

# THE FLORIDA EAST COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY

## March 2024 Newsletter

**Meeting Date: March 10 at 1:30 p.m.**

**Meeting Location: Colony in the Wood, 4000 S. Clyde Morris Blvd.  
Port Orange, FL 32129**

**Don't Forget to Spring Forward One Hour!!!**

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### March 10th Meeting

This month's meeting will be held on March 10th at 1:30 pm at Colony in the Wood. The speaker will be Chip Jones from Davie, FL who will speak on xeric terrestrials, like *Hechtia*, *Dyckia*, *Aechmea*, and *Neoregelia* bromeliads.

There will be the usual bromeliad raffle, door prizes, show and tell, and refreshments.

--- Jack

### This weekend - 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Plant Sale at Leu Gardens

If you have never been to the plant sale at Leu Gardens, you have missed the opportunity to purchase a variety of plants! However, you have a chance this Saturday and Sunday as the sale is from 9-5 both days. If you are a member of Leu Gardens, you can shop early both days at 8:00 am.

I recommend bringing a cart as there are over 50 vendors scattered about the garden. Growers will be selling annuals, bamboo, bromeliads, butterfly plants, camellias, ferns, fruit trees, gingers, heliconias, herbs, native plants, orchids, palms, plumerias, roses, vines and more! There is a vendor list on the Garden's website [leugardens.org](http://leugardens.org). Parking is always a challenge but there is off-site parking at several locations listed on their website.

If you have time while shopping, look for the Glass in Flight 2 outdoor sculpture exhibit which continues until May 5. Nationally known sculptor, Alex Heveri, has hand-crafted from glass and steel 28 amazing larger-than-life flying insects/birds works of art some --- towering 12 ft. high!



**Hail Damage in Palm Coast**

- Jane Villa-Lobos

Last month a severe thunderstorm erupted after dark, and the weather forecast was for possible hail in spots. Having never experienced hail during the last 26 years in Palm Coast and living not far from the ocean, I did not give this a thought. Well, to my surprise at about 8 pm the high winds, torrential rain, and HAIL was pelting against my west windows. I was worried about the new mangroves I had just planted, never thinking about what effect this would have on some of my bromeliads. The next morning, I canvassed my plants and sure enough the mangroves all had white spots on the leaves. Then I looked at the bromeliads ---- they looked like squirrels, or some other animal had a great time stripping the leaves of some neoregelias. How sad!!! Now I must wait until the pups grow and the “ugly” mother plant dies. Lesson learned---cover when hail is predicted if you can.



**We love to see pictures of bromeliads in our members' gardens**

From: Cricket and Wayne Petrovich's garden:



*Billbergia 'Francesca'*



*Neoregelia 'Scarface'*



*Billbergia 'Casa Blanca'*

Petrovich photos (con't)



*Neoregelia* 'Strike Force'



*Neoregelia* "Fool's Gold"



*Quesnelia testudo*  
(Photo: Marinus Grootenboer)



*Neoregelia* 'Tarantella'  
(Photo: Judy Rafter)



*Aechmea* 'Perez'  
(Photo: Bill Hazard)

From: Jane Villa-Lobos' garden:



*Aechmea covata*



*Tillandsia ionantha*



*Tillandsia bulbosa*

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 Jane at [saravillalobos387@gmail.com](mailto:saravillalobos387@gmail.com).

**Birthdays for March**



Greetings to: Francisco Cardosa, Janet Correia, Judith Davies, Pat Esmont, Mike Fink, Bill and Tree Hazard, Eve Krauth, Shelly Merrill, Bobbie Moore, Pat Mathews, Vicki Teel, and Greg Wilson.

**Future Events**

**March 2**

**New Smyrna Beach Utilities**  
Spring Fest  
200 Canal St.  
New Smyrna Beach  
9-1 (our club will sell plants)

**March 16-17**

**Epic Flower and Garden Expo**  
Sykes Family Farm  
5995 Brough Rd.  
Elkton  
Sat. 9-5; Sun. 10-3. Admission: \$5 for a two-day pass.  
<http://www.epicbh.org>

**April 20-21**

**Bromeliad Society of South Florida**  
**Bromeliad Show and Sale**  
Fairchild Tropical Garden  
10901 Old Cutler Rd.  
Coral Gables

**April 6**

**The Garden Club at Palm Coast**  
**Spring Festival & Plant Sale**  
Flagler Palm Coast High School  
5500 E. Highway 100  
Palm Coast  
9-4

**April 7**

**Jewish Heritage Festival**  
The Casements  
25 Riverside Dr.  
Ormond Beach  
10-5

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