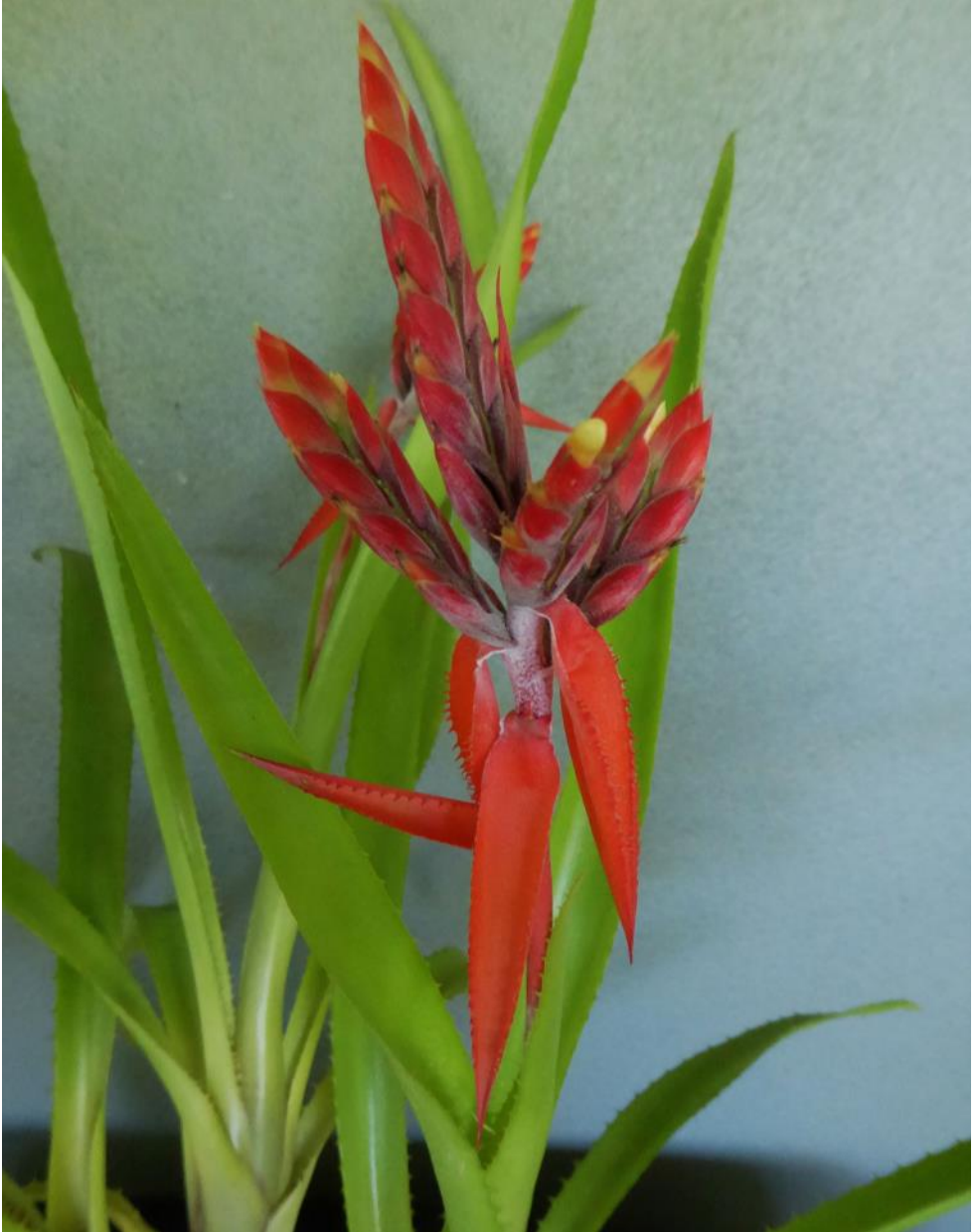




THE CALOOSAHATCHEE BROMELIAD SOCIETY'S

MERISTEM

Jan-Feb 2022



CALOOSAHATCHEE BROMELIAD SOCIETY OFFICERS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT— Julie Stein 919-522-1182 FLAGGIRL56@aol.com

Past— PRESIDENT— Vicky Chirside 941-493-5825 (dampearth@me.com)

**Vice-PRESIDENT— Dale Kammerlohr 863-558-0647
(dzdaze@embarqmail.com)**

SECRETARY— Alison Ackerman 239-851-3176 (Alison@spikowski.com)

TREASURER—Betty Ann Prevatt 334-0242 (bprevattpcc@aol.com)

STANDING COMMITTEES CHAIRPERSONS

NEWSLETTER EDITOR—Larry Giroux 239-850-4048 (DrLarry@comcast.net)

**NEWSLETTER CO-EDITOR— Carly Pfalz 239-850-2669
cpfalz@edisonfordwinterestates.org**

FALL SALES CHAIRS—Brian Weber 941-256-4405 (brianweber1b@aol.com)

