

THE FLORIDA EAST COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY

May 2025 Newsletter

1:30 p.m.

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

May 11th Meeting – Happy Mother’s Day!!

Bill has titled this month’s meeting theme as “You show me yours – and I will show you mine! In other words, this is “Show and Tell”, an educational part of the meeting to share information on bromeliads and how to grow and care for these great landscape plants.

Now is a good time to divide your bromeliads, so if you have any extras, please bring them for the raffle. Recently the raffle tables have been loaded with plants, and the club appreciates all who participate. Of course, if it is your birthday month, please bring some food to share during the break.

--- Jack

Congratulations Calandra!



Our talented Calandra Thurrott entered her beautiful mixed media design (fabric and acrylic paint on birch board) in the Bromeliad Society of South Florida Flower Show and Sale, which was held at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden in Miami last month. Kudos, Calandra, for winning an Award of Merit!!!!

In Memoriam: George Aldrich

One of our longtime members, George Aldrich, passed away on April 14. We all send our condolences to his wife of 58 years, Irene, who is also a member of FECBS.

George was born in Ocala and was employed by the State of Florida, Department of Transportation, for 33 years. He began his career with the state as a surveyor laying out most of the state roads around Ocala. During his last 21 years with the State of Florida he was a Maintenance Engineer.

After he retired from the state, he and Irene started Plants N' Things, selling bromeliads and tropical plants. FECBS had a meeting at their greenhouses in Ocala with a luncheon around the pond in May 2012. Calandra sent some photos from this meeting.

George and Irene were vendors at the plant sales of the Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Society for many years, and I remember them at their booth in the back corner of the room with their display of Tillandsias and other bromeliads. Both George and Irene were BSI Master Judges.

George loved the outdoors, and he especially loved hunting and fishing. Archery and turkey hunting were his favorites over 60 years. Below are some photos Irene posted on her Facebook page. ---Jane Villa-Lobos

May 2012 meeting:



From Facebook:



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



Tillandsia roland-gosselinii
(Calandra Thurrott)



Guzmania
(Donna Valerio)



Quesnelia marmorata 'Tim Plowman'
(Jane Villa-Lobos)



Tillandsia 'Antoine'
(Jane Villa-Lobos)



Tillandsia stricta

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: Janet Fonseca, Ruth Gessner, Margaret Grootenboer, Terry Kahn, Cheryl A. Maranda, Janet Roberts, Glenn Spitzer, Mally Trzeciak, and Joe Valerio.

Future Events

May 3-4

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 9-10

Bromeliad Society of Central Florida

Show and Sale

Fashion Square Mall

3463 E. Colonial Dr.

Orlando, FL

11- 8

May 10-11

Mother's Day Orchid Show & Sale

Volusia County Fairgrounds

3150 E. New York Ave.

DeLand, FL

9 - 4

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