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| What | Who |
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| Sales Table | Antonio Arbelaez |

AUGUST 7, 2007 MEETING 7:30 PM

SPEAKER: Craig Morrell (“How to Grow Your Wisconsin Natives in South Florida”)

Seriously, he will be shotgunning his immense knowledge to our society about the oh-never-to-overlooked nuances of growing our plants in this recently horridly hot weather.

Special Thanks from Moyna to BSSF

Thank you all for your love and support at the time of Ed’s death. This was an almost overwhelming blow for my family and me, but the calls, visits, cards and your presence at the memorial service meant so much to us. I also want to thank you for the beautiful arrangement of fresh fruit, which we have enjoyed so much.

Last month’s Advisory with the members’ messages was a poignant reminder of all Ed has done for BSSF and how much the society meant to him.

Ed participated in the society’s activities in so many ways – on the board, with the show, last year’s Extravaganza, production of the BromeliAdvisory – to name a few. Wouldn’t it be great if more of our members stepped forward and volunteered for jobs in honor of Ed? Please think about it.

Moyna

2007 EXTRAVAGANZA

September 29, 2007

Hilton, Ft. Lauderdale (954)920-3300

Single/Double \$89.00 until September 14, 2007

Speaker: **Chester Skotak**, bromeliad hybrids (his ace subject)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Life can really be hectic and this heat isn't helping any! I don't know about you all but this summer is a scorcher !! Plants are bleaching out and brown spots are appearing.. . . hard to keep up with it all! And then on top of it all . . . Too damn hot to hide away in my garden to find solace. We all need to stick together and support one another during difficult times . . . we need to reach out to one another. I am just a phone call away . . . remember that!!

I am looking forward to the Fall . . . we have the Broward Extravaganza end of September and the Auction in October and the Ramble in November.

Your participation will be welcomed and appreciated !!

Peace 'n Love

Sandy

In Case You Missed It

Ken Marks came and delivered a great lecture on Florida native bromeliads. With clearly defined photographs of these commonly seen bromeliads, and warp-speed – but easily comprehended – presentation, he elucidated about the species and their preferences and the respective habitats of *tillandsia*, *catopsis* and *guzmania* within the peninsula state.

Some trivia about his speech will appear throughout this issue.

Bromeliadoid Number 1:

Of the 590 species of *Tillandsia*, 202 of *Guzmania* and 18 of *Catopsis*, which has the greatest percentage of native species in Florida?

MEMORIES STRIDING FARTHER This Society Must Mark Its Calendars for September 29, 2007

by Robert Meyer

This autumn is only months – even as close as weeks – away. The **Donayres** steadfastly churn at their leadership duties for the Extravaganza which requires grotesquely large clusters of their time and efforts. Although it passes quickly as a day's or maybe a day-and-an-evening's affair to the rest of us, it is quickly transforming itself from passion to burden when retrospectively reviewed by those intimately involved.

In this column, I am not asking that misery invite company. I leave that to the president (see column to the left) who has graciously opened her phones to one and all. And, she means her phones are open. So, if you feel the need to let it out, call Sandy and she will commiserate.

But, as to the fall Extravaganza, I implore upon this membership to participate – financially or participantly. Best would be both.

Last year, I watched **Ed and Moyna Prince** slave away at the magnificently presented Extravaganza at the Miccosoukee facility (a/k/a Casino). The concept of being in a smoke-filled facility in the middle of the Everglades was not initially received with glee by all. But, how it did work! And, much of that was through favor and help from the Broward society's engaging in the activities or appearances at the sales and lectures. As Ed calmly and repetitively said to anyone, "We could not have done it without you."

Societies aiding neighboring societies is an assumption without rebuttal. Thus mark your calendars for September 29, 2007 to be in Fort Lauderdale, Florida to see the event. To participate in the event. With our presence, the Donayres will be saying to us in October, "We could not have done it without you."

Health News

Nat De Leon has had surgery and is now staying at the Palace in Kendall for rehabilitation.

The BSSF invites all to wish him wel. Cards can be brought to his wife at 11000 SW 77 Court Circle Pinecrest, Fl 33156. I guarantee you that she will bring your kind words to him each day.

