

TROPICAL FERN AND EXOTIC PLANT SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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MEETING REMINDER •

Monday, May 28, 2018 at 7:30 pm in the Garden House



Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Corbin A

Speaker: **Steven J. Royer**, Assoc. Professor of Biology
Palm Beach State College

Program: "Ferns from Folklore to Natural History"

Raffle Table will be provided by:

Glenda and Michael Weed

Refreshments will be served



TFEPS

Monday, April 23, 2018 meeting

Topic: **Gardening with Epiphytes**

*presented by **Nick Ewy***

Assoc. Dir. of Horticulture

*with **Naples Botanic Garden***

Raffle Table was provided by:

Ree Gardens and Rory Antolak

Tasty Treats provided by:

Emaly Iisreal

THE
TROPICAL FERN & EXOTIC PLANT SOCIETY
ANNUAL SHOW & SALE

May 26 & 27, 2018

9:30am — 4:30pm

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden

Garden House

10901 Old Cutler Road

Coral Gables, Florida



Program title: **"Ferns From Folklore to Natural History"**

Speaker: **Steven J. Royer, Associate Professor of Biology, Palm Beach State College.**

Steven has been involved with the fern and plant worlds for many years. He studied fern biology with the legendary Warren H. Wagner at the University of Michigan and continued his involvement with ferns in the botanical garden world and as a hobby since then. Steven has worked as Program Manager at Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve in Michigan, as Special Projects Coordinator at American Public Gardens Association and as Director of Program Development at American Orchid Society and as Director of Development at Mounts Botanical Garden in West Palm Beach before beginning his current position as a biology professor. He attained his B.S. degree from the University of Michigan and M.S. in Biology from Andrews University. He also does consulting work on horticultural and botanical projects, including developing the concept of Micro-Botanical Gardens.

The Co-President's Letter

Our thanks and appreciation goes to **Nick Ewy**, Associate Dir. Of Horticulture, Naples Botanic Garden for his excellent presentation at the April meeting on **Gardening with Epiphytes**. He had many photos of Florida's native epiphytes and others as well as tips on establishing them in our own trees. Naples Botanic Garden is working to establish Florida's Ghost Orchid in hospitable sites in South Florida.

Plans are being put in action as you read this for the **Annual TFEPS Show and Sale on May 26 – 27, 2018**, in the Garden House at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden. Admission is free to FTBG members or with paid admission to the garden. Our appreciation goes out to Marnie Valent, Show Chair, to Vivian Waddell, Show Vice Chair and to the many volunteers who will set up the show, staff the show, tear down the show and to the many members who place their prized plants in the show to create a beautiful garden. Please invite your plant loving friends to attend. The many vendors and members will have an array of ferns, aroids, begonias, bromeliads, crotons, orchids, medinillas, palms, flowering shrubs/trees, cycads and many other rare and unusual collectables.

I am pleased to announce that the Board of Directors has appointed Arielle Simon as TFEPS Secretary for the remainder of the term, which is through the end of 2018. Many of you will remember Arielle as the liaison from FTBG who ably worked with our Society for meetings, our show, the Spring Sale and the Ramble. **Congratulations Arielle!**

I'm sure you are looking forward to the commencement of "rainy season." Our plants have been patiently waiting and now can recover more fully from Hurricane Irma.

