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“Get ready for an exciting evening at the Bromeliad Meeting & Tram Ride at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden on September 17, 2024! Arrive early as the first tram departs at 7:00 PM. Meet us in Corbin A. We welcome food donations that are perfect for a tram-friendly experience. See you there!”



Vendor Sales and Silent Auction are on the agenda! Bring your plants and join us for a fantastic evening!

Highlights from our Last meeting!



Sandy Roth embracing the theme with her festive Mexican hat above. It's not a party without great food and beautiful plants!





Mike Michalski sharing his passion during Show & Tell



President's Message:

Who's ready for a stroll and some fine wine? This month, we'll explore Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden on their tram and enjoy an exclusive after-hours experience at the #1 Tropical Botanical Garden in the USA!

Just a reminder, next month is our annual auction, which is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Please invite friends to join us, and those who bring new guests will be entered into a special raffle for some exciting prizes.

- Alex Bello



President Alex Bello and Vice President Patti Gonzalez—leading together with vision and dedication.

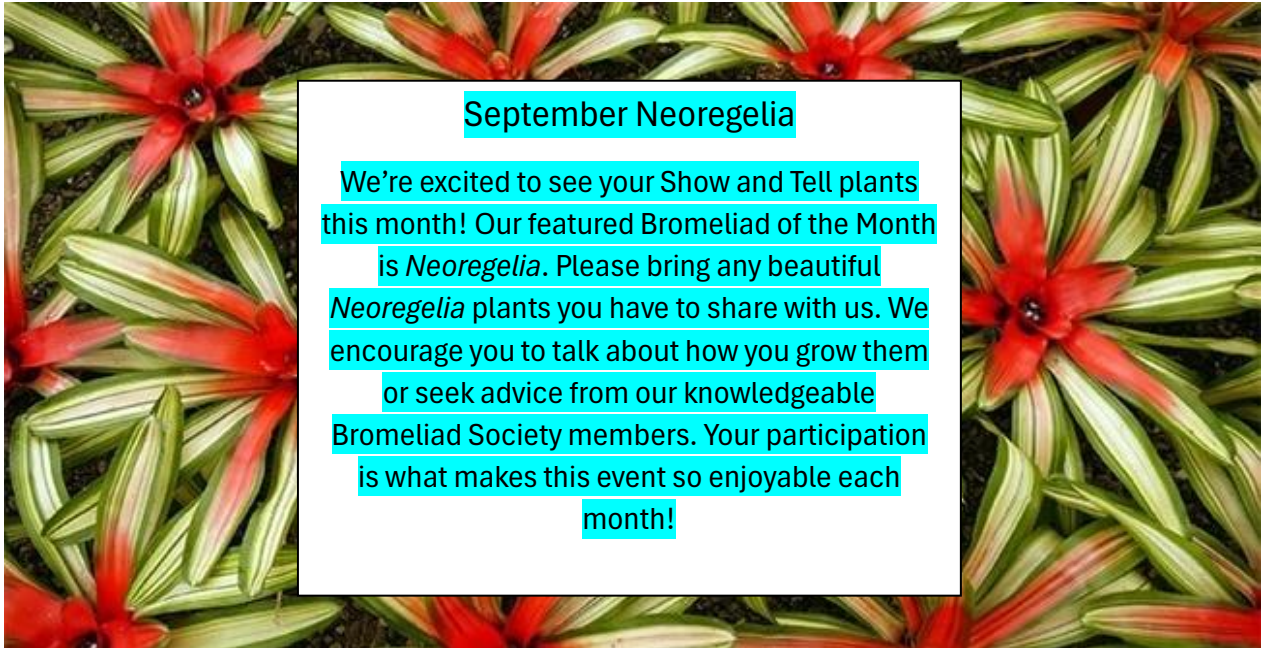
If you're interested in supplying bromeliads for the raffle table, please reach out to Alex Bello. This is a wonderful opportunity to benefit yourself while supporting our club. Our members will appreciate adding your beautiful plants to their collections. The person providing the plants keeps 80% of the ticket sales, with the club receiving 20%. If you'd like, you can donate a larger portion of your earnings back to the club to help cover our growing expenses, and we greatly appreciate your generous support.

From The Editor

Just a reminder—if you'd like to submit an article with photos related to our mission, please email it to me at least 2 weeks in advance. I look forward to your contributions!

