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Sarasota Bromeliad Society *Newsletter*

March 2020



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Sarasota Bromeliad Society Monthly Meeting

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

Date: Monday, March 9, 2020

Time: 6-9:00 pm

6:00 pm - Welcome, set-up

6:15 pm - Workshop by Debbie Lemieux: Photographing
Bromeliads

7:00 pm - Show and Share

7:15 pm – Refreshments

7:30 pm - Speaker Steve Byram ‘Bromeliads 101’

8:30 pm - Door Prizes, Raffle

8:45 pm - Clean-up

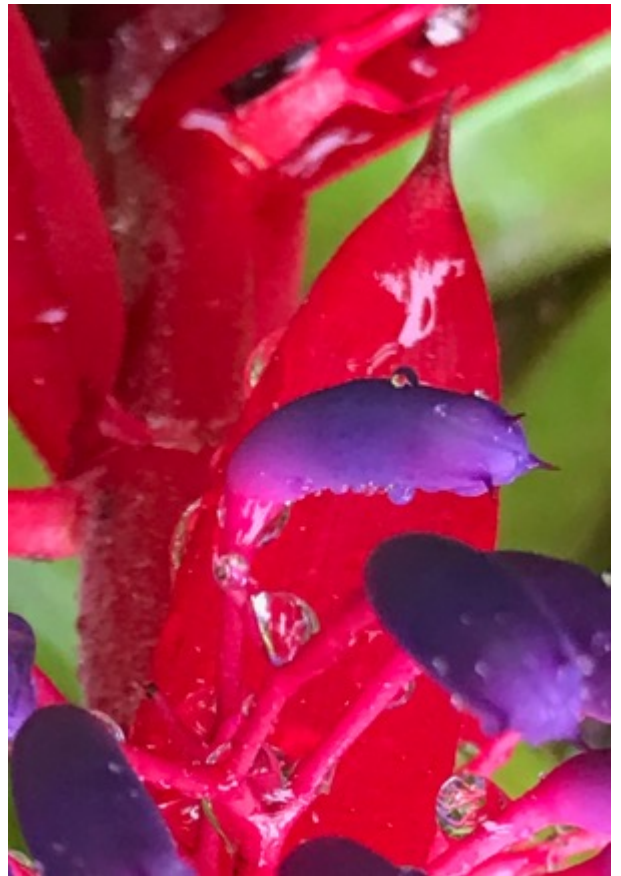


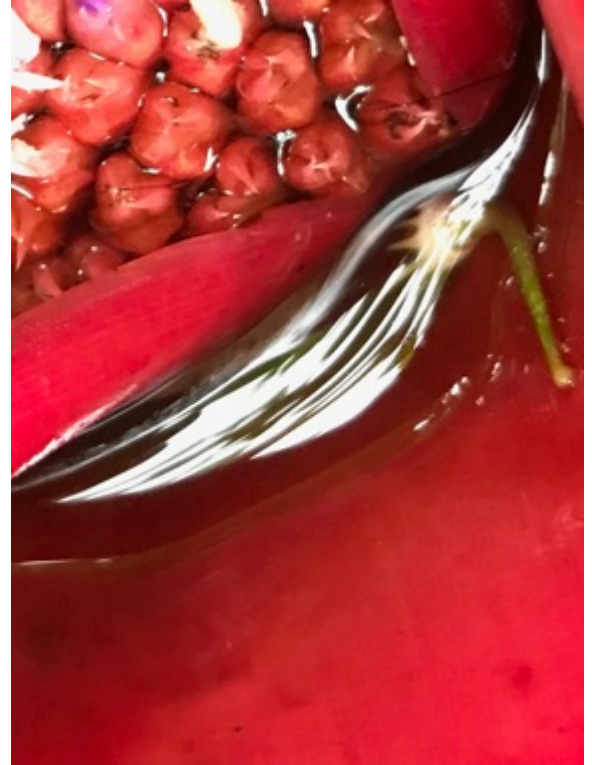
Steve Byram

Our speaker this month will be Steve Byram. He titled his presentation "Bromeliads 101". It is an introduction for those who are new to the world of Bromeliads. He will give us an overview of Bromeliad history, classifications, uses in the garden, growing tips, and where to purchase them. Much of this presentation is based on experiences in his own garden.

