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The Southeast Michigan Bromeliad Society  
An Affiliate of the Bromeliad Society International  
November/December 2022



Dyckia 'White Fang' - grown by Carol Kimbrough. Photo credit- Carol Kimbrough



### ***Calendar November/December 2022***

The Southeast Michigan Society will have its monthly meeting on Saturday, November 19, at 2:00 PM at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor, MI. It will take place in the auditorium and be open to the public.

Our featured speaker will be Carol Kimbrough. She is a member of both the Michigan Cactus & Succulent Society and SEMBS. Carol is a knowledgeable horticulturist who has recently become greatly enamored with bromeliads. A popular speaker with garden clubs, Carol has a penchant for seeing the lighter side of things! Her title for the presentation is not firmly set, however depending on prevailing weather conditions on the meeting day, it will be either "Bromeliads with Attitude!" or "Spiny Terrestrial Bromeliads- Living with the Enemy!"

The photos below give a sense of Carol's horticultural prowess!

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Carol's summer growing setup- outdoors on the patio.



A fantastically well grown group of Orthophytums!





*Dyckia choristaminea*, a dwarf species from Brazil that forms a beautiful clump.



Carol's solarium.



Inside the solarium! *Dyckias*, epiphytic cacti, Aloes, Euphorbias, and other assorted succulents take full advantage of vertical space!



**October meeting wrap-** We had a nice turnout for Betty Patterson's presentation- "In the Shadow of the Volcanoes". It was illuminating to hear the details of planning, personal connections, and organization necessary to execute an expedition to unexplored territories! Reality check- traveling involves risk! Venomous snakes, lots of bugs, and danger of falling on wet, slippery rocks and near vertical surfaces! But the opportunity to see plants in habitat- perhaps even discovering plants never seen before outweighs the risks! For us as casual observers, it is always fascinating and informative to see plants in the wild and given the challenges of traveling to such a remote location, we were privileged indeed to have a taste of the experience! It was also very interesting to hear how plant specimens are collected and processed for the herbarium. There is great scientific need to document the incredible diversity of plants and know where they grow, so that we may endeavor to protect rare and unusual species for the future.

We purchased two volumes of Jose Manzanares "***Bromeliads of Ecuador***" (with English translation by Betty Patterson) to add to our society library. These are *large* books chock full of information and tons of photos!

***We have a new librarian!*** Brooke Monette has volunteered to take on the task of Librarian for SEMBS. We will take stock of our current inventory and publish that in an upcoming newsletter. If we have time at the November meeting, we will discuss protocols for checking out library books.

***December calendar-*** Merry Christmas! No meeting this month due to lingering COVID-19 concerns.

We will resume in the New Year with meetings by Google Meet in January and February. **Details to follow in the January/February 2023 Newsletter.** January topic will be "The BSI WBC Experience, Sarasota June 2022". In February, we will reprise last year's Show and Tell. Those who participated really enjoyed the experience, so start gathering up 5-10 photos of your favorite bromeliads to share with friends. Perhaps something new in bloom? Or an update on a new acquisition from 2022!

***Dues reminder-*** We were very lax about dues renewals during COVID. Thankfully, we are nearly back to normal! For individuals who joined the society or renewed dues at a meeting in 2022 or at the September Show, you are paid up through December 2023. All others, kindly remit dues at the November meeting to our Treasurer- Lynne Echlin, or make a check to SEMBS by December 31, 2022 and mail to: SEMBS, PO Box 80472, Rochester Hills, MI 48308-0472 Dues are \$12 for individuals. \$15 for families, and \$5 for members who live outside a 75-mile radius from Detroit.

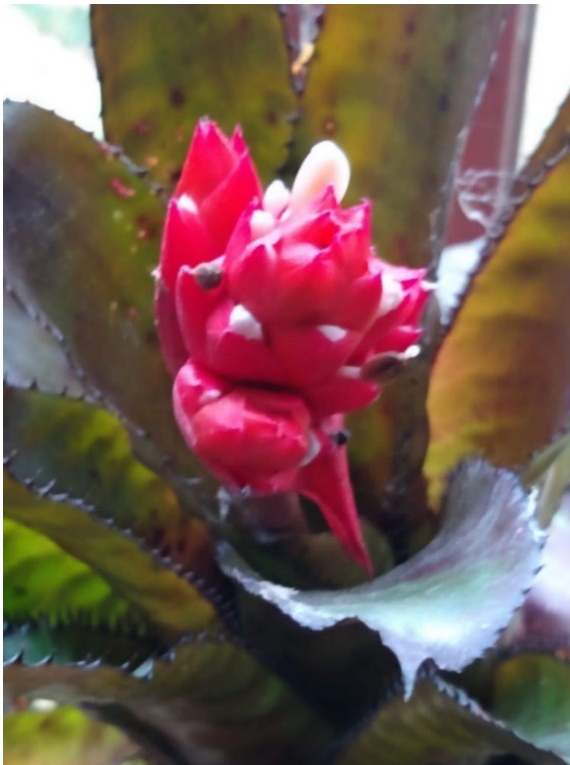
***Special promotion-*** As an affiliate of The Bromeliad Society International, we have typically made an annual contribution to the BSI for ongoing support. This year, several

affiliates are instead sponsoring a membership drive for the BSI! If you are current SEMBS member in good standing (dues paid through 2023), you are encouraged to [join the BSI](#). If you have never been a member of the BSI before, you can choose a First-Time Individual Membership for \$15, which features access to the members only sections of the BSI website. This includes access to all the BSI Journals including the most recent five years, and full access to the monumental Bromeliad Species Database that was released last June. Fill out the online application and make payment for membership by credit card or PayPal. ***Save or download proof of payment and email a copy to our treasurer- <mailto:lechlin@gmail.com>*** Be sure that your name and mailing address is in the email! SEMBS will reimburse you the \$15. If you wish to receive a printed copy of the **Journal**, you will be responsible for the additional \$30 charge.

To be equitable, we will extend the offer of a \$15 reimbursement to current SEMBS members who are already BSI members. Note that the *membership renewals* take place on a different page on the BSI website.

***Are you interested to host a meeting during 2023?*** Contact Paul Wingert <mailto:pcwingert@gmail.com> to discuss dates.

***Are there any special topics or particular bromeliads you would like to see featured in future meetings?*** Contact Paul with your ideas!



Currently in bloom- *Quesnelia edmundoi* var. *rubrobracteata*. It is native to only a few locations in the Atlantic Forest near Rio di Janeiro, Brazil. This particular specimen has been growing on a slab of cork for many years. Stoloniferous in nature, there are many advantages to growing these plants mounted, rather than in pots!