

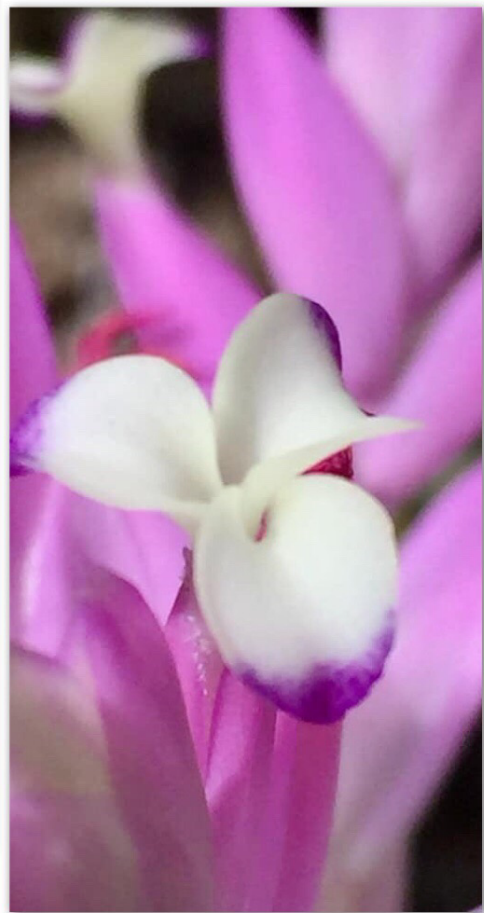


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Sarasota Bromeliad Society

Newsletter

June 2019



Tillandsia cacticola in bloom. In its natural habit in northern Peru, *Tillandsia cacticola* is often found growing on cactus, shrubs or trees.
Photo taken by David Vitolo at Marie Selby Botanical Gardens.

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Sarasota Bromeliad Society June Meeting

Location: Great Room at Selby Gardens, 811 S. Palm Ave, Sarasota

Date: Monday, June 10, 2019

Time: 6:00 – 9:00 pm

6:00 – Welcome, refreshments.

6:30 – Business Meeting

6:45 – Workshop: Kay Weber will demonstrate mounting Tillandsias and Miniature Neoregelias on driftwood.

7:15 - Show and Share, Door Prize, Raffle

7:30 – Speaker: Jason Mellica “Bromeliad Hybrids – What the Future Holds”

Please bring a food item to share for the refreshment table – There is a special plant raffle for those who bring food or drink items.

Bring plants for the raffle table and for Show and Tell – the raffle table is a great way to acquire new bromeliads for your collection and to share plants with fellow members. Please make sure your plants are clean and tagged with their name for the raffle table. Don't forget to bring a plant for Show and Tell.

Special thanks to Ken Phelps who brought a beautiful Neoregelia ‘Mercury Is In Love’ as an auction plant. Lee, a guest, who just recently developed an interest in

bromeliads offered the winning bid. Congratulations Lee! Hope to see you and Bruce at more meetings.

The Friendship Table is for your garden extras, bromeliads or other plants. They do not need to be tagged but should be clean and pest free.

The 2019 Bromeliad Extravaganza is sponsored by the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies and is being hosted by the Bromeliad Society of Central Florida. There will be dinner Friday night, a Banquet and Auction Saturday night, speakers, plant sale, workshops included in the \$100 registration fee. There will be two optional bus tours, both starting at 9am from the hotel and ending back at the hotel around 2pm. The first tour will visit the gardens of BSCF members John Boardman in St. Cloud and Lisa Robinette in Orlando. The second tour will visit McCrory's Sunny Hill Nursery greenhouses in Eustis. Each tour is \$20, which includes water on the bus, and is on a first come/first served basis.

The host hotel is the Marriott SpringHill/TownePlace Suites. The convention rate of \$85/night includes an expanded buffet breakfast and free parking. Your confirmation will show a parking fee which will be waived at checkout. For reservations go to <https://www.bromeliadorslando.com/extravaganza> or call the hotel and request the "Bromeliad Extravaganza 2019" rate: SpringHill Suites (407-635-8500) or TownePlace Suites (407-239-4005).

Update on the 2020 BSI World Conference - Fantastic news! Dennis Cathcart, speaker chair, has all 8 speakers lined up for the 2020 BSI World Conference to be held Sarasota June 9-13, 2020. The speakers will be Elton Leme (Brazil), Eric Gouda (Netherlands), Julian Aguirre-Santoro (Colombia), Ivon Ramirez (Mexico), Bruce Holst (Marie Selby Botanical Gardens), Cristy Brenner (California), Jerry Raack (Ohio), and Graeme Barclay (New Zealand). In addition to the world renowned speakers there will be a BSI Judges Show, Plant Sale, Banquet, Rare Plant Auction, and a bus tour on Friday to Marie Selby Botanical Gardens. There will be two optional tours. The first is to Michael's Bromeliads on Wednesday and the second is to Tropiflora on Thursday. For more information and updates go to the BSI website at bsi.org/new/conference-corner/page or to the BSI Facebook page.