Steve is a retired physical education teacher who is a Pasco county master gardener. He has been a member of the Bromeliad guild of Tampa Bay for 13 years and has served as secretary, president, and currently as vice-president. Steve has given talks in Hillsborough, Pasco, and Miami-Dade Counties to garden clubs, nurseries, public libraries, and OLLI Life-Long Learning at the University of South Florida

Debbie Lemieux will conduct a workshop 'Photographing Bromeliads' at our March meeting. She will give a brief discussion regarding tips on photographing bromeliads. She will share some examples of photographs she has taken as well as provide tips on photographing bromeliads. We will start the workshop promptly at 6:15 PM. Bring your camera or cell phone to capture photographs of bromeliads. She is hoping members will bring prints of their favorite photos to our next workshop where she will share creative ways to display your photographs. Deb sent a few examples of her photographs to share with you in the newsletter.





Some photographs taken by Deb Lemieux. Deb will be conducting a workshop this month on photographing bromeliads.

RSVP for the March 7th SBS Garden Tour now. Nancy Abramson will be providing refreshments at her home during the garden tour. She has asked that people please RSVP to her at abramsnan@aol.com can better plan the refreshments. The tour will begin at 1PM at Jason Mellica's with a tour of his beautiful bromeliads including many of his own hybrids. He also has a wonderful collections of bromeliads from Grant Groves. He will have bromeliads for sale so bring your wallet if you would like to take advantage of this unique opportunity to purchase some of his plants. This is expected to take approximately 45 minutes. We will then proceed as a group to Nancy Abramson's home where she has a beautifully landscaped yard with all types of bromeliads, ferns, gingers and other tropical plants. She has plenty of ferns to share. Please bring containers if you would like to bring some of the ferns home. Although Nancy has had an interest in bromeliads, she has only recently started labeling plants in her yard. She thought it

might be fun for our members to help her label plants. The person who labels the most bromeliads will win a prize! This is a members only event.

1:00 PM Jason Mellica's - 2078 Pinehurst St., Sarasota

1:45 PM Nancy Abramson's - 2890 Hardee Drive, Sarasota

Raffle Baskets for the World Conference. We are looking for donations of all kinds for the raffle baskets. Bromeliad related items, gloves, gift cards (nursery, restaurant, etc), wine, gourmet food, scissors, mosquito repellent, clippers, containers, pots, art, etc. We will also need volunteers to help put the baskets together. Please let Nancy Abramson or Marian Kennell know if you would like to help gather materials for or assemble the Raffle baskets for the 2020 Bromeliad Society International World Conference.

Volunteers for the World Conference. There are many ways you can help to make the World Conference successful. Volunteers are needed. Some of the areas we are looking for volunteers include:

- Welcome – name tags, information
- Goody bags -assembly and distribution
- Last minute Raffle Baskets
- Plant Sale Set-Up/Assist Vendors
- Plant Show
- Rare Plant Auction
- Plant Storage
- Banquet
- Bus Tour Check-in
- Security
- Assist Cashiers
- Show Tear Down
- Sale Tear Down
- Seminar – check badges, information

What can you do to help SBS?

- **Garden Tour** – Share your garden with fellow members. Let Nancy Abramson know when we could schedule a tour of your garden.
- **Bringing plants for the raffle table** – 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.
- **Please bring a food item to share for the refreshment table** – appreciated. As always, any refreshments members bring are heartily enjoyed!
- **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.
- **Show and Share** allows members to share a bromeliad they have grown well or to ask other members for help on how to better grow their plant. Show members what is blooming now in your garden?
- **Donate items for the Raffle Baskets.** We are currently collecting items for the baskets that will be raffled at the World Conference. Please send yo
- **The BSI World Conference** needs volunteers to help with raffle baskets, moving plants, the welcome and information desk, goody bags, and other areas.