**PROGRAM CHAIRPERSON—Carly Pfalz 239-850-2669
cpfalz@edisonfordwinterestates.org**

WORKSHOP CHAIRPERSON—Tom Cowell 732-735-0121 njtom732@gmail.com

**SPECIAL PROJECTS— Carly Sushil 239-850-2669
cpfalz@edisonfordwinterestates.org**

CBS FCBS Rep.—Vicky Chirside 941-493-5825 (dampearth@me.com)

Alternate CBS FCBS Rep.—Vacant

OTHER COMMITTEES

DOOR PRIZE—Debbie McPhail 239-332-4607 or 239-910-3836 ;

email-deb.mcphail@yahoo.com & membership

HOSPITALITY—Membership

SPECIAL HOSPITALITY—Vacant

RAFFLE TICKETS—Greeter/Membership table volunteers—Dolly Dalton, Luli Westra

RAFFLE COMMENTARY—Larry Giroux

GREETERS/ATTENDANCE—Betty Ann Prevatt; Dolly Dalton (dollyd@comcast.net), Luli Westra

SHOW & TELL—Dale Kammerlohr 863-558-0647

FM-LEE GARDEN COUNCIL—Mary McKenzie 239-246-4754;

LIBRARIAN—Vacant

The opinions expressed in the Meristem are those of the authors. They do not necessarily represent the views of the Editor or the official policy of CBS. Permission to reprint is granted with acknowledgement. Original art work remains the property of the artist and special permission may be needed for reproduction. Printed by Stinger Digital Print & Graphics, Cape Coral, FL.



THE CALOOSAHATCHEE BROMELIAD SOCIETY

We have returned to the Garden Council Building on Virginia Ave.
January 2022 Meeting: Sunday, Jan 16th 2022
February 2022 Meeting: Sunday, Feb 20th 2022

**Our Meetings have returned to the Ft. Myers–
Lee County Garden Council Building
2166 Virginia Ave. Fort Myers.**

It is north of the Edison Gardens parking lot and about 1/2 miles north of our previous meeting location— Covenant Presbyterian Church. Virginia Ave is approximately 3 miles north of the intersection of Colonial Blvd. and McGregor Blvd. and is the 2nd Street north of the Edison Gardens

Doors open at 1:00 PM for room setup

Meeting will start this month at 1:30 PM .There will be NO Workshop. There will be NO Program.

Please bring Friendship plants, Raffle & Show and Tell Items. There will be no FOOD! Bring your own beverages. To donate Door Prize Items contact Debbie McPhail. Membership Sales are allowed at this meeting.

**Membership renewal fees are \$15/20 single/dual;
New member dues: \$20/25, single/dual payable by check or cash
at the January meeting or by mail to Betty Ann Prevatt.**

The Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society is an active Affiliate of:



Cryptanthus Society



BSI



FCBS



FM/LC GC

Jan/ Feb CBS Meetings

Just as we start to feel more comfortable about how to best run our meetings, life's situations keep changing. Although the CBS Board has decided to have our January and most likely our February meetings on their normal dates, we need to continue to make changes for the safety of our members, their families and social contacts.

The doors to the Garden Council Building will open at 1:00 (prior to this the CBS Board will hold a Board meeting to take care of 2022 business and priorities) and the membership meeting will start at 1:30 PM.

Right now there is no Speaker or Workshop scheduled, at least for the January meeting. Again there will be No food except personal snacks/ drinks if you wish to bring them for yourselves. We will have the RAFFLE, DOORPRIZE, SHOW and TELL, MEMBERSHIP SALES and FREINDSHIP PLANTS if any are donated.

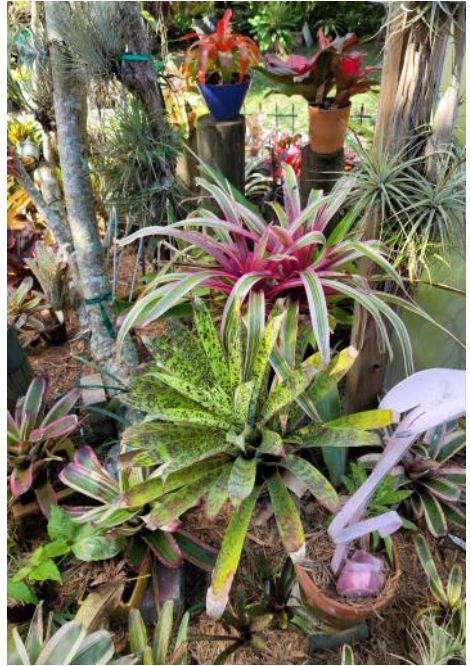
The science shows that this Covid variant that is prevalent in our community is highly contagious to unvaccinated individuals as well as albeit less so to the vaccinated population. Carriers can be relatively asymptomatic and can unknowingly pass the virus on for days.

Masks are not mandatory at the meeting, but encouraged when social distancing is inadequate, especially indoors. Depending on the weather the meeting may be moved to the outdoors. Let's all keep hoping all will return to normal soon.

