

THE FLORIDA EAST COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY

November 2023 Newsletter

1:30 p.m.

NEW LOCATION THIS MONTH: La Costa Village, 1275 La Costa Village Blvd.
Port Orange FL

November 12th Meeting

NOTE: This month's meeting will be held November 12th at 1:30 p.m. at La Costa Village clubhouse, 1275 La Costa Village Blvd., Port Orange.

Dave Johnston, owner of Bromeliads Galore Nursery in Pinellas Park, Florida will present "My Favorite Neoregelias". He has been specializing in growing bromeliads for 32 years and grows approximately 1000 different species and hybrids.

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

--- Jack

Sudi Hipsley retires from Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies



Our own Sudi Hipsley was honored at the October meeting of the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies which was held at council member John Boardman's home.

She is retiring from her many decades as treasurer for the Council. Five of our members were in attendance including Rick Ryals, Calandra Thurrott, Greg Kolojeski and FECBS President Jack Dunlop.

McCrorry's Bromeliads Open to the Public on Fridays

A few weeks ago, some of our Palm Coast members went to McCrorry's Bromeliads in Eustis to shop. The nursery is open to the public on Fridays from 8 am – Noon October – May. They offer an assortment of bromeliads on the dock for purchase. You might want to take a drive and check them out! Cash only. If you pay by credit card they will charge a fee.



McCrorry's will be selling plants at the Mount Dora Plant Fair, Mead Garden Growvember Festival and the Amaryllis Festival at Nehrling Gardens (see calendar of events).

Do You Know What Quilling Is?



Quilling is a growth abnormality of the apical meristem sometimes found in bromeliads such as *Aechmea fasciata* (photo). The leaves in the center grow together and are pleated. The constricted leaves prevent water from being absorbed normally, so the leaves never fully open. This abnormal growth pattern is usually caused by a chemical deficiency.

According to Chester Skotak, this is due to lack of fertilizer. He recommends adding a time-release granular fertilizer at the base of the plant in addition to a liquid fertilizer (20-20-20 or 20-10-20) at half strength once a month. However, once the quilling has appeared, it cannot be reversed by fertilizer, although the pups may grow normally (photo above).

Photos from last month's members' sale

Many members brought a variety of plants and mounted bromeliads for sale. Unfortunately, not many people attended, but those who did bought plants at reasonable prices. Calandra also sold magnets, beautiful notecards, and jewelry.



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



Tillandsia ionantha 'Fuego'
(Bill Hazard)



Friendly "Froggy"
(Jane Howells)



Portea petropolitana
(Judy Rafter)



Ananas nanus
(Jane Villa-Lobos)



Halloween in St. Augustine
(Bill Hazard)



T. utriculata in silk floss tree
(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 November



Greetings to these members: Roberta Anderson, John Hiatt, Jean Hochdoerfer, Carol Lespi, Brian Midkiff, and John Walter.

Future Events

November 4-5

Mount Dora Plant & Garden Fair

530 N. Donnelly St.
Mount Dora
Sat. 9-5; Sun. 9-4

November 10-11

GROWvember Festival

Mead Botanical Garden
1500 S. Denning Dr.
Winter Park
Fri. 2-6; Sat. 8-4

Nov. 17-18

NGC Small-Standard Flower Show

Hosted by The Garden Club at Palm Coast
Shepherd of the Coast Lutheran Church
101 Pine Lakes Pkwy.
Palm Coast
Fri. Noon-4; Sat. 9-3

Dec. 9

Annual Holiday Amaryllis Festival

Nehring Gardens
267 Hempel Ave.
Gotha
9-3

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