Thanks to Nancy Abramson for taking the initiative to organize some lovely garden tours. Garden tours are a fun way to get inspiration for our own gardens. The first set of tours will take place on March 7 at 1 PM when we will meet at Jason Mellica's garden. Jason has been working hard to build a greenhouse for his new hybrids. Jason will have plants for sale at his garden tour. This is a members only event. We will meet at Jason's house at 1PM. His address is 2078 Pinehurst St., Sarasota, FL 34231. The tour should last approximately 45 minutes. Following the tour at Jason's we will proceed to Nancy Abramson's home to tour her garden full of bromeliads intermixed among a lovely collection of plants. Nancy's address is 2890 Hardee Drive. She has lots of ferns to share. If anyone is interested please bring a container to transport them. Nancy is offering refreshments following the tour. Thanks to Jason and Nancy for allowing us this interesting opportunity! If you would like to share your garden with fellow SBS members in the future, please contact Nancy Abramson at: abramsnan@aol.com.



Jason Mellica holding his very well grown Neoregelia 'Ring of Fire' at February's Show and Share.



Inez and Len Dolatowski

Sarasota Bromeliad Society mourns the loss of one of our members Len Dolatowski. Inez Dolatowski wanted me to let our members know that her husband Len passed away February 15, 2020. She wrote "I thought I'd let you know that Len passed away on February 15th peacefully at home after a long illness with COPD. Len had been involved in bromeliads and bromeliad societies starting in 1983 when we attended our first meeting at Greater Chicago Bromeliad Society where he was heavily involved in the society and was chairman of the 2nd International Cryptanthus Society Show and Sale in 1989. We moved in 1995 leaving our furniture behind to Bradenton with a small trailer holding all of our plants and us with our daughter Dawn and our pets in the car. He continued to be very active in Florida with the Sarasota Bromeliad Society until last few years due to being on oxygen 24/7. He just loved to talk to people about plants and helped at every Tropiflora Sale since the beginning until his health declined as well as every SBS show and sale since joining. He took care of all of our plants and it was his passion and joy in life. We spent many days traveling to various plant shows, sales, nurseries and gardens and often took plant friends with us. He was president of both societies at least once or twice. He also was editor of the Florida Council Newsletter for a year after Carol and Geoff Johnson. We attended quite a few World Conferences as well as most Extravaganzas and even a Cactus and Succulent Convention in Arizona. His world was plants and his family which included Dawn, our granddaughters Lily and Leilah and myself. We were married 44 years and he was my best friend, soul mate and plant buddy. I plan on continuing our plant adventures with the girls. Anyone interested in attending in attending the service may contact me for details."

Inez



Some information about the 2020 World Conference:

Speakers 2020 World Conference

Elton Leme – Brazil

Eric Gouda – Netherlands

Ivon Ramirez – Mexico

Julian Aguirre-Santoro – Colombia

Bruce Holst – Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, Florida, USA

Cristy Brenner – California, USA

Jerry Raack – Ohio, USA

Graeme Barclay – New Zealand

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**70th Anniversary
World Bromeliad Conference 2020**