Nat – to him a speedy recovery. As Irish people like Nat (okay, maybe I am stretching it) and I say to those leaving surgery and commencing rehab: “Tús maith leath na hoibre” A Good Beginning is Half the Work!

Deliver your kind words by writing to the address above.

Bromeliadoid Number 2:

The most abundant Tillandsia in Florida (among the natives) is: (a) *Tillandsia usneoides*; (b) *Tillandsia Utriculata*; (c) *Tillandsia Simulata* or (d) *Tillandsia Recurvata*?

Upcoming Events in Bromeliad Land

August 18 & 19, 2007

Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society Display and Sale.
Sanford Garden Club Building, 200 Fairmont Drive, Sanford, FL 9 AM - 4 PM both days
Admission is free, questions call 321-363-7351.

September 29, 2007

FCBS Bromeliad Extravaganza 2007
Airport Hilton Hotel, Fort Lauderdale, FL
Bromeliad Society of Broward County
Contact: Jose Donayre, Chairman, email jcadonayre@bellsouth.net

November 30 - December 1 & 2, 2007

Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society Sale and Show
10th International Cryptanthus Show
Terry Park, 3410 Palm Beach Blvd (SR80) Fort Myers, FL
Contact: Steve Hoppin @
Steveandlarry@comcast.net or 239-997-2237

KEN MARKS QUIZ

You heard the lecture. Now, it is time to see if you remember anything about it.

Ken told us the common names to many of the plants – e.g. *Tillandsia Usneoides* is Spanish Moss, or *Tillandsia Utriculata* is Giant Air Plant. We have listed the Species in the left column and the common name on the right. So if “1” had been *Tillandsia Recurvata* and letter “a” had been “Ball Moss”, you would write in “a” in the center column next to “1.” Try to match them up. Certain plants had more than one common name, so we included both on occasion. Makes the challenge a little more challenging. Good luck.

| Species | Match | Common Name |
|---------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------|
| 1 <i>Tillandsia Fasciculata</i> | | a Bartram’s Air Plant |
| 2 <i>Tillandsia Balbisiiana</i> | | b Bander Air Plant |
| 3 <i>Tillandsia Setacea</i> | | c Potbelly Air Plant |
| 4 <i>Tillandsia Bartramii</i> | | d South Needle Leaf |
| 5 <i>Tillandsia Simulata</i> | | e Cardinal Air Plant |
| 6 <i>Tillandsia Paucifolia</i> | | f Leatherleaf Air Plant |
| 7 <i>Tillandsia Flexuosa</i> | | g Fuzzy Wuzzy Air Plant |
| 8 <i>Tillandsia Variabilis</i> | | h West Indian Tufted Air Plant |
| 9 <i>Tillandsia Pruinosa</i> | | i Squid Air Plant |
| 10 <i>Guzmania Monostechia</i> | | j Powdery Strap Air Plant |
| 11 <i>Catopsis Berteroniana</i> | | k Florida Air Plant |
| 12 <i>Catopsis Floribunda</i> | | l Many Flowered C. |
| 13 <i>Catopsis Nutans</i> | | m Hairy Air Plant |
| | | n Twisted Air Plant |
| | | o Florida Strap Air Plant |
| | | p Soft Leaved Wild Pine |
| | | q Nodding Strap Air Plant |

ANSWERS ON LAST PAGE



DeLeons Bromeliads Nidumea Pink Starlite



DeLeons Bromeliads Guzmania hybrid



Shirley Allen Neotanthus Cardboard

QUIZ AND OTHER ANSWERS

Bromeliadtoid Number 1:

ANSWER: *Catopsis* with 33.33% (6 of the 18) with 2.03% for *Tillandsia* (12 of 509) and a miserable .49% for *Guzmania* (1 of 202).

Bromeliadtoid Number 2:

ANSWER: Spanish Moss or *Tillandsia Usneoides*.

KEN MARKS QUIZ

1e, 2i, 3d, 4a, 5k, 6c, 7 b&n, 8 f&p, 9 g&m, 10h, 11j, 12 l&o, 13q