
CODIAEUM CONNECTION

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1999 Croton Fiesta

A breath-taking display of hundreds of well-grown Crotons was assembled for the 2nd Annual Croton Fiesta held at the Ybor City Museum. Society members pitched in to handle the numerous tasks of publicity, display stands, display plants, membership and sales. Grouped by each of the nine major leaf shapes, there were enough plants to fill the museum's brick courtyard. It's hard to imagine that there are any colors in nature that weren't to be found amongst the vast assortment of leaves here. Not only were some of the world's best varieties of Crotons on display, members brought a selection of their own beautiful hybrids. Both visitors and members alike commented throughout the weekend that they never knew that there were *so many* Crotons.

Visitors were greeted by members & given guided tours of the plants. Gus and Rick Jimenez gave scheduled

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Croton Society Survey

Enclosed with this edition of *The Codiaeum Connection* is a voluntary membership survey. The information gathered on this survey will, amongst other things, aid the Society in achieving some of its research and education goals. In this particular survey, the questions are very generic in nature, so that we can get a feel for the membership, the locations where our members live and, most importantly, your involvement with Crotons. Our hope is to create a database of information so that we will be better able to help our Society members with general information, including propagation and care.

Please take a few minutes to complete this survey and return it to the address indicated. We look forward to a great response.

Thank you!

Green & Gold Renfroe Seedling – "Olie Renfroe"



Holiday Dinner/Meeting

Invitations have recently been sent out to all members from President, Ron Parlett, who has made arrangements to hold a Holiday Dinner/Meeting on Saturday December 11, 6:30 p.m. at the Salt Rock Grill in Indian Shores (north of St. Petersburg Beach). If you have not sent in your RSVP yet, please do so!

Not only are we looking forward to the wonderful dinner, but to this being a memorable evening and the start of a new Croton Society custom.

The highlight of the evening will be a traditional gift exchange – with a Croton Society twist on it. The gifts to be exchanged will be Crotons! Every attendee is asked to bring a potted Croton (no more than a three-gallon pot, please) for exchange.

What fun this will be... what gem will you wind up with?