2020 Dates:	Tuesday June 9	Wednesday June 10	Thursday June 11	Friday June 12	Saturday June 13	Sunday June 14
Events:	<p><i>Continental Breakfast at Board meeting, 8:30-9:30</i></p> <p>Board Meeting, 9-5</p> <p><i>Boxed Lunch at Board meeting: 12-1</i></p> <p><i>Continental Breakfast at Judges school, 8-9</i></p> <p>Judges School, 9-5</p> <p><i>Boxed Lunch at the Judges school: 12-1</i></p> <p>Plant Show Entries, 5-8 PM</p> <p>Storage of Plants for Plant Sale, 3 PM+</p> <p>Board Dinner, 6-8 Offsite</p>	<p>Optional Bus Tour to Michael's Bromeliads and a local garden visit, 8:30-12</p> <p>Plant Show Entries (with prior approval), 8:30-11:30</p> <p><i>Boxed Lunch (for judges, clerks, and showroom volunteers): 12:00-1:00</i></p> <p>Plant Sale Setup, 1:30-4:00</p> <p>Plant Show Judging, 1-5+</p> <p>Official Conference Opening, Reception & Welcome Address, 6-7:30</p>	<p>Optional Bus Tour to Tropicflora and a local garden visit, 9-12</p> <p>Awards Placement, 9-12</p> <p>Plant Sale Setup, 1:30-5:00</p> <p>Plant Show open for registrants only, 2-6:30</p> <p>Cocktail Reception, 6-7</p> <p>Early Admission to Plant Sale for Lottery Winners, 6:30-7:00</p> <p>Plant Sale open for registrants, 7-9</p>	<p>Bus Tour for Registrants to Selby Gardens, 9-11:45</p> <p>Seminar 1, 1:00-2:00</p> <p>Seminar 2, 2:15-3:15</p> <p>Seminar 3, 3:30-4:30</p> <p>Seminar 4, 4:45-5:45</p> <p>Plant Sale open to public, 9-6</p> <p>Plant Show open to public, 9-6</p> <p>Rare Plant Auction Viewing Starts at 6:30</p> <p>Rare Plant Auction with Cash Bar, Starts at 7</p>	<p>Seminar 5, 9-10,</p> <p>Seminar 6, 1015-11:15</p> <p>Seminar 7, 11:30-12:30</p> <p>Seminar 8, 2:00-3:00</p> <p>Plant Sale open to public, 9-4 (teardown, 4-5)</p> <p>Plant Show open to public, 9-2 (teardown, 2-3)</p> <p>Banquet with Keynote Speaker, 7-10</p>	<p>Cryptanthus Society Meeting, 9-12</p> <p>Plant Storage, Ends at 11 AM</p>

Note: This tentative schedule is preliminary in nature and is subject to change.

Printable registration form that can be mailed if you do not wish to or or

BSI MEMBERSHIP USA Rates/WBC 2020

Bromeliad Society International

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Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Address Line 1 _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

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Journal	Single Rate	Dual Rate	Payment Date	Fee	Extra Banquet for a Guest, 6/13/20, \$100/person	
Electronic Only	\$15	\$25	Paid by Jan. 31, 2020 (one registration)	\$295	Optional Bus Tour to Michael's Bromeliads, 6/10/20, \$30/person	
Printed Journal:			Paid from Feb. 1 to May 26 (one registration)	\$335	Optional Bus Tour to Tropiflora, 6/11/20, \$30/person	
US Bulk	\$35	\$45	Paid after May 26 th	\$395	<i>All Bus Tours are in the morning</i>	
US First-Class	\$40	\$50	Two Registrants (add circled rate)		Total of Selected Options:	
			Total of Circled Rate & Registration Fee(s) & Options (if any): _____			

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World Bromeliad Conference, June 10-13, 2020, Hyatt Regency Sarasota

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Upcoming Events

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March 28-29, 2020 – Bromeliad Society of South Florida will have their Spring Show and Sale. Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Miami, Florida. Large show of very rare plants. Plant vendors outside. Auction of rare plants Saturday and Sunday at 1:00 PM in the auditorium.

April 3-5, 2020--Tropiflora's Spring 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 and vendors from all over Florida, garden art, live music, and food from Choo-Choo's BBQ. Free admission and parking.

April 13, 2020 – The Sarasota Bromeliad May Meeting, 811 S Palm Ave, Sarasota, Fl., 6-9PM. Our speaker Dr. Theresa Bert will discuss entering bromeliads in a BSI Standard Show.

May 11, 2020 – Sarasota Bromeliad Society April Meeting, 6-9PM. Bob Smedley from Orlando will give a presentation on mounting bromeliads for artistic presentation. Bob is a recipient of the Morris Henry Hobbs Best of Show-Artistic Award. The presentation will consist of a PowerPoint presentation as well as some physical examples. This will be a real treat as this presentation that has been very well received by other societies.

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. Registration is now available . For more information go to www.bsi.org/new/Conference-corner/

December 14, 2020. Holiday Party in lieu of meeting. Location to be determined.