

# THE FLORIDA EAST COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY

## October 2023 Newsletter

**1:30 p.m.**

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

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### **October 8th Meeting**

This month's meeting will be held October 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. at Colony in the Wood, 4000 S. Clyde Morris Blvd, Port Orange. This meeting will be a member sale (see below).

There will be the usual bromeliad raffle, door prizes, show and tell, and refreshments.

--- Jack

### **Member Sale**

That's right, it's time to separate some of the plants that have grown abundantly this past year or years. Our next meeting will be all about our member sale...which means bring \$\$\$ to finally buy, from another member, that plant you have been searching high and low for what seems like an eternity. Even though we are a bromeliad club, we do grow other types of flora. It's ok to bring any living thing e.g., unruly children, stray animals, unwanted politicians (only kidding). Seriously, it's a plant sale, so just bring plants.

If you do bring items to sell, you should also bring a plant (preferably a bromeliad) for our raffle table. It's only fair. The criteria when selling is...drain the water out of the tank and clean it up. That means no mud. We had to deal with both in the past and that wasn't exactly fun. Try to identify and price your wares. Also, bring change because we know most of our members will show up with only \$100 bills. Bring cash—no credit card sales. Above all-- have fun. It's always a joy to see what other members are growing well. All profits remain with the member. Please come a little early to set up your tables.

---Bill

### **DeLand Bromeliad Garden**

If you missed the garden ramble at Lynn and Pete Rounseville's in DeLand, you missed quite an experience! Bordering scenic Lake Daugherty, the 10-acre property was carved from a 628-acre orange grove/dairy farm that suffered freezes in the 1980s. Majestic live oaks, crepe myrtles, sago palms, and magnolias provide a shady understory for bromeliads, gingers, heliconias and native coonties. The picturesque tree lined driveway is planted with bromeliads and other shade-loving perennials. Many of the bromeliads were in bloom and even the ones which had finished blooming had showy flower stalks to add character.

Golf carts were available for those not wishing to walk, and Pete offered visitors a hayride with an extra stop to view the ponies.

Unfortunately, Cricket and Wayne Petrovich had to cancel their tour as Cricket was in the hospital. We wish her well and look forward to another enjoyable event when her health improves.



### **Recap of the September Extravaganza**

By Calandra Thurrott

The Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies Extravaganza speakers included Eloise Beach (Apopka, Florida), David Shiigi (Hawaii), and Chester Skotak (Costa Rica). Among the highlights of the event, David started his talk by honoring the late Jay Thurrott with a tribute and gifts for me from his family. He emphasized his birth year in common with Jay. They were both born in the year of the tiger. Jay passed away three years ago. He was a two-time president of the BSI and many times president of FECBS and our newsletter editor.

Our own Jane Villa-Lobos donated *Neoregelia* 'Cosmic Dream' for the Rare Plant Auction, as did a member of the Sarasota Bromeliad Society, Marian and Mark Kennell donated a plant in Jay's and my name. Tropiflora entered another 5 plants in our club's name.

We had 11 members from FECBS. The cozy little group included: Rick Ryals, Lynn Rounseville, Mike Saunders, Greg Kolojeski, Wayne and Krickett Petrovich, Tim Dreggors, Jack and Kathy Dunlop, Sandi Wirth, and me. Not to mention our extended bromeliad family from all over Florida.

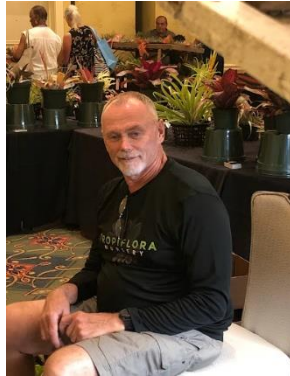
The venue was exceptional. The next Bromeliad Society International World Conference is to be held at the same West Palm Beach Marriott.

The food served...well, it was exceptional too!

Extravaganza (Con't)



Dennis Cathcart, book sales



Brian Weber,  
Tropiflora



Michael Kiehl &  
David Sand



Kathy Risley,  
Underhill Studio



Neo. 'Cosmic Dream'



Speaker, David Shiigi  
& Calandra Thurrott



Rick Ryals (Past  
Pres FECBS)

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



*Aechmea chantinii*  
(Kathleen Bolanos)



Various bromeliads  
(Sherrie Thompson)



*Billbergia pyramidalis*  
(Calandra Thurrott)



*Tillandsia utriculata*  
(Bill Hazard)

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 October**

Greetings to these members: Frankie Breslin, Loretta J. Byrum, Mary Kay Hirsch, Stanley Marye, Pamela Reisen, Lynn Rounseville, Connie Schrider, Ray Trzeciak, and Donna Valerio.

**Future Events**

**October 14-15**

***USF Botanical Gardens' Fall Sale***

12210 USF Pine Dr.

Tampa, FL 33612

Sat. 9 - 3, Sunday 10 - 2

[usf.edu](http://usf.edu)

**October 14-15**

***Southwest Bromeliad Guild & International Cryptanthus Society***

***Shows & Sales***

Holiday Inn & Suites

Houston, TX

[bromeliadsocietyhouston.org](http://bromeliadsocietyhouston.org)

**November 10-11**

***Growvember Fall Fest & Plant Sale***

Mead Botanical Garden

1300 S. Denning Dr.

Winter Park, FL

Fri. 2- 6; Sat. 8 -4

[meadgarden.org](http://meadgarden.org)

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