

The Southeastern Michigan Bromeliad Society

An Affiliate of the Bromeliad Society International

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SEMBS March – April 2022 Newsletter

It is with great sadness that we share news of the passing of two of our long-time members in recent weeks. On February 22, 2022, Jane Klosterman died after a lengthy illness. One week later on March 1, 2022, Andrea Gray lost her decades long battle with lupus. Their obituaries are included in the newsletter. Our condolences and prayers are with the families, and especially for George Klosterman and Gordon Gray.

Calendar Update for upcoming meetings:

March 2022- There will be no meeting held this month.

Saturday, April 9, 2022, at 2:00 PM using Google Meet. Details below. This is one week earlier than our typical meeting date due to the Easter holiday the following weekend. Indiana resident and member Kevin Patterson will share his knowledge and enthusiasm for growing bromeliads from seed in a virtual workshop. Kevin will detail all aspects of the process, from acquiring and producing seed, germination media and planting seed, lighting, and temperature. Examples will be shown of seedlings in



various stages of growth, which can be very helpful for other growers so that they can know what to expect. (There will be a limited supply of seeds offered at the May meeting for anyone who



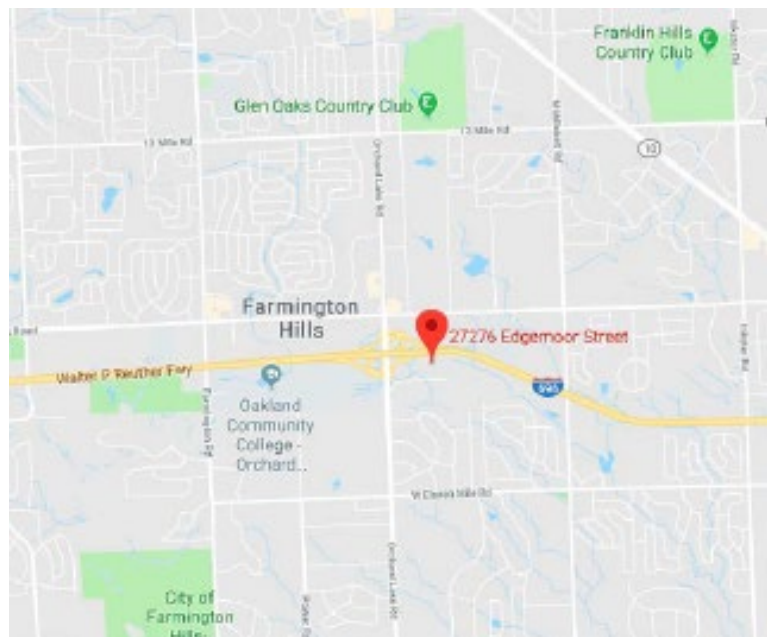
would like to try.) Use this link to join the meeting- <https://meet.google.com/ess-xbdy-tbh> If more than 60 minutes is required for discussion, an additional link will be provided in the “chat” box to continue past 3 PM. We will also have a brief discussion about our society’s spring group order from Michael’s Bromeliads and from Tillandsia International. It is not required that you be present to participate in the order, though if you have any special order requests, or know how many “Grower’s Choice” plants you would like, you can email Paul Wingert pcwingert@gmail.com with any lists. If you wish to explore Michael's full catalog, go to <https://michaelsbromeliads.com> choose the “Our Collections” tab from the

Home page. You are welcome to special order from the catalog. There aren't a ton of photos on Michael's web page, but there are fantastic internet resources if you google a species name or cultivar name. The BSI Species Database (newly released on March 16!!) and the BSI Cultivar Registry are two good places to research individual plants! If Michael has the requested item available, he typically offers a 25% discount from list price for our society order. Most of our society order is typically the "Grower's Choice" selections. You may order any number of plants at price points of \$5 or \$10. (Prices include shipping charges and MI state sales tax). Michael does a very nice job honoring general requests i.e., *variegated* or *mini Neoregelias*, *hybrid Billbergias*, *spiny terrestrials*, or an "*eclectic mix*" for those who wish to explore some of the oddball Bromeliad genera! For those who are particularly fond of Tillandsias, go the <https://airplant.com> website. Plants priced \$10 and above can be ordered individually. If anyone desires individual Tillandsias in the \$2-10 price range, please contact Paul to confirm that the required minimum will be ordered. For those who are looking for more information and pictures of some of the Tillandsias, there are some good resources online. The Facebook group "Planet Tillandsia" is a great place for absolute fanatics. If you search "Frank Messina" (owner of Tillandsia International) on Planet Tillandsia, it highlights all of Frank's posts and photos- a superior resource to the catalog on the airplant.com website! It's worth repeating that the BSI Species Database and the BSI Cultivar Registry are two good places to research individual plants!

