

The Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society

Sunday, November 10th

Meet at LaCosta Village - 1275 LaCosta Blvd. November 2019

We Give Thanks For Our Bromeliad Friends.

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Well, I think it's safe to say that we've made it through this year's hurricane season without experiencing a major storm. Now, for those of you who are the "worrying sort", you can start worrying about whether we will see any devastating freezes as we transition from summer directly into winter in East Central Florida. Be advised however that worrying is not going to save your plants if we suddenly find ourselves with an arctic cold front heading our way. It's far better to have a plan in mind to protect those delicate bromeliads. We've mentioned this many times in the past: the first part of your cold protection plans should include identifying the plants in your collection that are the most sensitive. This is where your fellow club members can be a great help. They can tell you which plants they've had troubles with in the past and which ones survive with little damage when temperatures plummet for short periods of time. For those of you who have enjoyed mounting their plants on driftwood and other decorative materials, keep in mind that those plants do not have the benefit of any insulation value that is provided by potting mixes and therefore will

be the first to be damaged by extreme cold – followed by those in pots, and lastly those planted directly in the ground. Those in the ground will generally feel temperatures several degrees higher than what is showing on your thermometer due to the ground retaining some heat from before the cold front arrived.

This Month's Meeting:



Dennis Cathcart of Tropiflora.

Our speaker this month is none other than explorer, bromeliad hunter, writer and owner of Tropiflora (premium bromeliad nursery) – Dennis Cathcart.



Dennis will also be bringing plants for sale and you can be sure that they will be only the highest quality, so be sure to bring your wallets and purses as we welcome Dennis to FECBS!

Last Month's Meeting:

Calandra and I were in Corpus Christi for the SW Bromeliad Guild show and sale and missed “Bromeliad Bingo”, but I hear it was a lot of fun and there were some gorgeous plants going out the door at the end of the meeting. Sorry I don't have any photos to share from last month's meeting, but here's a few from the show in Corpus Christi – you might want to consider attending next year's show and sale since it will be in Kenner, La...just a stone's throw away from New Orleans!



Encholirium horridum – entry in the SW Guild Show



Aechmea fulgo-ramosa as a landscape plant in S. Padre Island.

FCBS Meeting in West Palm Beach

The Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies meets 3 times each year and the 11 member societies rotate the responsibility of hosting each meeting. The Bromeliad Society of The Palm Beaches, FCBS's newest member club hosted the third meeting of 2019 at the Mounts Botanical Gardens in West Palm Beach.



Some of the business that was taken care of at this meeting included a report that the Mexican Bromeliad Weevil site that had been created and maintained by Dr. Howard Frank through the University of Florida will now reside on the FCBS website since Dr. Frank is no longer affiliated with U of F. We heard a report from former FECBS club member Steve Provost regarding the BSI archive. This archive is maintained by the University of Central Florida and work is now underway to begin scanning some of the

materials that have been donated and catalogued. This means that they will soon be available to review on-line and no longer face the real danger of being lost as officers change in bromeliad clubs and documents that should be maintained get shuffled from one location to another. Thank you Steve for the very important work that you have done to safeguard these materials!

We also heard a report on the recent Bromeliad Extravaganza in Orlando. This was a very successful event and the Bromeliad Society of Central Florida received many compliments on a job well done!

An update was given on the 2020 BSI World Conference, to be held in Sarasota in June. It's not too early to register and it was noted that the registration fee will increase in December, so get your registrations in now for what will be a truly memorable event. It was also noted that the membership rate for BSI newcomers will be much reduced from the standard rate as an incentive to recruit new members – so not only can you save on the registration rate for the conference by registering now, but if you are not currently a member of BSI you can get an additional savings by joining the organization now. For information about BSI or the World Conference, visit the website: www.BSI.org

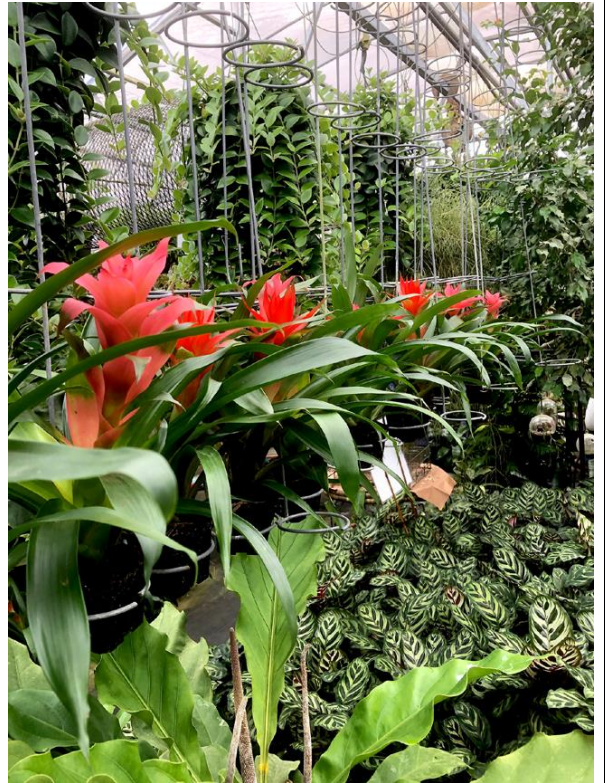
Birthdays for November:

Happy Birthday to the following FECBS members:

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| Roberta Anderson | Carol Chillemi |
| Jean Hochdoerfer | Marilyn Rauch |
| Susan Rowley | |

Out and About:

I hope that many of you had the opportunity to support our friends at E.F.G. Orchids during their 17th annual Orchtobefest. Attendance looked to be very good and it seemed that everyone leaving the greenhouses had at least one new plant purchase in their hands.



The orchids were simply beautiful and they were nicely complimented by a good selection of bromeliads and succulents.



Even the weather was perfect for the event (well, at least it was on Sunday). Then, to cap it off, a food truck was parked in front of the main greenhouse and provided excellent fare at a reasonable price.



All in all, it was just a great way to spend an afternoon.



New hybrid *Guzmania x Vriesea* was on sale at McCrory's Nursery – one of the tours available during the event.



Cryptanthus 'Tiger Lily' at John Bordman's home – one of the tours of gardens during the Extravaganza.

...and, here are a few more pictures from the Extravaganza in Orlando:



Hohenbergia lanata. A plant not often seen, but in Lisa Robinette's back yard!



Nidularium innocentii striata – another seldom seen species on display in Lisa Robinette's yard.

Announcements:

This is a new section of the newsletter this month and provides space for members who wish to announce an activity that they either are participating in or supporting in some way.

December 1st. 4pm-8pm



Howling Christmas Party, 50 decorated trees, wine and appetizers. Door prizes, Silent Auction, orchids and plant sale. Open your wallets for Sophie's Circle Tickets \$10

Contacts for more information. Myrna Moore, Cindy Pitts Volusia Jeweler, Kathy Blackman, and Sophie's Circle

3016 S. Peninsula Dr. Daytona Beach Shores

Directions; 1.3 miles north of Dunlawton Bridge or .7 miles passed Longstreet School on Peninsula going south

Sunday, March 29, 2019

SELL PLANTS AND KEEP ALL YOUR TAKE!

If you want to set up a table and tent on, you can bring any plants and related items to sell in the GARDEN OF EDEN!!!

One of our members, Roberta Sappington, is on the board of the Jewish Heritage Festival. They want pretty plants to grace a large area beside the Halifax River.

This large gathering which is held every 2 years in Ormond Beach at Rockefeller Gardens. It is similar in size and scope to Port Orange's Family Days. Though vendors must pay \$300-\$500 per space, they are not charging Garden of Eden sellers anything at all.

Roberta needs to tell the board by February 1st how many tables and/ or tents our folks want to bring so they can give an arrival and set up time that morning. Roberta has a banner that says GARDEN OF EDEN and can answer your questions at rivkasap@aol.com.

Looking ahead:

Nov. 8-10, 2019

Fairchild Gardens Ramble
10901 Old Cutler Rd.
Coral Gables Fl. 33156

December 14,15 2019

Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society Show and Sale, Araba Shrine Temple in Fort Myers.

2010 Hanson Street

Fort Myers. FL

(Just south and across Cleveland Ave from Lee Hospital)

Saturday - 9AM - 4PM

Sunday - 10AM - 3PM

February 22nd, 2020

First Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies meeting of 2020 – to be hosted by FECBS (that's us!)

March 26-29, 2020

Bromeliad Society of South Florida

Annual Spring Show

March 26-29, 2020 Garden House 10901 Old Cutler Road Coral Gables, FL 33156

(always a great show that also includes a large section of student art.)

June 9 -13, 2020 I know – that's a long way ahead, but it will be here before you realize, so you should start your plans today for the BSI World Conference (WBC2020) in Sarasota, Fl. It's not often that a World Conference is held right here in our own backyard (well, across the state from us anyway), so this will be an excellent opportunity for our members to see what these events are all about! Watch future newsletters for details!

