

THE FLORIDA EAST COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY

December 2023 Newsletter

4:30 p.m.

PARTY LOCATION: Myrna Moore, 3016 S. Peninsula Dr.
Daytona Beach, FL

December 10th Meeting

The Holiday Party will be at Myrna Moore's home, 3016 S. Peninsula Dr., Daytona Beach at 4:30 p.m. She is located about halfway between the Port Orange and Orange Ave. bridges on the East side of the Halifax River. Phone is 386-295-9280. There is parking in front of her home and in the vacant lot to the North of her home. There will be two attendants there to assist with parking.

Turkey, ham, and drinks will be provided. Members, please bring a dessert or a side to share. There will be a voluntary gift exchange (something for use in the garden or a bromeliad or other plant). Bring a gift to get a gift. Gifts should be wrapped so no one knows what is in the package. Cost under \$20. Numbers will be drawn, and each person in turn will select a gift which they will open. Gifts cannot be stolen to prevent fights from breaking out. Maybe next year. But you can voluntarily swap gifts if you want.

--- Jack

Bromeliads at the San Antonio, Texas Botanical Garden

Jane Villa-Lobos visited friends in San Antonio for Thanksgiving and toured the San Antonio Botanical Gardens. All the bromeliads were planted in the conservatory.



Flower Show in Palm Coast

The Garden Club at Palm Coast held a National Garden Club Small-Standard Flower Show Nov. 17-18 in Palm Coast. There were two divisions: Design and Horticulture. Judith Davies and Jane Villa-Lobos were co-chairs for the Horticulture Division. One of the sections was container-grown bromeliads. There were 23 entries by eight members of our club: Judith Davies, Marie Fabozzi, Iris Graim, Marinus Grootenboer, Judy Rafter, Linda Sheets, Sherrie Thompson, and Jane Villa-Lobos. Genera represented included: *Aechmea*, *Billbergia*, *Guzmania*, *Tillandsia*, *Vriesea*, *Quesnelia*, and many *Neoregelia*. Judith Davies' *Quesnelia marmorata* 'Tim Plowman' was the top winner. It not only won a blue ribbon and the Grower's Choice Section Award, but it won the Award for Horticulture Excellence. Congratulations Judith! Judith also received a blue ribbon for her combination bromeliad planter, and Jane, Judith, and Sherrie Thompson entered many mini bromeliads in the Petite Section which were also ribbon winners.



There were 4 tables filled with container-grown bromeliads.

Proud Judith Davies'



Sherrie Thompson's
Winners



Petite Container plants

(Photos: Jane Villa-Lobos)



Jane Villa-Lobos'
Winners

World Bromeliad Conference in West Palm Beach

Registration is now open for the World Bromeliad Conference in West Palm Beach to be held May 22-24, 2024. Hotel reservations at a special discount rate at the West Palm Beach Marriott are also open. To register and find the latest conference news go to the Conference Corner on bsi.org.

You must be a BSI member to register. Registration is: \$295 by March 31, 2024; \$335 from April 1-30, 2024; and \$395 from May 1, 2024.

There will be eight speaker presentations, a judged plant show, a special plant sale, a rare plant auction, bus tours, a banquet with a keynote speaker, and more. The keynote speaker for the Banquet on Saturday night, May 25, 2024, is **Andrew Devonshire from New Zealand** with his presentation '**Hybridizing: The Kiwi Way**'. Other presenters are: David Fell, New Zealand, Peter Tristram, Australia, Dennis Cathcart, USA, Hito Takizawa, Japan, Herb Hill, USA, Pedro Nahoum, Brazil and Dr. Theresa Bert, USA. The bus tours will be to Mounts Botanical Garden, a 20-acre living plant museum with 25 unique garden areas, and Grants Bromeliad Nursery.

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



Billbergia pyramidalis 'Variegata'
(Photos: Jane Villa-Lobos)



Cryptanthus 'Pickle'

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 December

Greetings to these members: Jack Dunlop, Shelly Hansen, Sudi Hipsley, Marsha Tucholski, and Sandi Wirth.



Future Events

December 9

Annual Holiday Amaryllis Festival

Nehring Gardens
267 Hempel Ave.
Gotha
9-3

2024

February 3-4

GardenFest

Riverside Park
3250 Riverside Park Dr.
Vero Beach
Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4

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