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FCBS Newsletter

<https://www.fcbs.org/newsletters/FCBS/2023/02-20223.pdf>

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- Field Trips:
- Community Service: Carl Bauer
- Silent Auction: Rene Izquierdo

May 16, 2023 MEETING 7:30 PM

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SPEAKER: Bromeliad Bingo

**Food Donations Appreciated - Win the prize
Unlimited Member Plant Sales and Silent Auction**

SHOW INFO INSIDE

A COMPLETE LIST OF
WINNERS WILL BE
IN THE JUNE
ADVISORY

**THE EXTRAVAGANZA IS FUN!!
JULY 28-29 IN W. PALM BEACH
REGISTRATION \$175
MARRIOTT \$139/night
www.fcbsextravaganza.org**

President's Message

Happy Mother's Day to all the incredible women in our club! I'm very thankful for all our members who have made this club fun and successful in our mission. We had an amazing Show and Sale, and we could not have done it without the effort and teamwork of all our members. It's so nice to see the outcome when everyone comes together. The plants were so beautiful, and I know that our next one will be even better. We are looking forward to educating all our new members on Bromeliads and having some fun in the process. The reason I got into this club was to have a social life outside of work and build relationships with people. I also learned a bit along the way and love my bromeliads too. Looking forward to seeing everyone and playing some Bromeliad Bingo. I hope you all attend! If you have some extra plants to share, bring them in for Bingo. Everyone likes to win something. We will also have our usual raffle table and silent auction.

TINA SEVERSON

EXTRAVAGANZA

June 30 is the deadline for reduced rate at the Marriott in W. Palm Beach. Don't miss your discount. As of this week, we have over 10 people attending. You can also go for the day (Saturday) to buy and see plants. For more info go to www.fcbsextravaganza.org

RAFFLE TICKETS

You spoke - we listened. Raffle table ticket prices have been adjusted to 5 tickets for \$5 with a \$5 minimum. This is more in line with other plant societies prices.

FOOD AT MEETINGS

We continue to need food donations for our meetings. Side dishes and desserts are a good choice. And you have a chance to win the food prize which is usually, you guessed it, a plant.

GARAGE SALE

The garage sale date has been set. It will be Saturday, June 10, 8 am to 2 pm at the home of Maureen Adelman. We hope you have been saving up all the things you were going to give to a charity or toss. People will buy just about anything at a garage sale :

clothing, furniture, rugs, sports equipment, household items, pots, vases, games, baby items, jewelry, books, collectibles, craft supplies, art, frames, bedding, pet items, tile and of course plants.

We will take anything you don't want.

START SAVING!!!

Address: 9421 SW 134 St.

Phone: 305 255 3895

**DONATIONS WILL BE
ACCEPTED AS OF JUNE 1**

Dr. Brom will return next month.

THE SHOW

On April 29 and 30, BSSF hosted its first judged show in four years. It was a long time coming but worth the wait.

“Great show, great team. And fun!” - Chris Pfeffer

“Proud of the team effort. Loved hearing about the new young blood joining the membership.” - Peter Kouchalakos

“It was so nice to be with everyone this weekend.” - Tina Severson

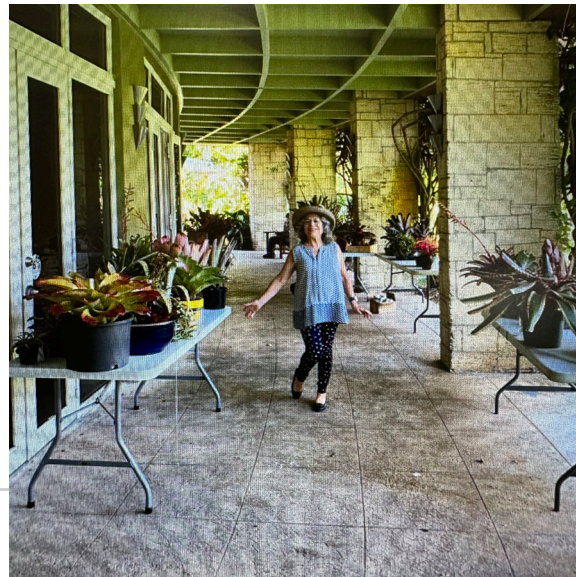
“There are 22 new members, 6 of which are under 40.” - Karen Bradley