Membership Dues: We will resume collecting membership dues in January. Attached to the e-mail message in which you received this newsletter, will be a membership form. Some will be at the upcoming meetings. Please complete for 2022 and confirm your email and mailing addresses and phone contact # . Return this to Betty Ann before or at the January meeting. The rates are still the same. \$15/20 for single/ dual renewing members; \$20/25 for single/dual new members. Any new members that join in Oct, Nov or Dec 2021 are paid up for 2022. New members, be sure to give Betty Ann the name(s) you want on your name tags; for other members, Betty Ann can probably reorder a lost name tag for a nominal fee.

CBS Holiday Party

Many thanks to Debbie McPhail for hosting again our CBS 2021 Holiday Party at her beautiful home in Fort Myers. Her gardens and homes were super-decorated for the season and the plants probably never looked so nice. Besides the joy and gratitude felt among the attendees, I'm sure there was a bit of envy of Debbie's incredible yard. Remember to thank Debbie personally for her generosity and this special gift to us all.



December CBS Sale

For those who were at the Holiday Party, you already know that this year's Bromeliad Sale at the Edison/ Ford Winter Estates was one of our most successful events ever. This was extra surprising since there were fewer vendors than usual and it was held during a pandemic. At the January Meeting, our Treasurer Betty Ann Prevatt will again review the numbers. Betty Ann was very efficient as usual in sending out checks to all the vendors.

2021 CBS BSI Standard Bromeliad Show Edison / Ford Winter Estates December 3rd – 5th 2021

The 2021 CBS Bromeliad Show was moved this year to an outdoor venue at the Edison / Ford Winter Estates in conjunction with the Annual Bromeliad Sale. There were 94 entries from 22 exhibitors. 78 Horticultural entries, 11 artistic and 5 miscellaneous entries. Ribbons included 62 AM, 25 Blue and the rest red or judged only. The following pictures are of the winners. Congratulations to all the exhibitors on the quality of the plants and exhibits entered.



**Mulford B. Foster Award– Best of Show Horticulture
Aechmea tillandsioides Exhibitor: Michael Kiehl
(See picture on front cover)**



**Morris Henry Hobbs Award – Best of Show Artistic
Cryptanthus colnagoi 'Grazilla' Exhibitor: Dr. Larry Giroux**



**Sweepstakes Award– Most “Blue Ribbons” Won
Representative plant: *Cryptanthus* 'Northern Lights'
Exhibitor: Dr. Larry Giroux**



Div I Sec A–
***Neoregelia* ‘Melanie’**
Exhibitor: Rick Batt

Div I –
***Goudaea* ‘Josefa Leon’**
Exhibitor: Michael Kiehl



Div I Sec B–
***Aechmea* ‘Jimmy Knight’**
Exhibitor: Michael Kiehl



Div II–
Nidularium litmus
Exhibitor: Dr.Terrie Bert



Div II Sec A–
***Sincoregelia* ‘Cosmic Blast’**
Exhibitor: Dr. Terrie Bert

Div II Sec B –
***Billbergia* ‘Fantasia’ x ‘DeNada’**
Exhibitor: Michael Michalski



Div III –
***Tillandsia* ‘Lucille’**
Exhibitor: Dr. Terrie Bert



Div I II Sec A–
Tillandsia xiphioides x bergeri
Exhibitor: Betty Ann Prevatt



Div I II Sec B–
***Tillandsia* ‘Sweet Isabel’**
Exhibitor: Dr. Terrie Bert

Div IV Sec A –
***Cryptanthus* ‘Cherry Cobbler’**
Exhibitor: Dr. Larry Giroux





**Div IV Sec B–
Cryptanthus ‘Corinne’
Exhibitor: Dr. Larry Giroux**



**Div VI Sec A Best Judges’ Entry –
Neoregelia ‘Hypershock’
Exhibitor: John Boardman**



**Div VI Sec C –
Pitcairnia Inflorescence
Exhibitor: Michael Michalski**



**Warren Loose Best *Cryptanthus*
Group Species Award
Cryptanthus warren-loosei
Exhibitor: Dr. Terrie Bert**

Bob Whitman
Best *Cryptanthus*
Group Hybrid Award
***Cryptanthus* ‘Aunt Beulah’**
Exhibitor: Dr. Larry Giroux



The Gene McKenzie
Best Tillandsia Award
Tillandsia x smalliana
Exhibitor: Tom Cowell



Members Choice—1st Place
***Neoregelia* ‘Black Olive’**
Exhibitor: Michael Kiehl



Members Choice—2nd Place
***Neoregelia* ‘Wide Load’**
Exhibitor: Rick Batt



Members Choice—3rd Place
***Neoregelia* ‘Fancy Francis’**
Exhibitor: Michael Kiehl



Dr. Larry Giroux, Editor
80 Skyline Drive
North Fort Myers Fl 33903
(239) 850-4048 DrLarry@comcast.net



Division VI Sec D Artistic Expression Winner
Abstract Neoregella Quilt
Exhibitor: Robin Harris



**WORLD BROMELIAD
CONFERENCE**
to be held in Sarasota, Florida. [June 2022](#)

<https://www.bsi.org/new/conference-corner>

For more info and updates.