-Tina Severson

Show and Tell of the Month



September Neoregelia

We're excited to see your Show and Tell plants this month! Our featured Bromeliad of the Month is *Neoregelia*. Please bring any beautiful *Neoregelia* plants you have to share with us. We encourage you to talk about how you grow them or seek advice from our knowledgeable Bromeliad Society members. Your participation is what makes this event so enjoyable each month!

FLORIDA COUNCIL OF BROMELIADS

We are excited to share the highlights from the recent World Conference Show, featured in the August FCBS Newsletter. Congratulations to all the winners! To view the newsletter and see all the details, please click the link below:

Link to Newsletter: <https://fcbs.org/newsletters/FCBS/2024/08-2024.pdf>

In
Loving
Memory
of
Dale Eric Karman
2.22.1962 -7.26.2024

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Dale Karman on July 26, 2024, after a courageous battle with cancer, surrounded by his loving family. Dale, a native Floridian born at Baptist Hospital, was a cherished husband, father, and friend.

Dale was an avid fisherman with a deep love for the ocean. He shared his passion with his son, Eric, and daughter, Nicole, teaching them everything they know about fishing. His enthusiasm for the sea was matched only by his wife's unwavering support, as Denise was a constant presence in their shared adventures, encouraging and enjoying every moment together.

Dale was also a constant presence in Sylvia Betz's life, she considered him more of a son rather than a son-in-law. He was always there to help her with anything she needed, especially after her husband's passing. Sylvia, in turn, loved Dale deeply. He meticulously maintained her yard and house, and over the years, Sylvia hosted numerous events that were enjoyed by both family and friends.

Known for his charismatic spirit, Dale touched the lives of many with his kindness and joyful demeanor. His landscaping skills were unparalleled, always leaving yards looking picturesque and inviting. His love for plants extended to his involvement with the Bromeliad Society of South Florida, where he and Denise were valued members. Denise, a dedicated member of our Board of Directors, continued to support the club even while caring for Dale during his final days.

Dale is survived by his beloved wife, Denise Karman, their children, Nicole and Eric Karman, and his mother-in-law, Sylvia Betz. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Please keep Dale's family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. We are grateful for the time we shared with Dale and the impact he made on our community.



OBITUARY

Harlo E. Von Wald

SEPTEMBER 11, 1935 - AUGUST 16, 2024



Harlo E. Von Wald, a beloved husband and father passed away peacefully in his home on August 16, 2024, in Miami, FL. He was 88 years old. Harlo was born in Santa Marta, Colombia in 1935. He was educated in the United States and was a Graduate of the Culver Military Academy in Culver, Indiana where he was in the prestigious "Black Horse Troop". He then joined the United States Air Force, and after an honorable discharge he attended and

Graduated from the University of Florida, as a horticulturist.

While attending the University of Florida, he met his future wife, Joy, the love of his life.

They were happily married for 53 years until her passing in 2012.

In the beginning of their marriage Harlo was hired by the United Fruit Company, aka Chiquita Banana Co., as a manager and moved his family to Honduras, Central America. They lived in Latin America for 12 years after which they returned to Miami Beach, Florida, where his wife, Joy, had grown up.

Harlo took a position with the Department of Agriculture for the State of Florida, and then later took a position with the United States Department of Agriculture until he retired.

He was an active member, along with his wife, Joy, in the Bromeliad Society. He enjoyed working with plants and traveling.

Harlo is survived by his sister, Beatriz Ward and his 4 children, Mitch von Wald, Richard von Wald, Laurie Ann von Wald and Robert von Wald, and his 3 grandchildren, Lino, Richard, and Montana, and 3 great grandchildren.

Throughout his life, Harlo was known for his kindness, generosity, and unwavering support for those around him. He had a successful career and was deeply involved in his community, always willing to lend a helping hand or share a word of wisdom.

Harlo's legacy is one of love, compassion, and dedication. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing him. His memory will live on in the lives of his family and friends.



Invitation to Celebrate the Life of Harlo Von Wald

Service Details:

Date: Wednesday, September 18th

Time: 4:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Eulogy: 5:30 PM

Military Honor Guard: 6:00 PM (including taps and flag presentation)

Light Refreshments: Available throughout

Location: Caballero Woodlawn South Cemetery

112th St and 117th Ave

In Case You Missed It-*Tina Severson*

We're thrilled to highlight the incredible presentation by Mike Michalski, a talented member of our Bromeliad Society, who shared insights from his 2018 trip to Ecuador, specifically Quito. Mike's detailed account and captivating slide presentation offered us a glimpse into the rich biodiversity of the region, showcasing a variety of bromeliads and other plant life.