“The students were so excited to come out and see their work.” - Tina Severson

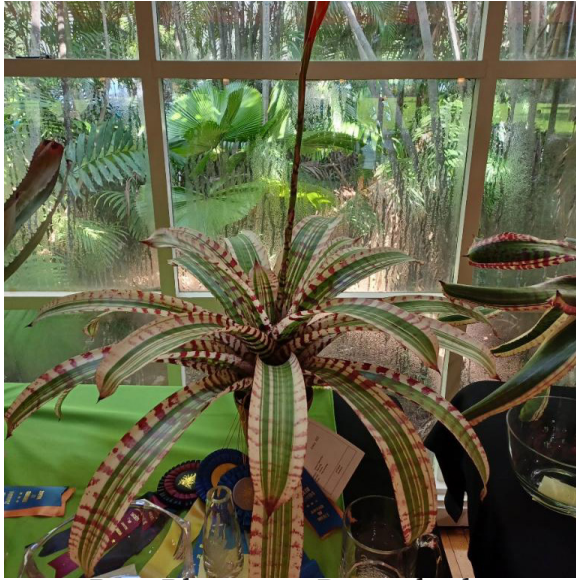
“Even the vendors thought Saturday was a good day.” - Richard Adelman

The sun shone on Saturday and the crowds were good. The auction did very well. Rain (and a tornado) threatened Sunday but sales and the auction continued with a little less traffic. We had some outstanding plants and a beautiful head table. On top of it all we signed up 22 new members - a record for BSSF. Our thanks to all the volunteers who kept things going, to our show Chair Alex Bello and co-chair Samantha Jones, to Sandy Roth who fed us all weekend, to the students for their incredible artwork, the judges for their knowledge and training and to the man up-stairs for the weather. And now, pictures speak louder than words:

Plants arriving:



THE WINNERS



Best Blooming Bromeliad
Dr. Jeffrey Block



Best Non-Blooming Bromeliad
Ofelia Sorzano



Student Art Winner
Romina Sepe



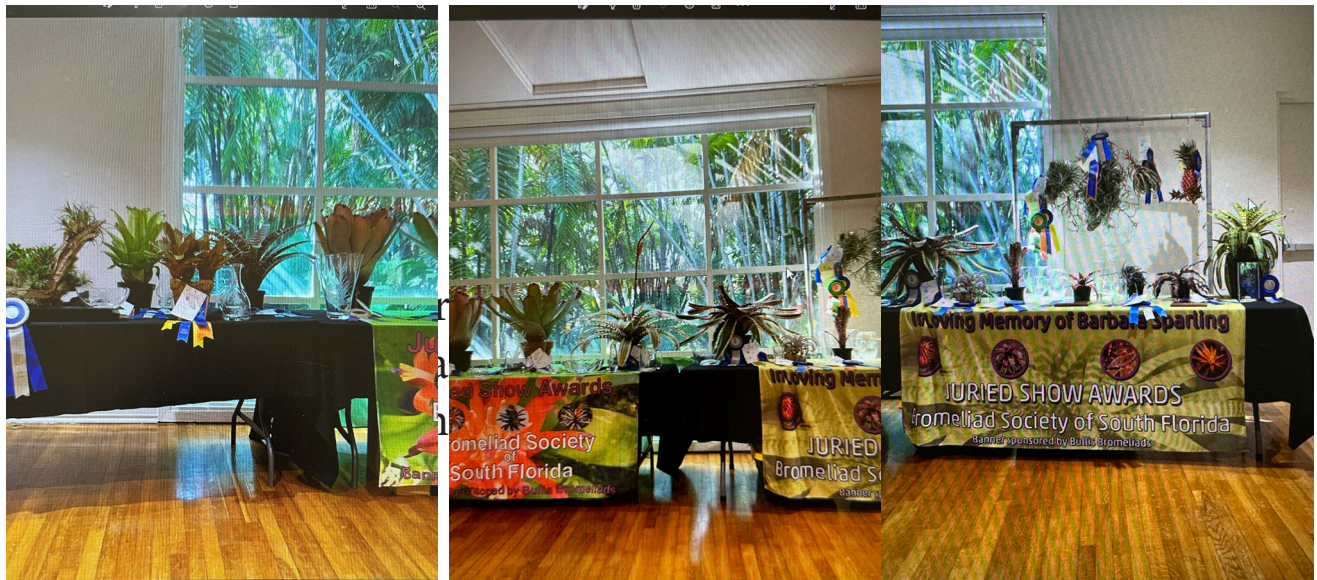
Winner - Judge's Category
John Boardman - *Goudea ospinae*
var. *gruberi*



