

# The Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society

Next meeting Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 1:30pm.

Colony in the Wood – club house

4000 S. Clyde Morris Blvd., Port Orange 32129

November, 2017

## Thanksgiving Approaches!

**President – Rick Ryals 386/679-8700**

**Co-Vice Presidents – Hedy Quirk and Jane Villa-Lobos  
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**Secretary – Rose Vincel 386/453-3229**

**Treasurer – Eve Krauth 386/871-1041**

### Last month's meeting – Surprise!

Hurricane Irma besides disrupting our lives, disrupted our scheduled club meetings. Bromeliad Bingo was supposed to have happened in September, but the storm forced us to cancel the meeting. No surprise there. Then it looked like we would have our Bingo session in October(plan B), but there were some last minute scheduling conflicts also, so we wound up with my PowerPoint presentation(plan C!) regarding bromeliad shows and what judging plants is really all about. It's a good thing that we didn't have to resort to plan D...you don't want to know what plan D involved! We're sorry for the confusion and rescheduling and hope you all weren't too disappointed.

### This month's meeting – and now....



Really and truly – this month we promise you that we will have Bromeliad Bingo. There will of course be great prizes of beautiful bromeliads for each game, so come one, come all, bring friends and neighbors because we're going to have a good time!



Eve showed us this beautiful *Tillandsia cyanea* in bloom during 'Show and Tell' at last month's meeting – Photos by P.M. Reddy



Disproving the adage that bromeliad seeds are only good for a short time – these *Pitcairnia undulata* seeds were over 3 years old when they germinated in this pot!



Virginia showed us the classic form of *Quesnelia* 'Tim Plowman' which she won as a door prize.

### **So, you say you want to learn more about bromeliads...**

...then you should consider enrolling in the upcoming Judges School. If you are really serious about bromeliads, what better way to learn more about them than going through the series of 6 schools, each of which is designed to teach you more about how to grow bromeliads, what they should look like, and how best to display them to showcase their best features. This series of schools, classroom study, homework (yikes!), and student judging in actual bromeliad shows will take several years to complete but at the end of it all, you will be an accredited bromeliad show judge – and much wiser in the ways of bromeliads! See Calandra or Jay for more details, but don't put off making a decision for too long. This series of schools will begin in the new year – and we know that's not far away!

### **Florida Council of Bromeliad Society Meeting –**

The fall meeting of the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies took place on Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> and was hosted by the Bromeliad Society of South Florida in Miami.



Despite it being a rainy day (tropical storm Phillippe had something to do with that!) attendance was good and a number of issues were discussed. One of which concerned the annual “roster” that is produced each year. This is a listing of contact information for every member of every club that belongs to the council and is printed in booklet form and mailed to everyone. As you might imagine, this is a significant cost to the council and question was raised at this meeting: Is the roster of value to the membership and is this something that you would like to see continued? All representatives were asked to go back to their clubs and ask this question. The results will be tabulated and will be discussed at the next council meeting (Feb.24<sup>th</sup>, 2018), hosted by the Gainesville Bromeliad Society.

### **Out and about...**

Calandra and I recently had the opportunity to visit with folks for their combined Cryptanthus Society show and Southwest Bromeliad Guild show in Dallas. This was also the site for the annual BSI board meeting, so the two of us were pretty busy during the event. Calandra helped judge the Cryptanthus show and I attended the board meeting for the completion of my term on the BSI board. We still had a little free time to enjoy ourselves though and here are a few photos taken while we were there:



Our own Rick Ryals presided over the BSI board meeting. The president Lyn Wegner was unable to attend.



Dennis Cathcart of Tropiflora inspects the selection of silent auction plants during the banquet.



An unusual plant – *Hohenbergia* 'Double hyphen' select was donated for the rare plant auction following the SW Guild's banquet.



*Dyckia* 'Magnifica' lives up to its name – auction plant.

**Notice:** We have been asked to be out of the meeting room by **4:00** to make way for another event. Thanks  
Treasurer Eve has the **embroidered shirts** for those who have paid for them.

We really have some great cooks among our group – as evidenced by the terrific snacks that folks have been bringing for each meeting and we certainly thank everyone for following our practice of bringing food if this is the month that your birthday occurs in. This has worked out really well! Often one or more of the dishes brought in is so outstanding that I hear a little undercurrent of conversation at the meeting from people complimenting a particular dish and wondering what the recipe to prepare it might be.

That was the case last month and there were enough requests for a recipe that I thought you might appreciate Rosie Byard's recipe for a bromeliad-themed "dump" cake – so here it is (thank you Rosie!):

20oz. crushed pineapple (the edible bromeliad!)  
1 can of cherry pie filling  
1 dry cake mix (your choice)  
Mix these ingredients together and pour into a cake pan  
1.5 sticks of butter – dollop across the top  
Sprinkle with coconut and pecans  
Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour

That's it – sounds easy enough that even I can do this!

Send in your photos and articles  
About bromeliad events, blooms in your  
garden, or newspaper and magazine articles  
that may be of interest to our members.  
Email to [cajat@aol.com](mailto:cajat@aol.com) or mail to Jay  
Thurrott, 713 Breckenridge Dr., Port Orange  
Fl. 3212

**Birthdays for November:**

Wow! There are lots of November babies in  
our group! Happy Birthday to the following  
FECBS members:

Roberta Anderson	John Hiatt
Jean Hochdoerfer	Harriet Herrin
Peggy Kinzey	Bryan Manion
Theresa Pavell	Marilyn Rauch
Susan Rowley	

**Looking ahead:**

November 21, 2017 – Bromeliad Society of  
South Florida

Rare Plant Auction at Fairchild Tropical  
Botanic Garden, Corbin Building

December 2, 3 2017 – Caloosahatchee  
Bromeliad Society show and sale. 9 – 4 on  
Saturday;

10 – 4 on Sunday.

Location: ARABA SHRINE TEMPLE 2010  
Hanson Street Fort Myers, FL 33901

April 21 – 22, 2018 Bromeliad Society of  
South Florida annual show and sale  
10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables 33156

March 24, 25, 2018

Bromeliad Society of South Florida 40<sup>th</sup>  
Annual Show and Sale at Fairchild Tropical  
Botanic Garden, Coral Gables Fl.



May 29 – June 3, 2018

You won't want to miss the upcoming World  
Bromeliad Conference in San Diego, CA!

Included in the registration fee is a half-day  
afternoon tour in central San Diego. We'll  
visit two members' gardens in the historic  
neighborhood of Mission Hills, and there  
will be a stop in Balboa Park to see the  
world-famous Botanical Building, built for  
the Panama–California Exposition of 1915.  
An additional option while you are there:  
This is a DO NOT MISS experience, with  
garden tours followed by a catered dinner at  
the San Diego Botanic Garden. In order to  
optimize the amount of time at each garden  
and avoid traffic, the optional excursion to  
north San Diego County destinations is  
planned for Thursday. The luxury buses will  
take you to diverse, wonderful gardens. To  
build the suspense, I am not going to tell you  
the names of the members who are opening  
their gardens to you. Suffice it to say they are  
enchanted gardens. One garden has  
thousands of tillandsias, billbergias, and  
other bromeliads in a shade house. More  
bromeliads, succulents and rare fruit trees  
grow in the landscape. The owners are  
perfectionists with a great knowledge of each  
plant and how it is best grown.

Sound like fun? Of course it does! Register  
now through the website at [www.bsi.org](http://www.bsi.org) .

