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# Sarasota Bromeliad Society Newsletter

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***AECHMEA PARADOXA* IS A SPECIES THAT HAS BEEN MOVED AROUND AMONG DIFFERENT GENERA (NOTE THE SPECIES NAME). IT'S A LOVELY LIGHT-PURPLE/LAVENDER-PINK PLANT THAT'S EASY TO GROW; BUT IT DOESN'T LIKE VERY COLD WEATHER.**

(PHOTO COURTESY OF FCBS WEBSITE)



# Sarasota Bromeliad Society Monthly Meeting

**LOCATION:** “The Mansion”, Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, Sarasota, Florida  
The mansion is the white house directly next to the Activities Center. It’s a nice place to meet. Enjoy the artwork.

**DATE:** Monday, February 8, 2016

**TIME:** 7:30 PM

## EXTRAS AND NEWS:



## HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

**New newsletter section**—Check the end of the newsletter for upcoming events.

**Workshop, 6:45 PM**— Shirley Evans will lead a questions-and-answers session “Come with a Question, Leave with an Answer.” Bring any plants problematic plants to the workshop and troubleshoot with Shirley. Also, in the business meeting, President Steve will be soliciting members to help with the workshops.

**Membership renewal**—This year, President Steve has asked everyone to fill out a membership form with your contact information. Please get a form at the meeting or print the one near the end of this newsletter.

**Please bring food or drinks for the refreshment table**—Finger food and drinks needed, please. Remember that people who bring refreshments are eligible for a special free-bromeliad raffle. So, help out and get rewarded!

**Proposed show and sale (*note from the Editor*)**—The cost of holding a show at the Sarasota Garden Club will be \$1,000 per day. Just FYI, from someone who has been a member of the SBS since 1987 or so, the most money ever made at an annual Show and Sale was about \$3,000. Except for that year, earnings have usually been much less. The cost of having a show at the Garden Club may exceed the earnings from the show.

**The SBS is now in Facebook**—Betty Gundlach (bgundlach@gmail.com) is our Facebook contact.

**FCBS Website**—Did you know that the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies has a fantastic Photo Index of bromeliads in nearly all genera? Thousands of photos (copyrighted, so please check with webmaster before using any). You can go to that website, directly to the Photo Index from Google, and check out excellent pictures of nearly all bromeliad species, and many hybrids.

**This month's tip, from Terrie**—To cover or not to cover—that's the question. I grow my bromeliads outdoors, without temperature control. Through the years, I've evolved to cover my plants with frost-cloth if the temperature will be below 40°F for even one night. That takes 2 days (!). Once they're covered, I leave them covered for weeks—a long as there's a chance that the temperature will descend to below 40°F. I have essentially no cold damage. What happens? The temperature under the frost-cloth gets cold at night, but it warms to up to 10-15° higher than ambient temperature in the daytime. Warmth during the day seems to be the key factor keeping my

bromeliads from cold damage. So, to cover is better than not to cover! It's a lot of work, but you'll save your plants. But don't cover with plastic; use frostcloth, sheets, quilts, spare fabric. ***Have a good tip on bromeliad care to share? Send it to Terrie Bert.***

## **UPCOMING MEETING:**

### **Business:**

Discussion about moving base of activities to the Sarasota Garden Club  
Show and sale—to be or not to be???  
Development of a “recruitment” poster for the SBS  
Solicitation of members to help with the monthly workshop  
Discussion of new-member recruitment

**February Program: Unknown—we'll all be surprised.**

## **MINUTES, SBS DECEMBER, 2015 MEETING:**

Minutes from 1/11/16 SBS meeting

The meeting began with the President, Steve Upton, thanking the prior officers for their service, and introducing the new officers to the membership. He also thanked the volunteers for the Selby Festival of Lights and the Hospitality volunteers, and mentioned that we will try to continue with members bringing in food in exchange for a raffle ticket if no one volunteers to head Hospitality.

Steve spoke about the goal in 2016 to increase membership by 20% because new members bring lifeblood & enthusiasm. Bob Stickney reported that we currently have about 70 members. Steve stated that new members can come to three meetings before officially joining.

Ray Lemieux spoke about staying at Selby or moving monthly meetings to The Sarasota Garden Club. The contribution is the same (\$250/yr) but if we stay at Selby we are losing the library, have no kitchen, show or Christmas party access. The Sarasota Garden Club (SGC) is \$400/yr. We would have to meet on a different day (suggested--the third Monday of each month). Kay Weber is an executive board member at SGC and is exploring the possibility of getting a discount. By a unanimous voice vote, Ray and Steve were authorized to work with SGC to finalize the change of venue.

Terry Bert stated the show and sale are our primary fundraiser, so the SGC is a better option. Every venue is booked in advance & it is hard to have a spring show. Terry made a motion to move to SGC and it was seconded. She will notify members via the newsletter, and Steve will notify members via the evite.