Student Photography Winner
Eva Ramos



Best Non-Blooming Vriesea
Patty Gonzalez



The Head Table

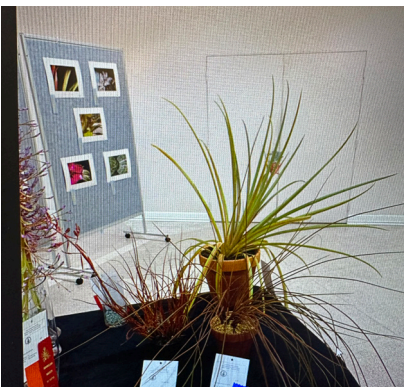
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IN THE JUNE ADVISORY

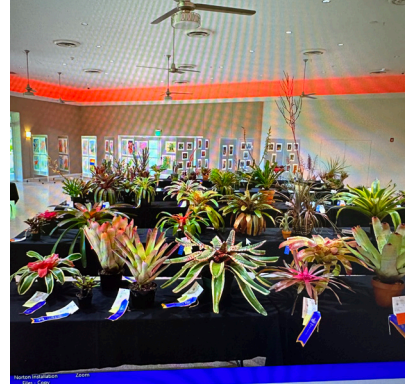
MORE PHOTOS----->

The Judges at Work



INSIDE THE GARDEN HOUSE





IN THE MEADOW



STUDENT ART WINNERS

STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHY

Eva Ramos	\$100
Mathew Montoya	75
Ayden Ramirez	50

STUDENT ART

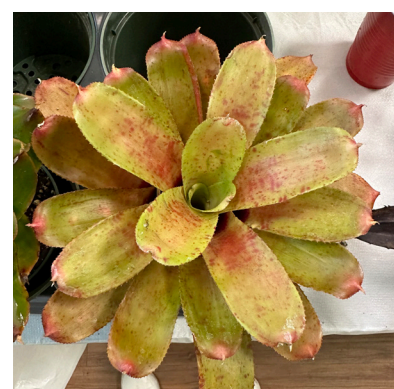
Romina Pepe	\$100
Cecilai Montero	75
Jamyah Rodriguez	50

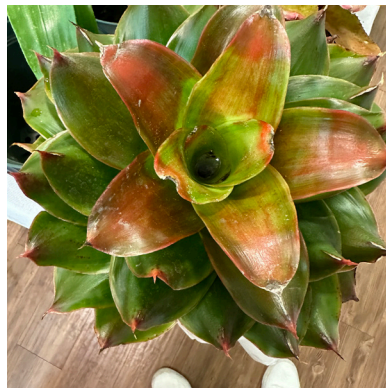
A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS WHO
HELPED US STAY IN THE BLACK

ABOUT LAST MONTH

Our April meeting was all about the show. Alex Bello updated us on progress of the show judging and volunteers needed and advertising that has been done. We did have a short discussion of this summer's Extravaganza and the possibility of renting a bus to take our members to W. Palm Beach for the day.