Mike was joined on this memorable journey by his wife, Vice President Patti Gonzalez, and the late Antonio Arbelaez, whom we remember fondly. While Mike humorously mentioned Patti's shopping excursions, it's clear she was deeply involved in their botanical explorations and demonstrated remarkable patience throughout their travels.

The presentation featured stunning photographs of bromeliads in their natural habitat, including the prolific *Vriesea* species that adorn many trees. Mike also introduced us to a range of flowering trees and the elusive *Gusmania* found in the tree canopies. The abundance of *Tillandsia* species, which thrive in the treetops, was particularly impressive.

We were captivated by the diversity of the cloud forest, a unique ecosystem combining both volcanic landscapes and lush rainforests.

Mike's presentation also touched on his affection for Ecuador's children and the charming dogs he encountered, even those perched on rooftops. Additionally, he showcased a butterfly garden teeming with various species, as depicted in some of the vivid photos.

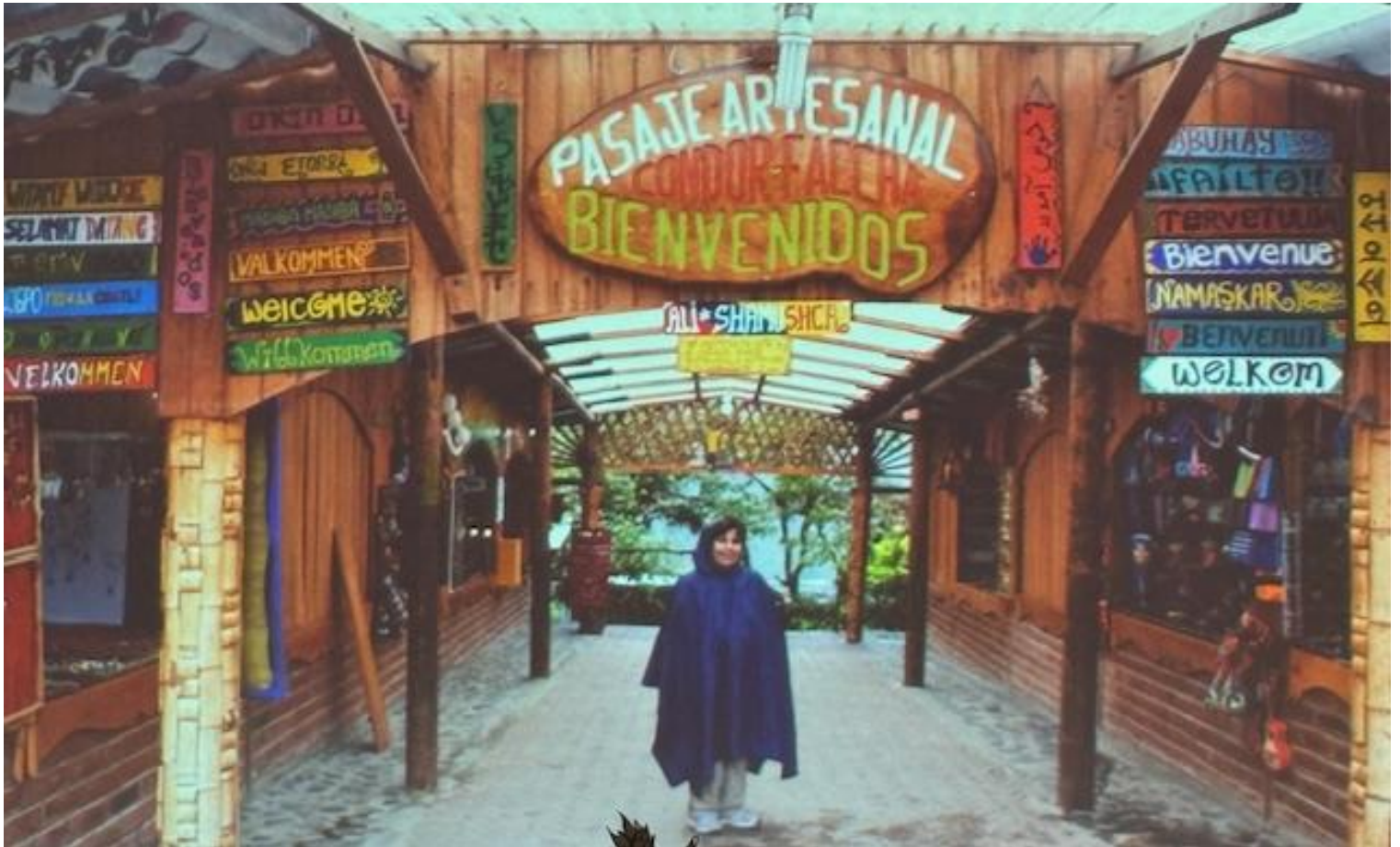
Thank you, Mike, for sharing your enriching experiences and deep knowledge of Ecuador's flora and fauna with us. Your passion and dedication are truly inspiring!



