. We need plants of different genera that are clean and free of pests/scale. They do not have to be grown to the standards of judged entries in our regular shows. Plants will be accepted from 12:00pm - 5pm on 10/21/22 and 9:00am - 9:45am on 10/22/22. Entries must remain on exhibit through 5:00pm Sunday, Oct. 23, 2022.

OCTOBER 22-23 SHOW AND SALE

WHAT WE WILL HAVE

WHAT WE WILL NEED

This year's fundraiser event will be a hybrid version of the show and sale we hold annually. The main attractions will be the vendor plant sales and auction orchestrated by Peter Kouchalakos, and the art/photography show and competition conducted by Samantha Jones. We will be using the Garden House and the Palmetum.

Education - We will have an information desk to greet visitors to the Garden House. There will be table exhibits showcasing the various plant genera. If you have a clean knockout plant, consider displaying it. We would like to conduct "how-to" demonstrations on easy growing techniques on one or both days. Ideas are welcome as well as volunteers to do a demo.

Auction - This year's regular October auction will be held on Saturday, October 22 at 1 pm with Peter Kouchalakos as auctioneer (instead of at the October club meeting) and on Sunday, October 23 , 1 pm, with Alex Bello. We need donations of plants from members. Don't miss this opportunity to participate and support BSSF.

Art - There will be a judged art show featuring Southwood Middle School art/photography entries. Cash awards will be given to the top winners.

Vendor plant sale - A number of growers will participate in the Palmetum. Now is your time to stock up on or replace your plants.

Member Plant Sales - We encourage members to sell plants. Earn a few bucks to spend at the auction!

Artistic arrangement/design competition - There will be two winners, one on Saturday and one on Sunday. Anything goes as far as design possibilities as long as it fits on a table. Winners will be chosen by ballot and all members and visitors to the Garden House are welcome to vote for their favorite entry.

If you would like to volunteer for any of these activities, please email Barbara Partagas (bpartagas@bellsouth.net) or Samantha Jones (samanthanjones100@gmail.com). **BONUS:** If you volunteer you get into Fairchild FREE.

With your help, we are looking forward to a fantastic Show and Sale.

Barbara Partagas and Samantha Jones,
Co-chairs

ABOUT LAST MONTH

Our very own Alan Herndon regaled members with his observations on cultivars titled “Sometimes It’s Worth the Wait”, When you make a chance discovery while looking at your collection, such as an extra line in a leaf or a color variation, what should you do? Usually it’s nothing but occasionally it can lead to something interesting. Put the plant aside and observe it for multiple generations.

Plant hybridizer Chester Skotak paid a visit to Alan and Rhonda’s nursery. While observing his hybrid ‘Chiquita Linda’ he noticed a small line. That plant is now the variegated ‘Chiquita Mia’.

The plant collector must look closely for these variations and give it a lot of time. Cultural conditions such as sun and fertilizer may cause temporary variations. But if changes hold true over multiple generations you may end up with a valuable cultivar.

These slightly changed plants are called Sports, which are plants that have some different characteristics from the original plant and are part of the evolutionary process.

Two of Alan’s plants that have produced sports are:

1. Neo. ‘Racing Stripes’ - This was found among thousands of fireballs in the nursery. It had a green stripe that did not last but after many generations of observing the plant it developed thin lines which were stable. The plant was then registered.
2. Androlepsis skinerii - This sport developed broad green bands which morphed into fine red lines.

Plants that he is currently watching include:

1. Neo. ‘Pink Powder’ is albomarginated. But Neo. ‘Reverse Pink Powder’ has central variegation but only on the lowest leaves and the variegation so far has been lost quickly. So he is waiting.

2. *Vriesea triligulata* - produced a variegated sport. Alan has to watch the fertilizer or the variegation becomes invisible. The variegation makes the plant a little more interesting.

Seedlings, by the way, produce more sports than vegetative offsets, maybe one in 10,000, while a seedling sport with good variegation might be one in 20,000.

3. A sport from Neo. 'Donger' which has lots of green stripes.

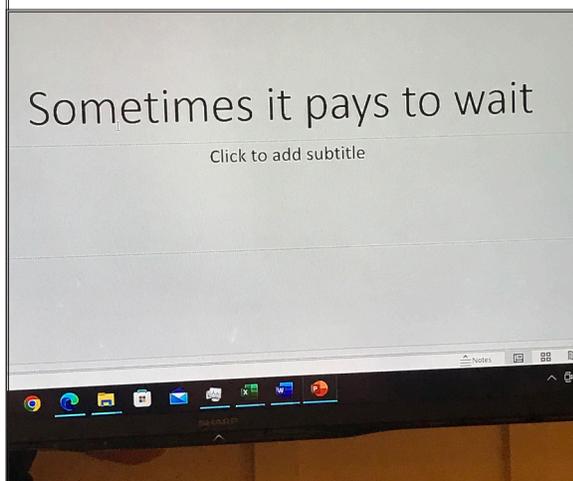
4. *Neo roethii* - the sport has red stripes. This plant is fairly new to cultivation.

