

The Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society

October, 2021

Colony in the Wood
4000 S. Clyde Morris Blvd., Port Orange
1:30 p.m.

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This month is Bromeliad Bingo!!!!

Get your eyes ready to scan those bingo cards for numbers that may make you a winner!!! Everyone will get a set of bingo sheets and you can also buy additional sheets for \$1. Winners of each game will receive a bromeliad.

Drinks and food will be provided by the members whose birthdays are this month, but others are welcome to share their treats too.

---Jack Dunlop

Monthly Feature:

Quesnelia: This genus was named for a French Counsel to French Guiana, M. Quesnel who introduced the genus to France in 1840. Native to the rain forests of eastern Brazil, Quesnelias resemble Aechmeas and Billbergias. There are only about 18 species and a few cultivars.

The ones like Aechmeas are tough plants whose leaf edges are armed with stiff teeth and some like *Quesnelia testudo* (below) have a sharp spine at the leaf tip. The flower

stalk is cone-shaped with bright red bracts with tiny blue flowers. They can grow in shade or sun and are cold tolerant. I have mine planted at the base of a sabal palm and it sends up its stoloniferous pups which root on the palm trunk and climb upwards. Others like *Q. marmorata* and its cultivar ‘Tim Plowman’ are vase shaped like Billbergias and grow best in bright light. Their nodding inflorescences only last a few days but are quite spectacular.



Quesnelia testudo (C. Thurrott)

Q. marmorata
(J. Villa-Lobos)



Sincoraea: About five years ago taxonomists reclassified 11 species of *Orthophytum* into this genus. These plants have a ‘sunburst’ pattern to their leaves and no stems to their blooms in contrast to the visible flower stem of those remaining in the genus *Orthophytum*. These new names are: *Sincoraea albopicta*, *amoena*, *burlेमarii*, *hatschbachii*, *heleniceae*, *humilis*, *mucugensis*, *navioides*, *ophiuroides*, *rafaelii*, and *ulei*. The genus was named after the Serra do Sincorá, a mountain ridge in northeastern Brazil where these 11 species occur.



Sincoraea hatschbachii
(Jay Thurrott)

Other name changes: While researching *Sincoraea* I came upon an article listing the reclassification of species in *xNeophytum* as now belonging to *xSincoregelia*. Remember - *xNeophytum* is a bigeneric cross between an *Orthophytum* and a *Neoregelia*. You may not think this is important, but if you are entering a bromeliad in a show, it is important to have the proper scientific name.



xNeophytum ‘Ralph Davis’
is now *xSincoregelia*
‘Ralph Davis’

(FCBS Photo Index, Photo:
Moyna Prince)

Next month:

The whole issue will be devoted to the genus *Tillandsia* so please send me photos of your plants and the way you display them **by the end of the month. Thank you!**

We love to see pictures of bromeliads in our members’ gardens.



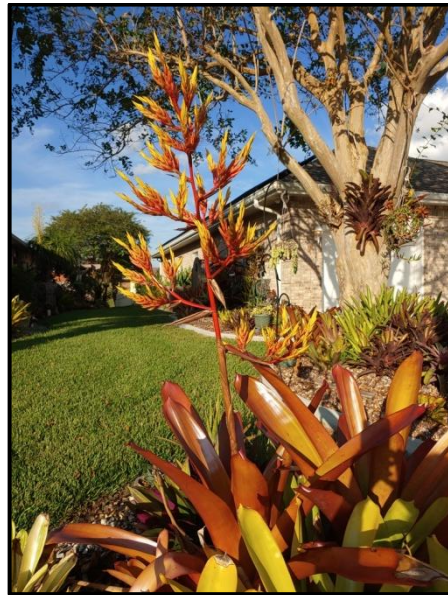
Billbergia ‘Hallelujah’ (Jane Howells)



Flowers are green, yellow and red.



Aechmea pyramidalis was showing its splendor in Jane Howells' garden and at Judith Davies' palm island



Aechmea blanchettiana
(J. Villa-Lobos)

Christophe Cardot has been waiting 8 years for his *Deuterocohnia meziana* to bloom so he can cross pollinate it with a *Dyckia*. He has frozen pollen to share! The flower stalk was 8 ft. tall!!!



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 Jane at saravillalobos387@gmail.com or mail to Jane Villa-Lobos, 29 Clearview Ct. North, Palm Coast, FL 32137.

Videos to Watch:

The Internet is a wealth of information and in this section each month I will include some videos I find interesting. Send me yours!

Seabreeze Nurseries - *Quesnelia* bromeliads explained.

Summer Rayne Oakes - *Quesnelia marmorata* 'Tim Plowman' - Houseplant Care -94 of 365.

Birthdays for October:

Greetings to these members:

Frankie Breslin	Loretta Byrum
Wini Irvin	Stanley Marye
Brad Rauch	Pamela Reisen
Lynn Rounseville	Connie Schrider
Ray Trzeciak	



Looking ahead:

Oct. 15-17 Orctoberfest at E.F. G. Orchids, 4265 Marsh Rd., DeLand.
10 am -5 pm

November 13-14
Mount Dora Plant & Garden Fair
Donnelly Park, Mount Dora
Sat. 9 am -5 pm; Sun. 9 am - 4 pm

December 4-5
Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society
Sale at Edison/Ford Winter Estates
2350 McGregor Blvd.
Fort Myers, FL
Sat. 9 am - 4 pm; Sun. 10 am - 3pm

2022

March 26-27
Bromeliad Society of South Florida
Plant Sale
Fairchild Tropical Botanical Garden
10901 Old Cutler Rd.
Coral Gables, FL
9:30 am - 4:30 pm

June 8-12, 2022
24th World Bromeliad Conference
Hyatt Regency Sarasota
Sarasota, FL
www.bsi.org

Don't miss the great line-up of speakers from Colombia, Brazil, Mexico, New Zealand, The Netherlands, California, Ohio, Florida. Bus trips to Michael's Bromeliads and Tropiflora. Plant Sale and Rare Plant Auction. Register on-line now!

