

THE FLORIDA EAST COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY

June 2023 Newsletter

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

June 11 Meeting

This month's meeting will be held at Colony in the Wood, 4000 S. Clyde Morris Blvd, Port Orange. The speaker will be Kenneth Stokes showing us "Creative Mounting of Bromeliads". There will be a bromeliad raffle, door prizes, show and tell, and refreshments.
--- Jack

Aechmea rubens – Judith Davies

Aechmea rubens is a species from Brazil and is a true sun bromeliad. If grown in shade it is mostly green to lime-green in overall color but given sun it blushes red around its leaf edges and leaf tips. It is a large plant measuring 36" x 36" high and pups frequently. *Aechmea rubens* is an excellent hardy landscape plant and one of my favorites.



(Photos: Keith McCabe)

Mother's Day Volusia County Orchid Society Show and Sale

Janet Correia, Iris Graim, and Jane Villa-Lobos attended the Volusia County Orchid Society Show and Sale on May 13 at the Volusia County Fairgrounds. There were a variety of vendors selling orchids and supplies, bromeliads, air plants, driftwood, plant hangers, unusual succulents, tropicals and of course there were fantastic judged orchid displays.



(Photos: Jane Villa-Lobos)

Judge's Challenge at the Bromeliad Society of South Florida - Calandra Thurrott

Although I didn't win, I had a great weekend with friends and family. In the past, I won five times in a row, mostly with plants at various bromeliad shows! Not bad. At one point, another judge (won't say who) threatened to beat me up in the parking lot after the show. It was all good fun. I so enjoyed the Bromeliad Society of South Florida Show, it is the one that everyone wants to be invited to judge. The Fairchild Tropical Garden, Art in the Garden, show bromeliad entries, plant sales, participants, and the fact that we are fed well makes it a great weekend. It's fun going to the "After Party" for more food and drink.



Goudea ospinae var. *gruberi*
John Boardman
Judges Challenge Winner



Mixed media collage, *Navia igneosicola*
Calandra Thurrott

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



Dyckia, Portea



Aechmea 'Blue Tango'



Ananas sp.



Tillandsia 'Luke'

Aechmea (Photos: Jane Villa-Lobos)

(Photos: Calandra Thurrott)



Sincoregelia 'Galactic Warrior'



Neoregelia

(Photos: Bobbie Moore)

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 June:



Greetings to these members: Peg Anderson, Deb Ball, Pat Debow, Kathy Dunlop, Marie Fabozzi, Marinus Grootenboer, Jane Howells, Mimi Kanda, Keith McCabe, Pam Newman, Esther Stephenson, Calandra Thurrott

Future Events

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
9:00 - 4

October 14-15
USF Botanical Gardens Fall Sale
12210 USF Pine Drive
Tampa, FL 33612
Sat. 9 - 3, Sunday 10 - 2

October 14-15
Southwest Bromeliad Guild &
International Cryptanthus Society
Shows & Sales
Holiday Inn & Suites
Houston, TX

December 1-3
Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Show/Sale
Edison/Ford Estates
Fort Myers, FL

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