



BromeliAdvisory

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Bromeliad Society Auction – **Oct 21**

Where: Garden House, Fairchild
Tropical Botanic Garden

When: 7:30 PM (come early for a
sneak peek!)  **Event Highlights**



- Costumes encouraged – **prize for best outfit!**
- Bring Halloween-themed finger foods (pumpkin bites, “witches’ fingers,” monster munch, spooky treats).
- **Main Auction only** – no vendor sales or silent auction.
- **Bromeliad donations** are welcome and appreciated.
- Invite friends and neighbors – the more, the *scarier*! 

Let’s make this a hauntingly fun and successful evening together!



Bromeliad Society of South Florida Annual Auction

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens

Oct. 21, 2025

7:30PM

Garden House

Rare, unusual and Collector
Bromeliads from:

Bullis Bromeliads

Bello Tropicals Nursery

Tradewind Tropicals

Mikes Bromeliads

This is the chance to get Collector Bromeliads at great deals!

President's Message 🌿

I hope to see everyone come out for our **main fundraiser of the year!** This is always such a fun night, and you'll have the chance to take home some truly amazing bromeliads at great prices while supporting your society. Please invite your friends, neighbors, and family members—we're looking for a great turnout!

- Alex Bello



Raffle Table

The raffle table was full of great items and fun energy! Alex provided amazing specimens—let him know if you'd like to help next time.



Board Nominations Are Underway

The Nominating Committee, chaired by **Maureen Adelman**

Several members have already accepted nominations and will be presented for a vote at the **November meeting**. If you are interested in running for any of the open positions, you may announce your candidacy at the meeting to be added to the **ballot**.

We encourage all members with the desire to volunteer and help guide the future of our society to consider serving. **Club Leadership**

Maureen Adelman shared the upcoming leadership slate. You can still add your name, even at the last minute! Nominations open in **November**, and fresh ideas from new members are welcome. If no one steps up for President, Alex is recommended for renewal.

NOTICE – BSSF By-Law Update

As approved by the BSSF Board of Directors, the following change has been made to:
Article VII – Nominations and Elections, Section 4

◆ Change from:

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Notwithstanding the provision of this Article VII, Section 3, the Treasurer's or Secretary's position may be renewed on a yearly basis upon approval by the Board.

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Notwithstanding the provision of this Article VII, Section 3, the Treasurer's, Secretary's, or President's position may be renewed on a yearly basis upon approval by the Board.

Field Trip – Don't Miss the Fun!

Date: Saturday, December 6

Meeting Spot: Macy's parking lot at 92 Ave & 136 St, Miami (The Falls Shopping Center)

Time: Be there by **7:00 AM** – bus leaves **7:30 AM sharp**

Itinerary:

- **Edison Ford Winter Estate, Ft. Myers**
– Arrive ~10:00 AM for the **Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society Show & Sale**.
- **Lunch:** Groups can enjoy nearby options; we suggest **Pinchers**, just 4 blocks away (walking distance). Must be back on the bus by **1:00 PM**.
- **Chip Jones Nursery, Moorehaven** – Spend ~90 minutes exploring before heading back to Miami. Arrival back is expected around **6:00 PM**.



Details:

- **Cost:** \$30 per person (**BSSF members only**) to help offset bus expenses.
- **Provided:** BSSF will supply water, coffee, and snacks.
- **Emergency Contact:** If needed, reach **Sandy Roth** on her cell 305 301-0306 in case you get lost! (also call her if you want to be added to the list for this field trip)



In Case You Missed It:

-By Tina Severson

Volunteers Needed for 2026

Please mark your calendars—our next Show & Sale is scheduled for **May 23–24, 2026 at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden.**

President Alex Bello emphasized the importance of volunteers in keeping our Show & Sale successful. He asked for a show of hands on whether members wanted to continue our large-scale Show & Sale annually, and the majority raised their hands.

That said, future options may still include smaller-scale shows, new creative formats, or even partnering with another club—because Alex cannot run the Show & Sale on his own. To keep the tradition going, we need everyone's help.



Show Highlights

Alex shared a slide presentation showcasing our **last Show & Sale**, which was a huge success thanks to the dedication, creativity, and hard work of our members. Thank you to everyone who



volunteered, participated, or brought plants, arrangements, or artwork, your efforts made the event truly special.



- **Artistic Arrangements:** Mounted bromeliads, creative containers, and decorative displays were stunning. Tina Severson wowed everyone with her prize-winning Pineapple (she's been entering one for the past two years—let's give her some competition next year!).

- **Novice Category:** New exhibitors are encouraged. Judges provide gentle feedback and recognition.

Judging Tips

- Enter **inflorescences** in the correct category. If it's beginning to bloom, enter it into the **blooming category**.
- **Transport carefully**—blooms can break.
- **Prickly Dyckias, Hechtias, and rare Pitcairnias** often shine when handled carefully.



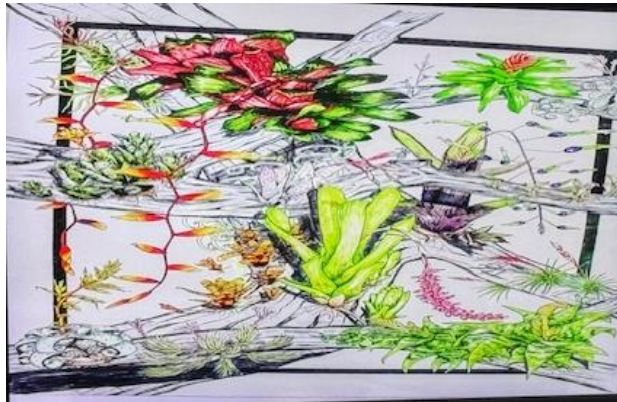
- **Neoregelia displays** continue to stand out with their bold colors.