Take note that the deadline for placing orders will be Saturday, April 30, 2022!

Saturday, May 21, 2022, at 2:00 PM at the home of Paul & Karen Wingert- 27276

Edgemoor, Farmington Hills, MI 48334. The primary agenda will be the distribution of plants from the society group order. In addition to any orders from Tillandsia International and Michael's Bromeliads, there will be another significant number of plants to be distributed from Andrea Gray's bromeliad collection. Andrea's widower, Gordon, wishes for her plants to be adopted by plant lovers who shared her



passion for bromeliads! As we continue to nurture the plants that she loved, may we happily remember and honor Andrea's life and the friendship that we shared! The plants are free to society members, though it is strongly encouraged that individuals consider donating to the "Michigan Lupus Foundation in honor of Andrea Gray".

June meeting- Members are encouraged to attend the Bromeliad Society International World Bromeliad Conference in Sarasota, FL. Dates of the Conference are June 7-11, 2022. See the attached flyer for more information.

Saturday, July 23, 1:00 PM. Annual summer picnic/ potluck hosted by Lynne & Pat Echlin. Meeting topic and more details to follow in the July-August newsletter

Saturday, August 20, 2:00 PM. Meeting hosted Paul Wingert. Meeting topic and more details to follow in the July-August newsletter.

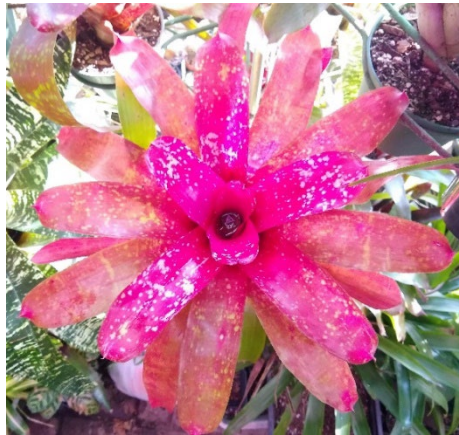
Saturday, September 10- Sunday, September 11- Annual Fall Sale at Matthaei Botanical Gardens. We will resume our partnership with the Michigan Cactus & Succulent Society after a two-year interruption!

Saturday, October 15- meeting location and program yet to be determined.

Saturday, November 19, 2:00 PM. @Matthaei Botanical Gardens. Carol Kimbrough will present a program titled "Terrestrial Bromeliads- Living with the Enemy". Carol will offer a humorous take on her fascination with spiny, terrestrial bromeliads!

December- TBD

Neoregelia ("Passion x Grace") x *Treasure Chest*- hybrid by Paul Wingert



Aechmea fulgens variegated grown by Bob Watson-
photo by Bob Watson



Jane May Klosterman

July 6, 1948 - February 22, 2022

Jane May Klosterman, age 73, passed away February 22, 2022. She was the loving wife of George for 50 years; devoted mother of Melissa (William) Mergner and Tammy (Andrew) Brown; cherished grandmother of Christopher, Erich, Jason, and Victoria; and dear sister of Richard (Deb) Schilling and Tom (Jeannine) Schilling. Jane also leaves many nieces and nephews.

Jane May was born on July 6, 1948 to Adolf and Helen Schilling. The eldest of three, she grew up in Detroit and graduated from Redford High School. Jane married her childhood sweetheart, George Klosterman, at Detroit Gloria Day Lutheran Church on October 29, 1971. Shortly after marriage, the couple was blessed with two daughters: Melissa and Tammy.

As their lives blossomed, the family moved from Southfield to West Bloomfield where they began to settle. Jane worked as a secretary at an accounting firm while her children grew but still made time to attend field trips and band boosters. Jane mastered the art of sewing and handcrafted many treasures. Cookbooks and scrapbooks were a couple of favorites, always on the hunt for the perfect fabric to use. Jane and George frequented the local craft shows, selling her work.

Jane loved her grandchildren. If there was an event to attend, she did her best to be there. Band concerts, dance recitals, and robotics competitions were a few of her favorites. Jane also enjoyed spending time with her extended family and loved ones. Her memory will live on in the hearts of her loving husband, children, and grandchildren.

