

# THE FLORIDA EAST COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY

## December 2025 Newsletter

**This month's location: Myrna Moore's at 3016 S. Peninsula Dr.  
Daytona Beach, FL  
Time: 3:00 p.m.**

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### **December 14th Holiday Party**



Myrna Moore has once again invited the club to her home for our Christmas Party on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm. Address: 3016 S. Peninsula Dr., Daytona Beach. Her home is located about halfway between Port Orange and Orange Ave. bridges on the East side of the Halifax River. Phone is 386-295-9280. There will be attendants to assist with parking.

Turkey, ham and drinks will be provided. Attendees are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. There will be a voluntary gift exchange. Bring a wrapped and/or boxed bromeliad plant or nice decorative pot in the \$20 price range. Rules are explained below.

On behalf of the club, I would like to thank Myrna once again for graciously hosting the party. See you there. - Jack

### **Rules for the Chinese Gift Exchange**

Bring a gift, Get a gift. Numbers will be randomly picked by each participant. Participant Number One selects a gift, unwraps it for everyone to view. Number Two then selects a gift or may "steal" the gift from Number One. If Number Two "steals" a gift, then Number One gets to select a new wrapped gift. And so on until all participants have a gift. And lastly, Number One gets a chance to keep their gift or "steal" a gift. Note: A gift can no longer be "stolen" after being "stolen" twice (third owner).

Clear as mud? You will catch on quickly. Except for Bill. He may take a while. Let the mayhem begin. Excuse me, I mean let the fun begin. --- Jack

### **Officers for 2026**

At the October meeting Jack Dunlop announced the slate of officers for 2026. Pam Reisen was elected as the new President. Vice President Bill Hazard, Secretary Ruth Gessner, and Treasurer Eve Krauth were reelected. Jack thanked Pam for volunteering to be President as he has served in this position for seven years!

**22<sup>nd</sup> Australian Bromeliad Society Conference - November 4 - 7**

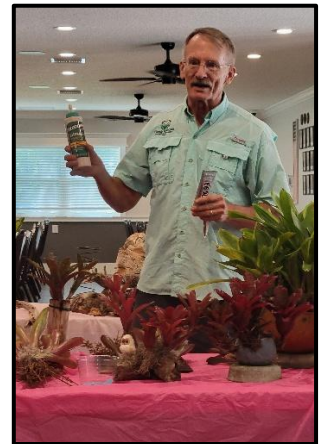


Calandra Thurrott attended the Australian Bromeliad Society’s Conference, “Aussie Broms 2025”, in Brisbane. Similar to BSI’s World Conference, there were speakers from around the world, including Bruce Holst, Pam Koide-Hyatt, and Dylan Zoller from the USA. In addition, there was a plant sale and show, rare plant auction, and tours of private gardens.

Calandra entered a beautiful design of *Neoregelia* ‘Pimiento’ in the Textile Class of the show and received an Award of Merit. Congratulations Calandra!!!

**October’s Meeting on Mounting Bromeliads**

Members Bill Hazard, Judy Rafter, and Myrna Moore brought in many examples of bromeliads they had mounted in numerous items. Each explained their techniques for attaching them.



**An unusual Aechmea growing in Cricket and Wayne Petrovich’s Garden**

*Aechmea* ‘Sudi’ is an unusual bromeliad that was discovered in Sudi Hipsley’s bromeliad collection. Sudi is a past FECBS member and is very active in many of the bromeliad clubs in Central Florida. According to the BSI Registry: “origin, parentage and breeder unknown. Medium green, glossy, arching leaves and finely spined margins with muted, peachy bronze margination and variegation stripes. In strong light, leaves glaze to reddish maroon retaining color year-round. Erect, branched inflorescence with light green bracts and yellow petalled flowers. Rarely blooms but produces offsets regularly without blooming.”

Cricket is growing it in full sun for 4 hours a day. In April the bloom was yellow but changed to red and white around September. She said at one time Tropiflora was selling it online for \$75.00.

***Aechmea* ‘Sudi’**



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



*Billbergia nutans*

*Neoregelia* ‘Hot Embers’

(Calandra Thurrott)

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: Joan Aeschbach, Christophe Cardot, Jack Dunlop, Shelly Hansen, Marsha Tucholski, and Sandi Wirth.

**Future Events**

**December 2- January 4, 2026**

**Holiday Blooms**

Leu Gardens  
1920 N. Forest Ave.  
Orlando

**December 6-7**

**Bromeliad Sale by  
Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society  
Edison & Ford Winter Estate**

2350 McGregor Blvd.  
Fort Myers  
Sat.: 9-5; Sun.: 10-4

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