

# THE FLORIDA EAST COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY

## November 2025 Newsletter

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

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### **November 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

Our monthly meeting will be held on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. We will be going to Terry Kahn's to tour her yard and hear what suggestions Pinky Ormond recommends for Terry's landscape. You may remember at last September's meeting Pinky talked about hypertufa containers.

Please meet at the clubhouse at the regular time of 1:30 p.m. Bring your food items and raffle plants as usual. Around 2:00 p.m. we will carpool to Terry's house, 3748 Fiano Dr. (not far from the clubhouse). We should return to the clubhouse around 3:00 p.m. for our meeting.

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

### **Two Interesting Tillandsias**

The first Tillandsia, *Tillandsia ionantha* 'Druid', is from Jane Villa-Lobos. There are many different types of *Tillandsia ionantha*. Most leaves turn red during flowering, and the flowers are violet. However, *Tillandsia ionantha* 'Druid' turns a bright golden yellow and its flowers are white. This makes it a striking specimen that catches one's eye.



Native to Mexico and Central America it grows to 5 inches tall and forms clusters after flowering. When not in flower, the leaves are bright green with thousands of trichomes which curve outwards.



Calandra Thurrott sent this photo of one of her unusual Tillandsias, *Tillandsia x lineatispica*. It is a natural hybrid of (*utriculata* x *fasciculata*) from the U.S. Virgin Islands where the only two possible parents of this beauty occur side by side. Taking the best of both parents, it has an inflorescence much larger and more branched than *fasciculata*, but much more colorful than *utriculata*. It does offset, though it may wait until the inflorescence is almost finished

### **Members on the Go!**

Our club was invited to participate in the Bromeliad Society of Central Florida's tour of two bromeliad gardens in Cocoa on October 25. About six club members attended. Donna Valerio and Calandra Thurrott took these beautiful photos.



### **New logo items are now available!**

Since Lidia's Embroidery in Palm Coast will be closing soon, Angela Yacuzzi has found another company in Ormond Beach which offers a wider range of merchandise available for members to purchase with the FECBS logo. At the last meeting Angela showed everyone samples of T-shirts, polos, tote bags, and key chains. The logo is a screen print on the T-shirts and embroidered on the polos. You can also bring in your own shirt. Prices vary for each item, so see Angela Yacuzzi at the next meeting as she will have order forms. If you are unable to attend the meeting, she can be contacted through email at [atyacuzzi@gmail.com](mailto:atyacuzzi@gmail.com).

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



Blooming *Billbergia pyramidalis*  
(Marie Fabiozzi)



*Portea petropolitana*

**Photos from former member Hedy Quick's bromeliads in New Smyrna Beach**



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](mailto:saravillalobos387@gmail.com).



Greetings to these members: Carol Chillemi, John Hiatt, Carol Lespi, Lori Liskovec, Sharon Mihalyak, Susan Rowley, and John Walter.

**Future Events**

**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

**November 28, 2025**  
**Thru January 4, 2026**  
**Holiday Blooms**  
Leu Gardens  
1920 N. Forest Ave.  
Orlando, FL

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