Mrs. Klosterman's family will receive friends on Sunday, February 27th, from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at McCabe Funeral Home, 31950 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills. She will lie in state Monday, February 28th, at 10:00 a.m. until the time of her Funeral Service at 11:00 a.m. at Shepherd King Lutheran Church, 5300 W Maple Rd, West Bloomfield Township. Mrs. Klosterman will be laid to rest at Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park, Livonia. In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions to Shepherd King Lutheran Church are appreciated in her name.



Andrea Lynn Gray, 77, of Livonia, Michigan, passed away on March 1, 2022, after a long battle with Lupus.

Andrea was born on September 27, 1944, to Richard and Margaret Hutton in Detroit, Michigan. After graduating from Dearborn High school, she went onto attend 2 years of college at Bob Jones University, studying business administration. In the spring of 1966, Andrea met Gordon Gray, and they wed May 6, 1967, and went on to have 2 children, Christy, and Matthew.

Andrea was very active in church and in life. At Covenant Community Church, you could find her leading young women's bible study, Pioneer Girls side by side with her mother. She also was actively involved in the women's ministry, Winning Women. She and Gordon loved to bowl and were in a bowling league for many years. She also had a passion for plants and flowers. That passion led her to attend Michigan State University to obtain her Master Gardener's Certification in 2007. Her passion and joy started with African violets and expanded into a full greenhouse of orchids, succulents, cacti, and other unique plants that she obtained along the way. She also held membership at the Michigan Bromeliad society and the Michigan Orchid Society. Her other passion was supporting others. When she was first diagnosed with Lupus in 1986, she immediately began researching Lupus, not only for herself but to also provide others with information and support, so they didn't feel alone. She volunteered leading support groups, running on-call hotlines from home, and doing whatever she could to help others dealing with Lupus.



Andrea enjoyed beauty in all things and was always determined to make the best of what God blessed her with. While we are at a loss without her, we have such peace and joy knowing that she is in the presence of Jesus and now home!

Andrea was predeceased by her father Richard, her mother Margaret, and her sister Lynda. Andrea is survived by her husband, Gordon, her children Christy and Matthew, daughter in law Melanie, and grandchildren Elsa and Mary. She is also survived by her brothers and sister, Roger, Pat, Dave, Rick, Phil, and Tim along with countless cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Michigan Lupus Foundation in honor of Andrea Gray. Website - <https://milupus.org/donate/>

There will be a Celebration of Life service for Andrea, April 2, 2022, at . Service will be at 1:30 with a reception to follow at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Rd, Canton, MI 48187.

There will be a livestream option available, more information will follow.



Some views from inside Andrea Gray's greenhouse.

Bromeliads are dominant in the collection.

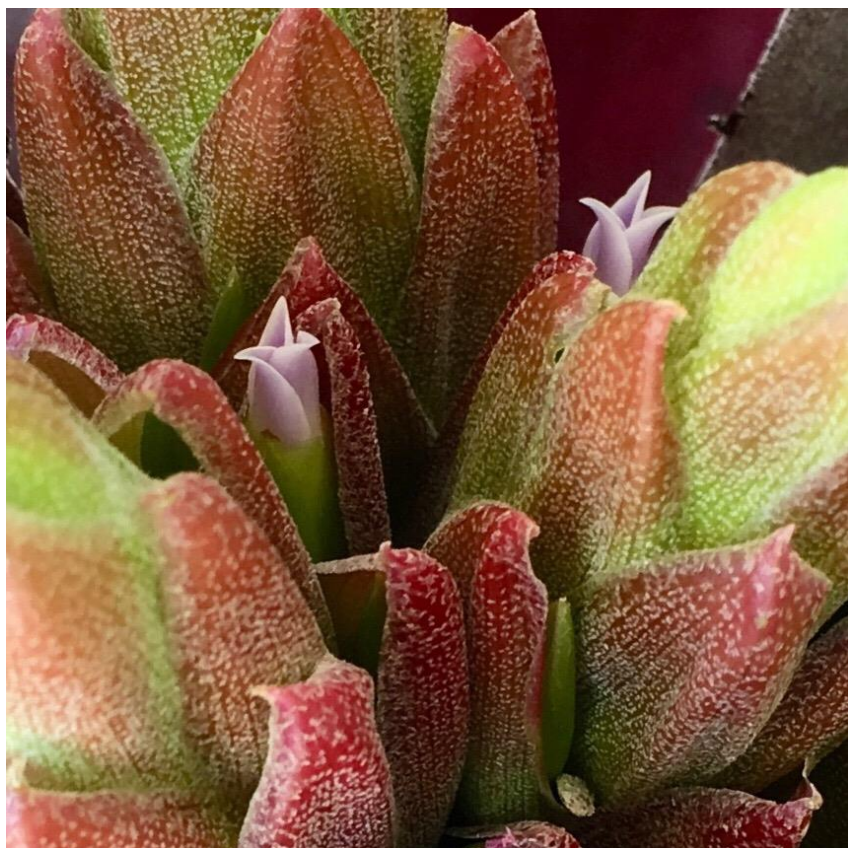
Ferns, Hoyas, Christmas cacti, Aloes, Gasterias, and other

unusual succulents are also well represented.