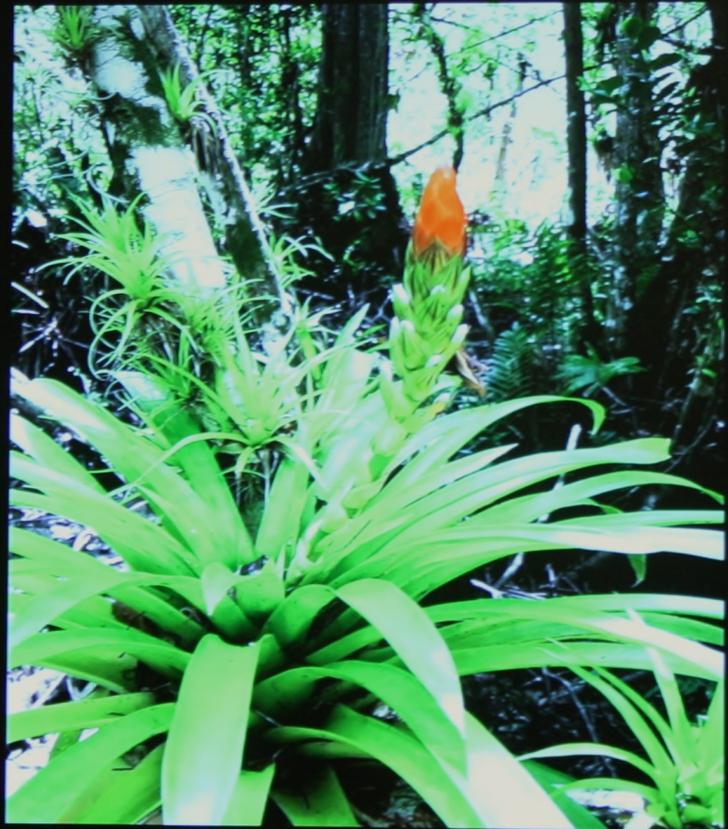
Rain or shine, I look forward to seeing you at the Show and Sale and at our monthly May Meeting, May 28th.

Marie Nock

Epiphyte

- An organism that grows on the surface of a plant and derives its moisture and nutrients from the air, rain, debris accumulating around it or animal activity. Not a parasite!
- Most are found in subtropical to tropical environments and contain a huge diversity of species.
- Some temperate climates can have a limited amount of species

Guzmania monostachia



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April 23rd presentation ■ GARDENING WITH EPIPHYTES

Huge Diversity of Plants



- Cactaceae
- Zingiberaceae
- Orchidaceae
- Bromeliaceae
- Araceae
- Polypodiaceae
- Rubiaceae
- Gesneriaceae





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Nick Ewy

Presentation of GARDENING WITH EPIPHYTES

Share the SHOW & SALE
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friends & family



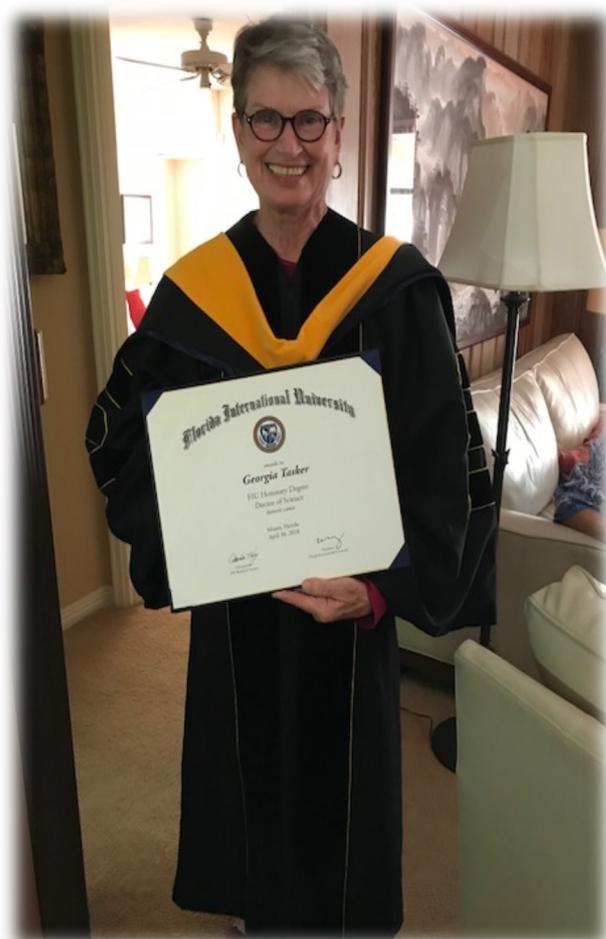
Congratulations Dr. Tasker

Congratulations to Georgia Tasker who on April 30, 2018 was awarded an honorary doctorate in Science by Florida International University. Following is the dedication from the diploma she received.

“Georgia Tasker, we honor and salute you for your contributions to the field of environmental journalism.

For 50 years, you have written about some of the most important environmental issues facing our community and the world, from gardening in South Florida to rainforest conservation and global climate change. Before it was fashionable to care about bees and pollination, you wrote articles in The Miami Herald drawing attention to their importance in an increasingly pesticide-laden world. In 1987 you became a Pulitzer Prize finalist for a series of hard hitting articles on tropical deforestation.