Our workshop this month will be conducted by Kay Weber. Kay will conduct a workshop on mounting Tillandsias and Mini Neoregelias on some of her famous driftwood from Ohio. She will also be donating a couple pieces of driftwood to the auction.

June Program: Jason Mellica will be our speaker this month. Jason recently moved back to Sarasota after living in Colorado for a while. He has been busy hybridizing bromeliads this year. His presentation is called '**Bromeliad Hybridization – What the Future Holds**'. Jason Mellica received his Bachelor of Science in Botany from the University of Florida. Following his graduation Jason did an internship at Selby where he developed an interest in bromeliads. He has been growing, hybridizing, and selling bromeliads for the past 24 years. He has made over 100 Bromeliads hybrids. He has made over 1400 Neoregelia and Vriesea crosses this year. Jason will bring plants to sell to members.



New member at May meeting - The Sarasota Bromeliad Society would like to welcome member Wes Rouse.

xWallfussia 'Antonio' is a cross between what used to be called T. cyanea and T. platyrachis. Photo by Marian Kennell.

Whether you call it Tillandsia 'Antonio' or xWallfussia 'Antonio' this is a beautiful cross. Both parents used to be Tillandsias but have had name changes. T. cyanea is now Wallisia cyanea and T. platyrhachis is now Barfussia platyrhachis which now makes this a bigeneric cross with neither parent a Tillandsia.



Neoregelias are often collected because of their beautiful foliage or their lovely flowers. Some have both!

President Marian Kennell called the meeting to order at 6:41p.m. She welcomed the members in attendance this evening as well as new member Wes Rouse. There were two guests Lee and Bruce.

The minutes from the May meeting were approved. (Kathy Knuth/Mark Kennell).

There was no Treasurer's Report because the Treasurer was not in attendance.

A meeting to discuss the World Conference was planned for Sunday, May 19th at the home of Marian Kennell.

Marian Kennell informed members that the BSI Judges School started on May 4th. The first meeting was in Fort Myers. Two members of SBS are enrolled in the class – Marian Kennell and Gerald Cowley.

Plans are in the works to honor Shirley Evans, Bob Stickney, and David Johnson at the September meeting.

There will be a plant auction in November to raise money. This will be lieu of a regular meeting and will be held on November 11th.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59pm.

Following the meeting Dave Johnston gave the presentation "New Bromeliad Species and Hybrids."

David Bates
Recording Secretary

There were 20 members attending this evening.

Upcoming Events:

June 28-29, 2019--Tropiflora's Summer Sale, 3530 Tallevast Road, Sarasota; 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM each day. No frills, just plants. No food or music. No other vendors. Just great quality plants, many marked down at or below wholesale.

August 17-18, 2019--Seminole Bromeliad Society and Tropical Plant Society Annual Fall Sale, at the Garden Club of Sanford, 200 Fairmont Dr, Sanford, FL. 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM each day. For more information, go to www.sanfordgardenclub.com/sbtps

September 9, 2019 – Sarasota Bromeliad Society will be having a party to recognize 3 members who have contributed tremendously to our club. There will be cake, games, and more!. The three members being recognized are Shirley Evans, Bob Stickney, and David Johnson.

September 20-21, 2019--2019 Bromeliad Extravaganza, hosted by Bromeliad Society of Central Florida, Marriott's SpringHill Suites and TownePlace Suites, 8040 Palm Parkway, Orlando, FL. For more information, go to www.BromeliadX.com

October 25-27, 2019--Tropiflora's Fall Festival, 3530 Tallevast Road, Sarasota; 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM Fri. & Sat.; 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM Sun. A 3-day event featuring plants galore. Free parking, free admission, music, food, donuts & coffee, plus many other plant and garden art vendors.

November 11, 2019 Sarasota Bromeliad Society will have an Auction. There will be gorgeous bromeliads, driftwood and possibly a piece of art. The Great Room at Selby 6-9pm, 811 S. Palm Avenue, Sarasota, FL.

December 9, 2019 The Sarasota Bromeliad Society will have their Annual Christmas Party. Venue to be announced. There will be a gift exchange, food, fun and festivities.

June 9-13, 2020—Bromeliad Society International World Bromeliad Conference, hosted by Sarasota Bromeliad Society at the Hyatt Regency Sarasota, 1000 Boulevard of the Arts, Sarasota, FL. For more information go to www.bsi.org/new/Conference-corner/