Photo credits- Gordon Gray





World Bromeliad Conference June 8-11, 2022 Hyatt Regency Sarasota

World Bromeliad Conference 2022

Join Bromeliad lovers from around the world at the Bromeliad Society International's 24th World Bromeliad Conference which will be held in Sarasota for the first time!

Attendees will have the opportunity to go behind the scenes at **Marie Selby Botanical Gardens** (with its collection of over 1300 Bromeliad species) and **Michael's Bromeliads** and **Tropiflora** with their collector-grade Bromeliads.

Mix and mingle with attendees from all over the world at the Hyatt Regency Sarasota with its beautiful waterfront setting and nearby fine dining, beaches, shopping, museums, and other sightseeing opportunities.

Join us for **THE BIG SHOW** at **World Bromeliad Conference 2022** with this amazing opportunity to learn, grow and explore!

Speaker Presentations:

Graeme Barclay – New Zealand
Eric Gouda – Netherlands
Ivon Ramirez – Mexico
Julián Aguirre-Santoro – Colombia
Cristy Brenner – California
Bruce Holst – Florida
Jerry Raack – Ohio

Banquet Keynote Speaker:

Graeme Barclay – New Zealand

Events:

Conference Opening/Reception
Judged Plant Show
A Huge Plant Sale
Optional Bus Tours
Behind-the-Scenes visits to:
Michael's Bromeliads
Tropiflora
Home Garden Visits
Guided Behind-the-Scenes Tour
Marie Selby Botanical Gardens
Banquet with Keynote Speaker
Rare Plant Auction



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WBC 2022 Schedule

Tuesday, June 7, 2022 (pre-conference)
BSI Board Meeting, Judges School, and
Plant Show Entries

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

Morning:

Optional Bus Tour to **Michael's Bromeliads**
plus a Light Lunch & Home Garden Visit
Plant Show Entries

Afternoon:

Plant Show Judging
Plant Sale Setup

Evening:

Official Conference Opening, Reception and
Welcome Address

Thursday, June 9, 2022

Morning:

Optional Bus Tour to **Tropiflora**
plus a Light Lunch & Home Garden Visit

Afternoon:

Plant Sale Setup
Plant Show Open for registrants only

Evening:

Cocktail Reception
Plant Sale Open for registrants only

Friday, June 10, 2022

Morning:

Behind-the-Scenes Bus Tour (registrants only)
to **Marie Selby Botanical Gardens**

Afternoon:

Four Speakers

Morning and Afternoon:

Plant Sale Open
Plant Show Open

Evening:

Rare Plant Auction

Saturday, June 11, 2022

Morning and early afternoon:

Four Speakers

Morning and early afternoon:

Plant Sale Open
Plant Show Open

Evening:

Banquet with Keynote Speaker

More Information

For more information on WBC 2022,
just go to the BSI website at
<https://www.bsi.org> and click on the
WBC menu choice near the top.

After you register for the conference,
you can also make hotel reservations at
a special price with free parking and no
resort fees.

Conference Registration:

\$335 if paid by May 26, 2022
\$395 at the conference

BSI Membership

To register for the conference, you need
to become a BSI member if you aren't
one already. Membership rates start at
only \$15 for first-time members.

Join the BSI at <https://www.bsi.org>. Start
by clicking on the **WBC** menu and then
select **WBC REGISTRATION**.

BSI MEMBERSHIP RATES			
Journal	First-Time Member*	Indiv. Renewal	Dual Renewal
ONE-YEAR RATES			
Electronic Only	\$15	\$25	\$35
Printed Journal			
US Bulk	\$35	\$50	\$60
US First-Class	\$40	\$55	\$65
Int'l Air Mail	\$45	\$60	\$70
THREE-YEAR RATES			
Electronic Only	N/A	\$70	\$100
Printed Journal			
US Bulk	N/A	\$140	\$170
US First-Class	N/A	\$155	\$185
Int'l Air Mail	N/A	\$170	\$200

(*For First-Time Member **Dual** rate, add \$10)