A writer committed to excellence, you earned a certificate in Tropical Commercial Botany from FIU, and you have continually sought to expand your knowledge, educating generations of readers in the process. You have also fostered relationships with many of the environmental researchers at our FIU as you seek their expertise to inform your writing.



You have been awarded two prestigious Knight fellowships for journalism, one at Stanford University, and the other at the University of Michigan to study climate change in Alaska. A prolific author, your books on gardening in Florida and the subtropics have been enjoyed by many.

In recognition of your extraordinary contributions to the field of environmental journalism, and by virtue of the power vested in me by the FIU Board of Trustees, I hereby award to you, Georgia Tasker, an honorary doctorate in Science.”

Georgia, we're all so proud of you!

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The Tropical Fern & Exotic Plant Society's

Annual Show and Sale

May 26 & 27, 2018

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden

9:30 am to 4:30 pm

If you are a member wishing to sell plants at the Show and Sale and do not want to have a vendor space, here is your option - you may sell in the Member's Sales Area with the following rules:

Member's Sales Area Rules

There are a few stipulations:

- 1- You will be expected to help at the area for a minimum of two (2) hours. Remember you need to help sell your plants as well as the other seller's plants. You know your plant better than anyone else so you can answer questions from potential new buyers.
- 2- **A maximum of 30 plants per day or, one 8-foot table are allowed.** Items must be double tagged with plant name, price and your initials. One tag will stay with the plant at sales time and the other will be used to pay you for the item sold. Those tags will be returned to you along with your payment.
- 3- You will be required to supply 3 plants to a future raffle table at our general meeting.
- 4- We hope you will take part in the show and display plants in the exhibit. (Not required but would be nice)
- 5- Must be a member in good standings; dues must be current.

Monies collected through the Member's sales area will be turned over to Treasurer, Bob Benaim, after the sale on Sunday, May 27. After all funds are deposited, checks will be issued to participants for their sales less a fee of 20%.

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The success of the show depends on the generosity of our members and you are all encouraged to participate.

Our display is always second to none in the variety of Tropical plants and the beauty of design. We hope to see your special plants there to add to our display.

Remember that our panel of judges will award 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place ribbons as well as larger rosettes for Best Croton, Best Native, Best Fern, Best Flowering Plant, Best in Show, most unusual, and Sweepstakes. Judging is done on a fair scale affording both the novice and the seasoned grower a chance to win awards. You only need to bring your display plants in on Thursday, May 24th and come back to collect your ribbons and plants on Sunday, May 27. We will handle it from there.

Remember, we will begin accepting display plants at 10:00 am on Thursday and you may bring them throughout the day until 7:00 pm that evening. It's never too late to groom your plants and make sure they are looking their best for judging.

We will finish the display set-up on Friday morning and will host an appreciation luncheon for our judges and working volunteers from 12:00 noon until 1:00 pm

Judging will take place from 1:00 pm until 5:00 pm and THE GARDEN HOUSE WILL BE LOCKED DURING THIS TIME.

Vendors may bring plants for their vendor space before or after the judging, until 8:00 pm on Friday, May 25th.

Our Show & Sale has become extremely important to us and is the only plant show in South Florida that brings so many varieties of tropical plants together in one giant display. Our sale last year brought many new species of plants that were not in cultivation so it proves to be the perfect venue for getting new plant material. We will still have your old favorites but always find a few new things to delight your senses. Please come and bring your friends and neighbors for an enjoyable show and to take home a new treasure for your own garden.

I will have a sign up sheet available at the April meeting for volunteer opportunities at the show.

Please step up and help your society to make this a successful event.

Marnie



Membership Application - 2018

YEARLY DUES ARE FOR CALENDAR YEAR JANUARY—DECEMBER

We offer 4 different memberships options:

- Yearly: _____ \$ 15.00 for individual
 _____ \$ 17.00 for two members at the same address
Lifetime: _____ \$ 125.00 for individual
 _____ \$ 150.00 for two members at the same address

This is for a New Membership: _____ or for Renewal: _____

Please Print

Name: _____

Phone: H or C: _____

E-mail: _____

Name: _____

Phone: H or C: _____

E-mail: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State _____

Zip Code + 4: _____ + _____

H = Home Phone **C** = Cell Phone

Enclose check payable to: TFEPS

Please mail to: TFEPS – Membership

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