

The Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society

Next meeting Sunday, August 13th, 2017 1:30pm.
Colony in the Wood – club house
4000 S. Clyde Morris Blvd., Port Orange 32129

August, 2017

Alcantarea

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

This month's meeting – Alcantarea

They're big. They're beautiful. They're spineless! What more can be said about the Genus Alcantarea? Quite a lot actually, and who better to say it than our very own Rick Ryals. This Genus has really come into its own over the last 10 to 15 years and can be seen in more and more landscape applications today than ever before. You won't want to miss this program – and you may even get a chance to bring one of these intriguing plants home to put into your own landscape!

Last month's meeting – Hawaiian Luau

Where do I begin? First of all, thank you to Hedy Quirk and her crew for the fabulous decorations for this event.



Decorations: over the top! They were the greatest!



**Virginia, Mary, and Charlotte dressed in their tropical finest!
Photo by PM Reddy**

Then, there was the food...once again Francisco outdid himself with Hawaiian chicken...enough to feed an army! Thank you Francisco!



Francisco not only cooked the main course – he served it to our members and guests as well! – Photo by PM Reddy

And, let's not forget that incredible selection of plants that were donated for the raffle and silent auction! Thank you Rick for your hard work and thank you to those members who also donated plants for this fund-raiser!



Wine box full of colorful Neoregelias in the “silent auction”



Beautiful Hohenbergia castellanossi – donated by Rick Ryals



Past-president Bill Hazard and his wife Tree look over the raffle table. Photo by PM Reddy

To sum it up: this was just a wonderful event, a very successful fundraiser for the club, and a fun time for all who were in attendance. Special thanks to our president for pulling everything together to make this the success that it was!

Also at the July meeting – we cast our ballots for a new logo and when our crack accounting team of Manion, Thurrott and Thurrott finished tallying the results, we had a clear winner. You will now be seeing our new logo at the end of the newsletter each month.

Say “goodbye” to our former Club logo...



...and “hello” to our new one!

In Memoriam – Robert Jacks

We missed him at our last meeting and then were very sad to learn that FECBS member Robert Jacks had passed away from a heart attack.



Robert was usually not happy to have his photo taken.

Photo by P.M. Reddy

Robert was one of those club members that always arrived early and left late so that he could help set up for the meetings and then help with the clean up after the meeting was over. He was always there to lend a hand and

was our cashier for club sales at the Spring Master Gardener's sale at the County Fairgrounds.



Photo by Calandra Thurrott

He will be missed by all of us.



Robert helping with FECBS plant sale at the Home and Garden Show.

Out and About –

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 or mail to Jay Thurrott, 713 Breckenridge Dr., Port Orange Fl. 32127

Birthdays for August:

Happy Birthday to the following FECBS members:

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| Alan Bennett | Marty Borkosky |
| Margaret Gillen | Sharon Gum |

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| Argil Matthews | Laurie Mulhall |
| Lloyd Murphy | Susan Parry |
| Debbie Williams | |

Looking ahead:

August 4-6, 2017

Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies' Extravaganza. Hosted by the Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay at the Clarion Hotel, 2701 E. Fowler Ave., Tampa

August 19 and 20th 2017

Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society annual Fall plant sale 9-4 PM each day at the Sanford Garden Club 200 Fairmont Drive, Sanford, FL 32773

Looking ahead at the next few months and our upcoming FECBS programs:

September – Bromeliad Bingo

This will be “round 3” and the last 2 times we’ve Binged (is that a real word?), everyone had a great time!

October – Dr. Terrie Bert returns!



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