

THE FLORIDA EAST COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY

May 2023 Newsletter

**Meeting Location: Trails Clubhouse, 201 Main Trail
Ormond Beach, FL**

May 14 Meeting

Happy Mother's Day!!!

This month's meeting will be held at the Trails Clubhouse, 201 Main Trail, Ormond Beach. I will give the presentation, "Honey Bees...What's the Buzz All About?" There will be a bromeliad raffle, door prizes, show and tell, and refreshments.

--- Jack

Bromeliad Society of Central Florida Annual Bromeliad Exhibition & Sale

Every year on Mother's Day weekend the Bromeliad Society of Central Flower hosts an Exhibition and Plant Sale at Orlando's Fashion Square Mall (see events). There will be hundreds of plants on display as well as for sale -- some rare and hard to find. Society members will be on hand to answer questions and provide educational materials. I am sure you can find a nice Mother's Day gift here!

Here are some photos from last year:



FCBS Extravaganza

The Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies (FCBS), in partnership with the Bromeliad Society of the Palm Beaches, is holding the 2023 Extravaganza on July 28-29 at the West Palm Beach Marriott. Registration is \$175. World renowned guest speakers include, Chester Skotak (Costa Rica), David Shiigi (Hawaii) and Eloise Beach (Apopka). There will be lectures, banquets, a rare plant auction, and garden tours. For more details, visit [fcbs.org](https://www.fcbs.org).

Please consider donating plant(s) for the rare plant auction. It does not have to be a rare specimen--- just a well grown one. You will be named at the Auction as the donor giving you your "15 minutes of fame". Check with President Jack Dunlop to get the donation forms and for ways to get the plant(s) to the Extravaganza if you aren't attending. ---Calandra Thurrott

Dyckia ‘Naked Lady’

I know most people do not grow Dyckias because of their spiny leaves, but did you know there is a hybrid that has smooth leaf edges? *Dyckia ‘Naked Lady’* is a very attractive terrestrial bromeliad that grows in clusters with individual plants reaching 12” tall and 12-24” wide. The strap-shaped plastic-looking leaves are recurved with a sharp tip. You need to be careful you don’t get jabbed by the pointed tip. It does draw bloom. I can attest to that!!!

I bought this specimen from Bill Hazard in September 2018 and last month I was delighted to see a flower stalk. I contacted Bill to see what color the flowers were, and he said his had never bloomed! I did a little research and discovered that it blooms in the spring if given bright shade or morning sun, but rarely blooms in deep shade. Mine is growing in a pot which gets afternoon sun. The 15” flower stalk of bright yellow-orange flowers contrasted against the beige walls of my home. It is hardy to 20° so makes a great potted plant outside.

---Jane Villa-Lobos



Some spiny Dyckias in my garden.



Dyckia brevifolia and its flowers

Dyckia ‘Cherry Coke’

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

Irene Aldrich posted on FB several of her blooming bromeliads



Vriesea fosteriana
'Red Chestnut'



Aechmea "Blue Tango"



Ananas comosus var. *bracteatus*
variegated



Aechmea fasciata
(Photo: Judy Rafter)



Neoregelia
(Photo: Terry Kahn)



Neoregelia 'DeRolf'
(Photo: Jane Villa-Lobos)

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.

Birthdays for May:



Greetings to these members: John Breslin, Kathleen Bolanos, Ruth Gessner, Margaret Grootenboer, Debra Isham, Terry Kahn, Cheryl A. Miranda, Susan McConnell, Adriana Morrison, Mally Trzeciak, Joe Valerio.

Future Events

May 6-7

8th Annual Garden Show & Spring Festival

Cedar Lakes Woods and Gardens

4990 NE 180th Ave.

Williston, FL

Sat. 9:30 - 5

Sun. 9:30 - 4

May 12-14

Bromeliad Society of Central Florida

48th Annual Bromeliad Exhibition & Sale

Fashion Square Mall

3201 E. Colonial Dr.

Orlando, FL

Fri. & Sat. 11 - 8

Sun. 12 - 6

July 28-29

FECBS Extravaganza

Marriott Hotel

1001 Okeechobee Blvd.

West Palm Beach, FL

Plant Sale open to the public July 29th 9 - 4

August 19-20

Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society

Plant Sale

200 Fairmont Dr.

Sanford, FL

8:30 - 4

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