Special Thanks

- **Stephanie Larusso** for sharing her beautiful watercolors and teaching



expertise. Our student artwork program, now led by **Samantha Jones**, continues to set us apart, be sure to check it out in the slide photos.

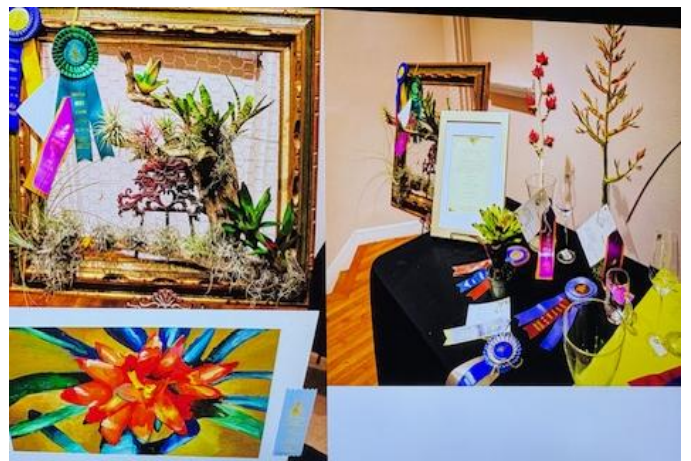
- **Lori Weyrick** was noticed for consistently growing rare Tillandsias that don't typically thrive in our region.



Everyone has a chance to be recognized, whether you're a seasoned grower or a first-time participant. Many artistic arrangements and decorative containers that follow judging criteria still have a chance to win an award.

People's Choice Award





We're proud of the **creativity and passion** our members bring each year! If you missed this show, don't worry, next time we can't wait to see what you'll bring!





Upcoming Community Events



REDLAND INTERNATIONAL ORCHID FESTIVAL®

Located at the idyllic Redland Fruit and Spice Park in South Dade, the Redland International Orchid Festival® is world renowned as a bucket list event for orchid lovers. Join the best orchid growers in the world along with fellow avid orchid fans for three days of pure orchid mania.



🌸 Thank You Volunteers! 🌸

A big thank you to those who offered to volunteer on behalf of our Bromeliad Society—we truly appreciate your support in helping us fundraise for the club! Volunteers selected will also receive **free entry** to the festival. If you weren't chosen, please continue to volunteer in the future Karina Motes had so many volunteers this year and not enough places to put them. It's the luck of the draw!

For everyone else, tickets can be purchased at the link below if you'd like to attend:

 redlandorchidfestival.com

The 22nd Australasian Bromeliad Conference - Aussie Broms 2025 – has been launched! The theme is 'Exploring Beauty and Diversity'. The Bromeliad Society of Queensland invites the global Bromeliad community to participate.

A green poster for the Aussie Broms 2025 conference. The top section is dark green and contains the dates "4TH - 7TH November 2025" and the location "Eatons Hill Hotel, Brisbane, QLD" in white text. A yellow starburst graphic on the right lists activities: "Plant Sales - New Releases!", "Taxonomy Botany Cultivation", "Rare plant auction", and "Garden tours". The middle section is a lighter green and features the text "INTERNATIONAL & LOCAL EXPERT SPEAKERS DISCUSS ALL THINGS BROMELIADS" in white, bold, sans-serif font. The bottom section is also light green and contains the website "Full details at www.aussiebroms2025.bromsqueensland.com.au/wp", the registration link "Register at Trybooking <https://www.trybooking.com/CXJKS>", and the email "AussieBroms2025@bromsqueensland.com.au" with an envelope icon. At the bottom left is the logo of The Bromeliad Society of Queensland, and at the bottom right is a QR code. The text "THE BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND" is centered at the very bottom.

The website can be accessed at [Aussie Broms 2025 Conference](#), a Facebook page will also be live soon.

Save the Date: April 2026 BSI World Conference

The 2026 BSI World Conference (WBC) will take place from April 14–18 at the Hilton Hotel in Costa Mesa, California.

Plan your visit to Costa Mesa, located in Orange County, which was recently named the Fourth Safest City in California. Notably, eight of the top ten safest cities in the state are in Orange County.

Travel is convenient with John Wayne Airport (SNA) just three miles from the venue, and Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) approximately 42 miles away.

For the latest updates and information, please visit the official conference website:

<https://www.bsi.org/new/conference-corner/>

World Bromeliad Conference 2026 — “California Dreaming”



From the Editor: Share Your Exciting Community Events!

Do you know about an upcoming community event that our members would enjoy? If so, we'd love to hear from you! Please send me the details, along with any photos or links, for inclusion in our upcoming Advisories.

While we are particularly interested in events related to botanical gardens, plants, and horticulture, we welcome submissions on any topic that might be of interest to our members. Whether it's a local workshop, garden tour, or any exciting community event, your input is always appreciated.

To ensure your event makes it into our next issue, please send the information to me at least a week before our meetings. I always strive to highlight events that I think our members will find exciting, but your contributions will make it even better!

Looking forward to hearing from you!

Tina Severson