

THE FLORIDA EAST COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY

October 2025 Newsletter

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

October 12th Meeting

Our monthly meeting will be held on October 12th at 1:30 p.m. The program, “Container Broms: Thinking Outside of the Pot” will be presented by Bill Hazard and Judy Rafter. Don’t miss this program! See what creations you can make out of unusual items.



There will be a raffle, door prizes, show and tell, and of course delicious food. Don’t forget --- if this is your birthday month --- please bring a food item to share.

Thank you.

-- Jack

2025 Bromeliad Extravaganza

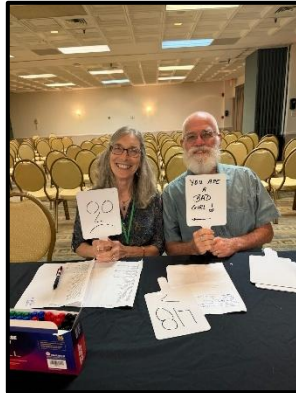
The Bromeliad Extravaganza, attended by approximately 103 people, was held September 26-27 at the Ramada Gateway in Kissimmee. Fourteen FECBS members attended, and many volunteered for several tasks. Jacquie (Krocket) and Wayne Petrovich handed out bidder numbers at the rare plant auction and Lynne Rounseville and Pam Reisen manned the registration desk. Our club donated five items to the auction which included Jack Dunlop’s *Neoregelia* ‘Big Bobber’ (created by hybridizer Ray Coleman) which went for \$300. The total bids brought in \$413 which FECBS donated in support of FCBS.

Steve Provost, former FECBS member and current member of the Gainesville Bromeliad Society, collected Jay Thurrott’s papers from Jay’s time as BSI President and FCBS Chairman to be archived at the University of Central Florida.

After the Extravaganza there was a meeting of the FCBS. Calandra Thurrott and Jack Dunlop are our club’s representatives. Pictured below is FECBS member and Past President Rick Ryals

2025 Bromeliad Extravaganza (con.t)

(red shirt) who is the BSI President. Rick attended this meeting to discuss the upcoming 2026 World Bromeliad Conference in California.

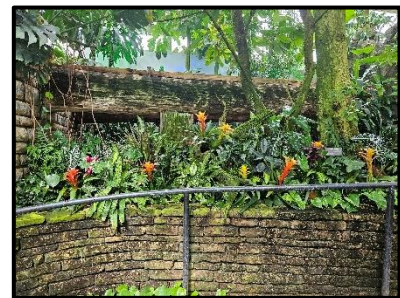


Members on the Go!

In August Judy Rafter vacationed in Hawaii and saw some amazing tropical plants including the lush bromeliad gardens below.



In September Jane Villa-Lobos visited the Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Garden in Columbus, Ohio. This garden has the largest private collection of Chihuly glass artwork in any botanical garden. Scattered among the biomes in the conservatory were displays of bromeliads.



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



Neoregelia 'Tangerine'
(Calandra Thurrott)



xNeomea 'Equisita'
(Bill Hazard)



Greg & Annette Wilson's
front yard (Annette Wilson)

From Marie Fabozzi



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.



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

Future Events

October 11-12

USF Botanical Gardens Fall

Plant Sale

12210 USF Pine Dr.

Tampa, FL

9-3

October 25

Open House & Plant Sale

Kanapaha Botanical Garden

4700 SW 58th Dr.

Gainesville, FL

9-5

November 1-2

Mount Dora Plant & Garden Fair

Downtown Mount Dora

Mount Dora, FL

9-5

November 7-8

GROWvember Fall Fest & Plant Sale

Mead Botanical Garden

1300 S. Denning Dr.

Winter Park, FL

Nov. 7: 2-6; Nov. 8: 8-4

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