Ray stated that he will house the library at his residence. Anyone who wants library books should contact him before the meeting and he will bring them to the meeting. A list of all the books in the library will be posted on the Website.

Tiffany Reynolds suggested that posters can be displayed in her office and that the SBS needs to attract younger members. She and new member Raleigh Barnes agreed to form a committee with that as a goal. Tiffany also volunteered to greet/welcome new members.

Betty Gundlack offered to update the Facebook page, she is a part-time resident and member of the Lemon Bay Garden Club.

Eva Talbot spoke about Children's Garden and the importance of getting young people interested in gardening.

Ray will be the show-committee chair, while Terry will be the co-chair for the 2016 show.

Susan Stobo, the outgoing Treasurer, reviewed the 2016 budget and it was approved, Tiffany Reynolds, the new Treasurer reports the CD matures Jan 17<sup>th</sup>, the interest rate is 0.75%. Tiffany will see that it rolls over to the best rate possible.

Guest Speaker David Johnston hosted a fun Bromeliad Jeopardy competition. Prizes went to three different categories of member.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS—**

The Orchid Show: Celebrating 40 Years at Selby Gardens

[Experience the Beauty](#) February 14 - March 27

[Orchid Evenings](#) at Selby Gardens

6 - 9 p.m. Wednesdays in the Conservatory February 17 - March 24

Membership form:

# The Sarasota Bromeliad Society

## Membership Application/Renewal Form

Member Information

Please Print Legibly:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Dues Schedule:**

\$20.00 per year for Individuals. \$25.00 per year for couples. Dues are paid on a calendar year basis, with renewals due in January. Partial year membership dues are prorated quarterly for new members who join after the first of the year.

**Make Your Check Payable to:** "The Sarasota Bromeliad Society"

**Mail This Form and Your Check To:** The Sarasota Bromeliad Society c/o: Bob Stickney,  
Membership Chair 4860 Baccus Ave. Sarasota, FL 34233, *or bring them to the next meeting.*

**Your Choice:** I hereby allow the Sarasota Bromeliad Society to show (check both boxes):

**On The WEBSITE (in password protected "Members Only" section) include . . .**

- My Name
- My Address
- My Phone number,  My Cell number
- My email address
- None of my personal info

**CHECK ALL THAT APPLY**

**In the Sarasota Bromeliad Society DIRECTORY include . . .**

- My Name
- My Address
- My Phone number,  My Cell number
- My email address
- None of my personal info

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**New members only:** Please tell us how you learned about the SBS:

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Name

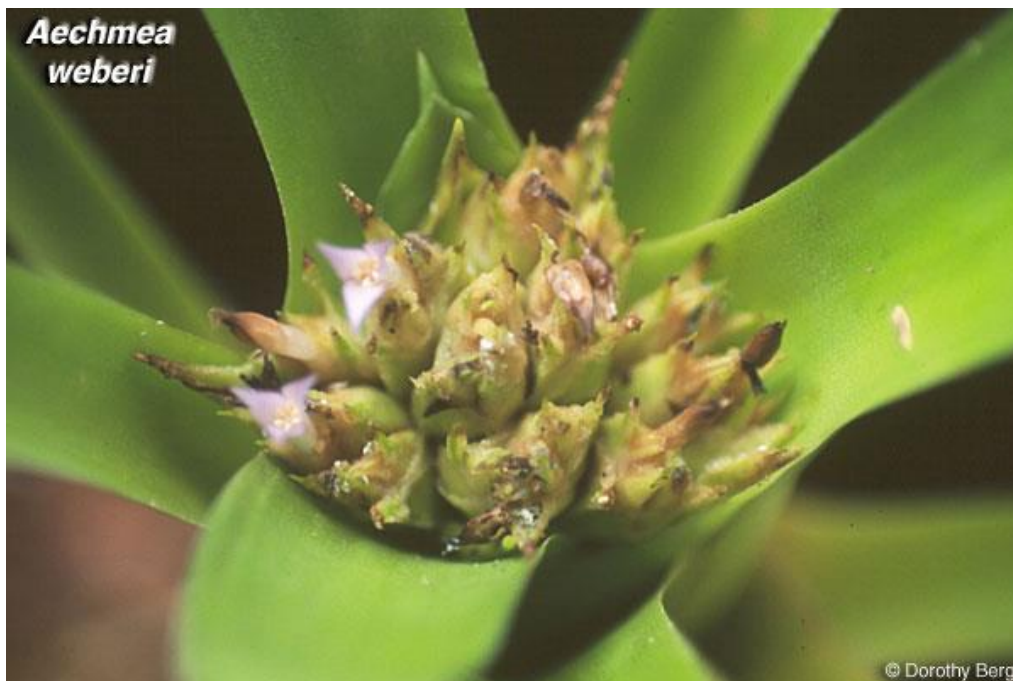
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Date

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***Aechmea mollis***

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