Three speakers with experience entering plants and working at the show gave their overview of how best to prepare. Maureen Adelman spoke on what to expect in judging and entering, how the prizes are awarded and the specific things the judges are looking for. Ophelia Sorzano reminded members that the judges are on our side and not to be intimidated by them. She supplied members with lots of "cheat sheets" on what judges are looking for and the number of points assigned to each category. Barbara Partagas emphasized the importance of clean soil, clean pots and clean plants and demonstrated using her beautifully grown plants. All the






THE EXTRAVAGANZA IS COMING

Featuring


Chester Skotak
Costa Rica


Eloise Beach
Apopka, FL


David Shilgi
Hawaii

**FCBS
& Bromeliad Society
of the Palm Beaches**
presents
Bromeliad Extravaganza
July 28-29, 2023

Don't Delay, Register Today!

Hotel Registration: West Palm Beach Marriott
1001 Okeechobee Blvd. • West Palm Beach, FL 33411
www.marriott.com

Conference Registration: www.fcbsextravaganza.org

For more information: 561-386-7812 • tramiccio@aol.com

Undoubtedly, many of you have received this save the date card from FCBS. The weekend promises to be a fun one. There is a Friday night BBQ followed by a registrant plant sale from 7:30-9:30pm. On Saturday there are afternoon lectures including what is billed as Chester Skotak's final lecture. The Saturday night banquet includes a live auction and a silent auction. On Sunday there is an optional \$25 Garden Tour and Brunch. Registration is \$150 by April 30, \$175 after May 1. Rooms at the Marriott are \$139 until June 30. Parking is \$8/day. You can register online. This Extravaganza is also close to home. Mark your calendars and plan ahead.

SILENT AUCTION AND MEMBER PLANT SALE RULES

We now have unlimited silent auction plant sales. You will be paid 50% of the sale price and BSSF will receive 50%.

We will defer to our speakers for member plant sales when we have a speaker bringing plants. We will have no member plant sales on these occasions. This will give our speakers who travel here and pack up their plants a fair chance to sell their plants. When we do have member plants sales you will be paid 50% of the sale 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
(rcizquierdo@bellsouth.net)
305 282 9333

MEMBER PLANT SALES:
Alex Bello (bellotropicals @
yahoo.com)
239 223 6155

UPCOMING EVENTS

FCBS Extravaganza - W. Palm Beach

July 28-29

Redland Fruit & Spice Park

Redland Orchid Festival

May 19-21, 10-5

Summer Fruit Festival

June 25, 10-5

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden

Spring Plant Sale

9-4:30

RAFFLE TABLE RULES

Raffle table tickets are now 5 for \$5.00 with a \$5.00 minimum. Still a bargain! Donations to the raffle table are greatly appreciated.

BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
BSSF. INC.

2023 MEMBERSHIP FOR NEW MEMBERS ___ AND RENEWAL__

Please print names: (Couples include both names)

ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____ ADD'L PHONE _____

Year Joined BSSF: _____

Referred by: _____

E MAIL (you will not receive a newsletter without an email) _____

PLEASE HIGHLIGHT ANY INFORMATION ABOVE THAT IS DIFFERENT FROM LAST YEAR

Please create my membership in BSSF, Inc. for the period of March 1, 2023 to February 28, 2024.

Check the category: Single membership _____ \$25.00

 Dual membership _____ \$35.00

Dual members enjoy all the privileges of active membership, but receive only one copy of the Bromeliadvisory.

Dues must be received by March 1, 2023 in order for you to be included in the BSSF 2023 Roster. All fees are non refundable.

Please mail completed form and check payable to BSSF, Inc. to:
Patti Gonzalez

10565 SW 109 St., Miami, FL 33176

Or email this form to:

pgonza7782@aol.com

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