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Sarasota Bromeliad Society Monthly Meeting

LOCATION: Sarasota Garden Club, 1131 Blvd of the Arts, Sarasota, FL

DATE: April 17th

TIME: 7:30 PM

WORKSHOP

Time: 6:30

Ken Phelps will give a workshop on landscaping with bromeliads

Plant sale : Nick & Rosie are downsizing... Not only plants but bromeliad hangers and trees... Pots and lawn art.... Their contact info is: 941-228-9050 Nick or Rosie 941-224- 6193
Address: 4421 Burbank Avenue. Sarasota 34231.

**Please bring food or drinks for the refreshment table
Special raffle for only those folks!**

Tid Bit !

Bromeliads belong to a plant family called Bromeliaceae, which is comprised of over 3,000 species in 56 genera. Bromeliads share several characteristics, including the presence of scales on their leaves, known as trichomes. They also all have a spiral arrangement of leaves, known as a rosette.

UPCOMING MEETING:

Business:

We still need several committees filled, a newsletter editor.

John O'Steen has stepped down as raffle person & shop keeper.

We will need for two people to handle both of those duties.

Supplies WILL NOT be available at the APRIL meeting.

If you want supplies you will need to pre-order and send your request to

Mick at paisley06@gmail.com

April Program:



Ray Lemieux is our long-time succulent grower at Tropiflora. Ray is the most knowledgeable person on the nursery in the area of terrestrial bromeliads and succulent plants in general. He has always had a serious interest in plants and has been a collector for more than 15 years. Ray has traveled to Mexico, Venezuela, Madagascar and Singapore for Tropiflora in search of plants and has helped us build a really world class succulent collection. He has also been a past president of the Sarasota Bromeliad Society and is a current member of the Central Florida Cactus & Succulent Society, Bromeliad Society International, Sarasota Bromeliad Society, and the Cactus & Succulent Society of America. Ray enjoys playing softball and tending his personal collection of asclepiads and caudiciforms on his time off. Ray has been the SBS Show chair. He is always available to help.

Ray will be covering Bromeliad care basics such as rule of thumb watering, planting mediums, sun placement etc. I am sure even the seasoned among can benefit from Ray's surplus of knowledge.

SARASOTA BROMELIAD SOCIETY
March 20, 2017

President Mick Garza called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m. He welcomed those in attendance this evening.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved. In Diane Cantalamessa's absence, the treasurer's report was given by Judy Herman. Judy also announced that the books and records of the previous treasurer had been audited and found to be in good order.

Mick states that he would like to set up a mentoring program, pairing new members with older/more experienced members. He asked that if interested in participating, please contact him.

Dave Johnson will give a report of the BSI meeting at the next meeting.

Another plea for a newsletter editor was given. Mick announced that John Osteen will not continue as shopkeeper/raffle chair. He explained just what was involved for the spot, and Brigitte Ortiz graciously volunteered for this position.

The By-Laws need to be revised and Judy will chair the committee. Mick called for volunteers to work with her and Dave Johnson and Ruby Wendling agreed to serve on the committee.

Eva Talbert announced that The Children's Garden will be holding an adult Easter Egg Hunt on April 8th. Susan Stobo announced that she will be attending the World Conference which will be held in San Diego in 2018.

We are considering holding a plant auction in May. There was much discussion and a committee will be formed. Susan thinks that we should sell some of our books (from the SBS library) at that time. In addition to our books, it was suggested that our records should be thoroughly gone thru, as much of our information would be of interest, and could be of use to, BSI as we have had such illustrious members in our chapter's history.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m. After a short break, our speaker was Brigitte Ortiz, who spoke to us on a Potpourri of Flora and Fauna from her travels. The presentation was followed our monthly raffles.

Judy Herman
Recording Secretary

There were 16 attendees this evening