

FLORIDA WEST COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY

DECEMBER
2005

This Month's Meeting

We Are Having a Holiday Party!

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, December 6, 2005, at Hope Presbyterian Church, 1698 S. Belcher Road, Clearwater. The doors open at 7 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

For our party, we are asking that each and every member bring a dish to share. The club will provide drinks, a meat tray, rolls condiments and a vegetable tray.

Each member should also bring a **nice potted bromeliad**. When you bring in the bromeliad you will receive a ticket. When your number is called you will be able to pick from any of the bromeliads that were brought in. The sooner your number is called, the more bromeliads you will have to choose from. If everyone brings a nice plant, everyone will go home with a nice plant! We will also have door prizes!

Remember to stay after the meeting and help clean up.

Dues!

December is the first month we start collecting dues. Membership is \$15.00 per individual and \$25.00 for two or more family members. Please make your checks payable to FWCBS and give them to Gary Lund at the meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please send your checks to Gary at 904 Oakwood Drive, Largo, FL 33770.

New Officers for 2006

The following members have been elected as officers for next year.

President—Anne Kavanagh

Vice President—Gyula Nemeth

Secretary—Judy Lund

Treasurer—Gary Lund

Directors—Phyllis Steil, Bob Albanese, and Michael Palandro

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Guests are always
welcome!!

Bring a **plant!** Plants
must have names
and be sure they are
free of scale.

Bring plants for show
and tell.

Bring a plant for the
friendship table.

Wear your name
tag!



Show and Tell for November 1, 2005

Dave Johnston: Neoregelia cyanea X
Neoregelia concentrica
Neoregelia carolinae X
Neoregelia fluminensis
Cryptanthus pickelii
Guzmania lingulata (variegated form)
Neoregelia 'Fandango'

Helga Tarver: Tillandsia xerographica

Chip Hill: Cryptanthus 'Cascade'
Neoregelia 'Robin'



HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

by Barbara Temchuk

It's a few days before Christmas
and all around my place
Bromeliads are sitting
with much style and grace.

There are red leaves and green leaves
befitting the season.
There are striped ones and spotted ones
with no rhyme or reason.

Tillandsias are mounted
and hung with great care.
Why some are even dangling
overhead in mid-air!

Aechmeas and Dyckias
bedeck the shelf,
while a Guzmania with a red spike
resembles an elf.

There are Vrieseas with blooms
coming out of their cups.
and there are Neoregelias
adorned with new batches of pups.

Like toy soldiers, the Billbergias
stand in a row.
While Cryptanthus, the earth stars,
sparkle below.

"Old Man Winter"
he'll not cause me dismay.
For my home is brightened
by this magical display.