Mike Michalski in Ecuador
Patti Gonzalez alongside Antonio Arbelaez







Patti on her Shopping Spree in Ecuador





Upcoming Community Events



Don't miss out on this unique opportunity! Discover rare, unusual, and collectible bromeliads at unbeatable prices. Join us for a fun-filled event and add some extraordinary plants to your collection!

The poster is set against a background of a wooden plank wall with green ivy climbing up it. Several bromeliad plants are visible: a large one with pink and green variegated leaves on the right, and another with dark, striped leaves on the left. The text is centered on a white rectangular area.

*Bromeliad Society
of South Florida
Annual Auction*

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens

Oct. 15 2024
7:30PM
Garden House

Rare, unusual and Collector
Bromeliads from:

Dr. Karl Green
Steve Correale
Bello Tropicals Nursery
Tradewind Tropicals
Mikes Bromeliads

**This is your chance to get collector bromeliads
are really great deals !!!**



HAUNTED BIRDHOUSES

Coming October 2024!

Daily, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

General admission included

Whoooo will join us for some haunted Halloween fun?

Migration has begun, and 13 haunted birdhouses have appeared in our garden! These unique birdhouses and creepy critters offer a fun and festive activity for the whole family to kick off the spooky season.

This thrilling hunt is the perfect wholesome treat for a spooktacular time.

- **Collect your map at any Box Office.** Participating in this adventure is as easy as 1-2-3. Simply collect your map at any Box Office, and you're all set. This adventure is **FREE** with admission. You can purchase admission to the Garden online or in person.
- **Follow the clues.** Each birdhouse and critter is represented on our map. Keep your eyes up for these fun and festive birdhouses.
 - **Fill out the plot numbers on your adventure map.** Complete the map by writing in the plot numbers in their corresponding spot on the map.
 - **Turn your map into a designated mailbox.** Before leaving the Garden, turn your completed map into a mailbox to win a family membership and join the Fairchild family, where you'll enjoy exclusive access to our events and discounts on future visits.
 - Drawing takes place on **September 1, 2024**

Take advantage of this magical adventure and many more!

Click on the link for pricing: <https://ftbg.ticketapp.org/portal/product/165>



ORCHIDS IN OCTOBER

October 12 & 13

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

General admission included

Orchid lovers love Orchids in October!

There is no better way to spend a lovely South Florida autumn day than in the Garden surrounded by orchids. The weekend event features our favorite plant vendors and local artisans. Shop from the many orchid vendors, visit the National Orchid Garden and learn about the urban conservation program, The Million Orchid Project, which has already reintroduced over 500,000 native orchids in the South Florida.

And we have so many Garden adventures to enjoy, including spectacular butterflies at Wings of the Tropics, our exotic butterfly exhibit. Sit in the shade and watch your little ones run, play and explore at The Children's Garden, and cool down in the misty cloud forest of the only tropical rainforest in the continental U.S.!

Click on the link for pricing: <https://ftbg.ticketapp.org/portal/product/187>

American Legion Summer Line Dance

\$10 at the door.



The poster features a large background image of the Miami skyline at night with a bridge over the water. The text 'Line Dance Workshop Miami' is prominently displayed in white. Below the main image are three smaller photos: a couple, a group of dancers, and two men in 'DANCE' shirts.

**Line Dance
Workshop Miami**

(LDWM) Line Dance Workshop Miami

\$10 (at the door) Pre-Party Social Friday night **Sep 20, 2024** 7pm to 11pm

\$55 Line Dance Workshop is Saturday **Sep 21, 2024** from 10am to 4pm
Includes Saturday Lunch and After Party Social Dance from 8pm to 11pm
Limited space available

Featuring Cody Flowers & Dawn Musgrave
Hosted By Dance Smith Productions
Located at 16401 SW 90th Ave. Miami. FL 33157
American Legion Post #133

[For Registration click here:](#)