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FEBRUARY 5, 2008 , 7:30 PM

MEETING : DON'T MISS THIS ONE

SPEAKER: Ken Marks – another trip and more of the fabulous photos
 RAFFLE: Yep

Can't Get Enough on Bromeliads

Here are some fun sites for enthusiasts:

<http://www.squidoo.com/bromeliads> (facts and commercial information)
<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/UW205> (Educate about bromeliads)
<http://www.flowers.org.uk/plants/facts/a-c/bromeliads.htm> (Plant fact page – well beyond bromeliads for information)
<http://fcbs.org/> (My favorite for thorough items – also includes numerous newsletters and great photos – many by this month's speaker Ken Marks)

WANT TO GET INVOLVED – HERE IS LIST OF THE SHOW'S COMMITTEES:

Art/Artistic; Award Sponsors; Awards; Catering; Classification; Clerks; Commercial Sales; Hospitality; Information Table; Judges; Photography; Placement; Plant Holding; Publicity; Sales (Money); Schedule; Show Booklet; Staging; and Vendors.

JOIN EARLY. JOIN OFTEN. Eat Sandy's Food.

TILLANDSIA TIPS

(This article, by Bea Hanson of New Zealand, originally appeared in the July/August edition of Bromeletter.)

Here are a few tips on growing Tillandsias that were gleaned from here and there.

(a) Don't mount a blooming plant. Cut off the bloom or mount before one appears. When a bromeliad comes into bloom, its roots cease to grow and the declining plant's remaining vigor is confined to producing seeds and offsets. Logical when you come to think of it.

(b) Select young plants with root growth in progress. This will give quicker results but any young plant that is going to root anyway, will do so with good air circulation, good light and a good watering and fertilizer program.

(c) Beware of any treated wood. This is a killer. Salt-water driftwood seems to have no adverse effect, but wash well with clear water just to be on the safe side. I leave mine out in the rain until it is time to use it, then bring it in and let it dry.

(d) If there are roots on the plant, turn the roots toward the mount and glue or staple on. Glue does not damage the roots. If you happen to have a glue gun and are using 'hot glue,' if it burns your finger it will also burn the plant's bottom.

(e) Always be sure plants are firmly fixed on wood, etc. If they move about, roots take a lot longer to appear.

(f) If you are not keen on using glue, you can bore two small holes and thread thin plastic-coated wire (not copper) through, place plant inside the loop and fasten tightly at the back of the mount. For some heavier Tillandsias, I have used both glue and wire to be sure that they are firm.

(g) Change positions of your Tillandsias by all means, but when you have the ideal one do leave the plant there. If you keep changing them about, the poor things begin to wonder what they should do next.

(h) Speaking from experience. When you at last manage to get a small clump of

Tillandsias, don't let people try and get pieces from you. I did this years ago and now realize that if I had been firm I would have had some really super clumps today!

Dues This Month

A reminder that our dues will be owed next month – you got off for one month because of the holiday's arrival being on our First Tuesday of the Month. Have your checkbooks and pens ready for the February Meeting when **Moyna Prince** will tally the ever-so-modest annual dues of \$20 per person or \$30 per couple.

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

By: Robert Meyer

Years ago, as a greenhorn discussing life with a greying star of the court, I asked if he was retiring soon. He told me that I listened wrongly, he was tired, not retired. I then asked him if he had recurring weariness. He acknowledged such. I then asked him if that did not mean he was continually retiring? HmMMM.

Lately, the stresses placed upon us make many members feel tired. Others recurringly experience this physical phenomenon. HmMMM.

This year's show will require some new blood. Some new energy. Something to alleviate the diminished strength of others.

Most of the show's leaders are willing to retire, or deliver their inextinguishable inexhaustible efforts – amen for that. But we need some small jobs replaced.

Placement is an annual chore which requires someone to pick up the plants Thursday April 17, 2008. You do not do this alone. But, we need many hands to get this done. More the merrier.

Awards is another simple job which needs replacement. Donna Pearce is leaving us and we need for someone to replace her. She will lead that person through this year, and after that it will require no more than 4-5 hours of your time. One day you order the awards. Another they are picked up (the awards maker has done this so long that he will show you the ropes) and then on Friday afternoon, you merely ascribe the medal, crystal or whatever to the judicially proclaimed winner.

Any young and strong-abled bodies can help Alan Herndon and crew in the task of setting up the stage etc.

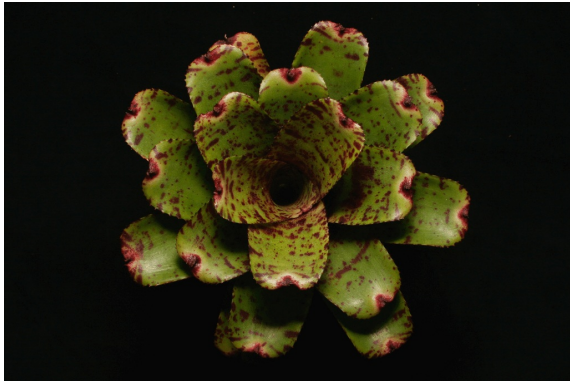
In the end, you ask: what's in it for me? In exchange for your efforts, you can party heartily Friday night at Sandy Roth's home with other volunteers and the many judges. This year's theme? Western BBQ and kerchiefs and hats for the cowfolk.

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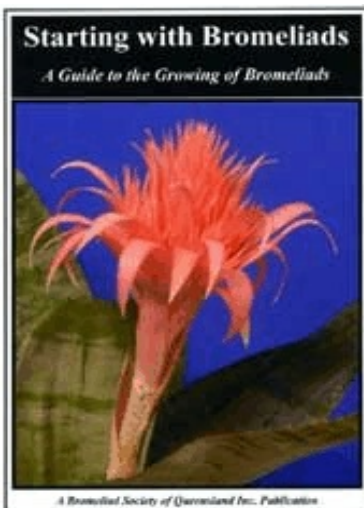
Rosette

The group of leaves encircling a central crown. Those leaves may be loose, as in a pineapple plant, or tight together to form a watertight receptacle where water can accumulate, as in the tank type bromeliad.

NOTE: some hybrids – which I have seen from Nat DeLeon's show and tell – resemble roses. Those bromeliads are therefore roseate in the rosette.



Neoreglia Hannibal Lecter x punctatissima – Chester Skotak, owned by Moyna Prince



New Book info at
<http://fcbs.org>



Nat DeLeon's magnificent Noemea Ruffles

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includes the BSI Journal, issued bimonthly

(NOTE: New memberships only)

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