5. *Hohenbergia pennae*

6. *Neo. mucogensis* has a green stripe but he is not sure it has enough contrast to be interesting.

A few things to consider when observing cultivars: Can you sell it? Is it unique? Is the change stable over multiple generations? What is the growth rate? Slow growers are less profitable.

So keep an eye on your plants. Put aside those with variations and you may be the owner of the next hot cultivar.





Androlepis skinneri sport



Neo. rothii red stripes



Neo. 'Pink Powder' & reverse



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. But do not confuse this show with our art show and sale next month.

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.

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.

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MEMBER PLANT SALES:
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UPCOMING EVENTS

BSSF Sale and Display - October
22-23, 2022 at Fairchild Garden
BSSF Spring Judged Show and Sale -
April 27-30, 2023 - Fairchild

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden
10/15 & 16 - Orchids in Oct.

Fruit and Spice Park
11/4 Stargazing 6-8:30
12/4 - Heritage Festival

Mounts Botanical Garden
11/5 - Fall Plant-a-Palooza

Pinecrest Gardens
10/15 Bonsai Auction 8:30 am
Hibiscus Room

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

MAKE MONEY WITH YOUR PLANTS

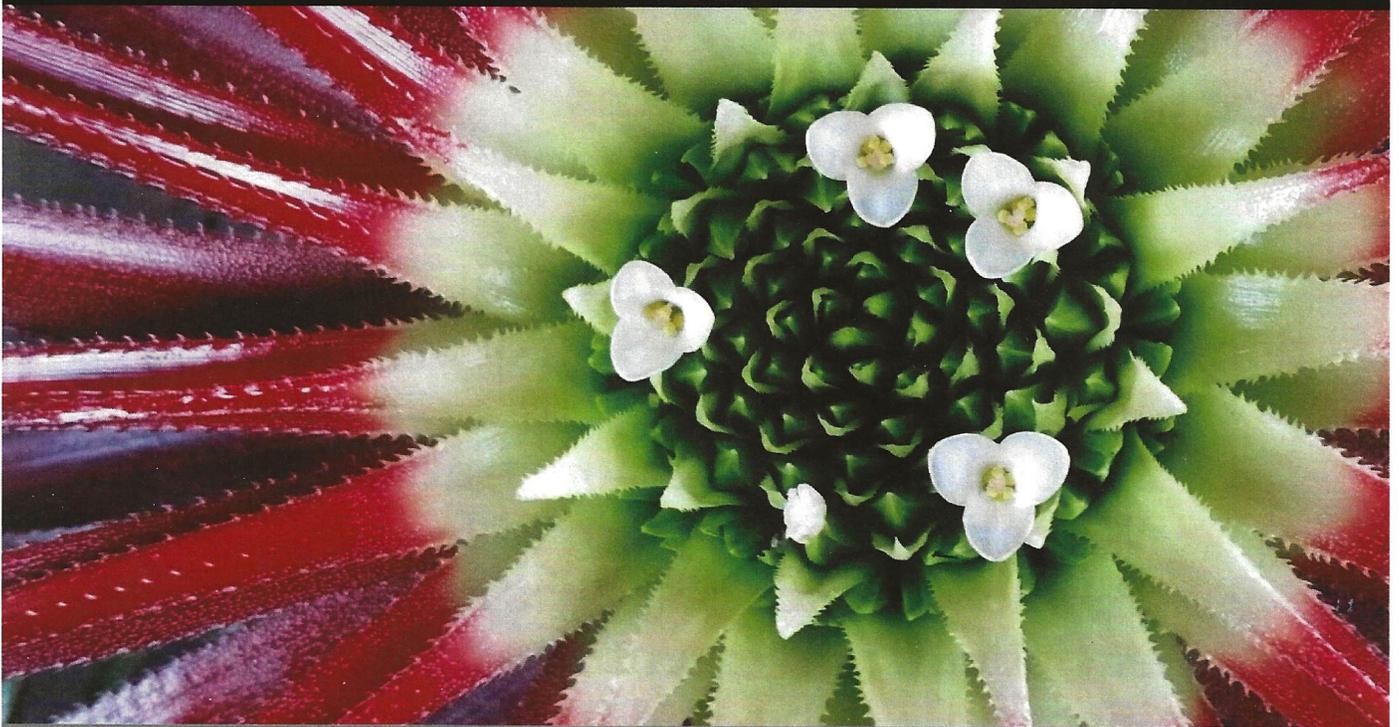
We are in need of volunteers to supply our Raffle Table. Cut some pups from 8-10 of your plants and bring them to the meeting. If you are uncomfortable with public speaking someone else can talk

42ND ANNUAL
SHOW & SALE

at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden

OCTOBER 22-23, 2022

10 AM - 5 PM



*Bromeliad Society
of South Florida*

Student Art Show and Plant Display in the Garden House
Rare plant auctions at 1:00 PM Saturday and Sunday in
the Garden House.

Plant sales on the lawn, west side of the Cycad Circle