

# THE FLORIDA EAST COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY

## August 2025 Newsletter

**Meeting Location: Colony in the Wood, 4000 S. Clyde Morris Blvd.  
Port Orange, FL  
Time: 1:30 p.m.**

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### **August 10th Meeting**

I hope you have survived the extreme heat this past month. Many temperature records were broken in August.

This month we will be playing Bromeliad Bingo. The club provides a free packet of cards and dabbers. Additional cards may be purchased for those die-hard bingo players! The winners of each game select a potted bromeliad as a prize.

As usual there will be a raffle, show & tell, door prizes and refreshments. Only several members have birthdays this month, so if you can, please bring something for the refreshment table. Thank you.

--- Jack

### **Officers for 2026**

Jack Dunlop and Bill Hazard are not continuing next year as President and Vice President. We all know they have said this before, but this time they really mean it. They have led our society since 2019, and they deserve a rest. Both have offered to guide the new officers in their duties.

Please consider either of these positions and if several people would like to share the responsibilities, that will be fine too.

### **Bromeliad Extravaganza Sept. 26-27**

There is still time to book your room at the Ramada Gateway hotel for only \$85.80 plus tax per night. This rate includes free parking and breakfast discounts. The deadline is August 26. For reservations, call 407-997-6629 from 9am – 9pm and ask for the Bromeliad Extravaganza room rate.

There will be three great speakers: Leonardo M. Versieux (Brazil), Dennis Cathcart (Florida), and Bryan Windham (Louisiana) as well as 17 plant vendors. The plant sale will be open to the public Saturday, September 27 from 9am-4pm so take a drive to Kissimmee and shop for that bromeliad you just can't live without!!!

### **An unusual bromeliad**

Have you seen *Hylaeicum pendulum* before? This may even be the variety *brevifolium*. I took this photo at the St. Johns Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve in Hastings. It is growing in a hanging basket displayed outside the welcome center. This interesting bromeliad is native to tropical northern South America. It was originally treated as a subgenus of *Neoregelia* before being raised to a full genus in 2021.



It thrives in bright, indirect light or dappled shade and loves high humidity making it a good plant to have in your garden in our area. Growing on two-foot-long stolons, the center leaves flush a cherry-red before the small white flowers emerge. It does not need to be grown in soil, so it can be mounted on wood or bark. It does however like to be fertilized (diluted to half-strength) during the growing season (March-October). --- Jane Villa-Lobos

### **Goudea ospinae var. gruberi**

As I was cleaning out an area of my bromeliad garden under my Natchez crepe myrtle I came across a bromeliad I had labeled *Vriesea gruberi* var. *ospinae* and was wondering why the stem was thick and sprawling. Of course I went to the Internet and discovered it is now *Goudea ospinae* cv. *gruberi*. Then one day I was scrolling through my favorite bromeliad FB pages and saw a posting of a similar plant which Mike McMahon had made a comment that species of *Goudea* grow like this photo. In nature they sprawl across exposed stone and rocky ground where few other plants can grow. Now I know why my plant always seems to grow on top of the soil! Mike states that pups can appear at the base of the stem and sometimes few appear along the stem. I guess I should leave it sprawling and hope someday to find some pups! ---Jane Villa-Lobos



### **Garden Market at ONE DAYTONA**

I received notice of a Garden Market at ONE DAYTONA on September 20 from 10-3 (rain date Sept. 21). They are seeking vendors who sell plants, flowers, pottery, paintings and handmade nature crafts. Vendors will spread throughout Victory Circle. Applications are being accepted until August 31. Booth fee is \$35, plus tax. For more information contact: [aoneal@gallery500.art](mailto:aoneal@gallery500.art) or [kacheson@nascar.com](mailto:kacheson@nascar.com).

### **Field Trip to McCrory's Bromeliad Nursery**



Stay tuned ---Bill Hazard is working on scheduling a field trip later this year to McCrory's Bromeliads in Eustis, FL. It is one of the largest nurseries of just bromeliads in the country.

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



*Billbergia 'Hallelujah'*  
(Terry Kahn)



*Neoregelia "Wine and Gold"*  
(Ruth Gessner)

*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 August**

Greetings to these members: Susan Hiller, Myrna Moore, and Judy Rafter.

**Future Events**

**August 17-18**

**Annual Fall Plant Sale**

Seminole Bromeliad &  
Tropical Plant Society  
Garden Club of Sanford  
200 Fairmont Dr.  
Sanford, FL  
9-4

**September 26-27**

**2025 Bromeliad Extravaganza**

Ramada Gateway  
7470 W. Iro Bronson Memorial Highway 192  
Kissimmee, FL  
Book your room by August 26 for special room rate  
[BromeliadX.com](http://BromeliadX.com)

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