

IN MEMORIAM: EDNA SIEFF

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Volunteer, Marie Selby Botanical Gardens



This issue of *Selbyana* is dedicated in memory of Edna Sieff, who epitomized the spirit of volunteerism that pervades and promotes the research and conservation work at Selby Gardens. Beginning in 1983, she recorded a grand total of 20,000+ volunteer hours. Her first duties were in the Orchid Identification Center. She then assisted the director of Horticulture and, following that, became administrative and research assistant to Harry Luther, director of the Bromeliad Identification Center.

Sieff compiled the Cumulative Index to *Selbyana* that appeared in 1994, updated it in 1997, and assisted with the 2000 index. With Luther, she coauthored *De Rebus Bromeliacearum* I (1994), II (1997), and *Addenda et corrigenda* (1997). *Guzmania sieffiana* is named in her honor.

We take this occasion to thank all of the volunteers—authors, reviewers, proofers, and business management assistants—who contribute their time and talents to Selby Gardens and who, in the tradition of Edna Sieff, make possible the publication of this scientific journal.

—Barry Walsh