

The Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society

Sunday, June 9th

Meet at La Costa Village - 1275 La Costa Blvd., Port Orange, 32129

June, 2019

2019 Hurricane Season Begins – Are You Ready?

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We'll talk more about hurricane season in next month's issue.

Please don't arrive at our usual meeting place on Sunday – We won't be there!

Oh wait...we said that last month, didn't we? Well, here we go again. Last month we didn't meet at our usual location because we were involved in the Mother's Day Orchid Show at the Volusia County Fairgrounds on our usual meeting date. This month we won't be meeting at Colony in the Wood because the clubhouse is being renovated and will not be available...maybe for a few months, but don't worry – we'll keep you posted. For now, arrangements have been made for our group to meet at the clubhouse of **La Costa Village**, off Big Tree Rd. **The address is 1275 La Costa Blvd., Port Orange, 32129** – for those of you who follow their GPS devices. If you don't have a GPS to take you to this address, but know where we have been meeting at Colony in the Wood – this new location is not far and should be easy to find. From Colony in the Wood, continue north on Clyde Morris Blvd. to Big Tree Road (there is a traffic light there). Turn right (toward the ocean) onto

Big Tree Road and continue downhill (east) until you see the sign on your right for La Costa Village. Turn at the entrance and follow La Costa Blvd. south to the clubhouse and pool complex and you're there! We'll probably continue to meet at this location while the Colony in the Wood clubhouse is being renovated but you'll need to pay close attention to announcements in your newsletter regarding our meeting locations during this summer and fall in case there are any changes. You do read your newsletter, don't you? Good! I thought so.

This month's meeting:

Our guest speaker this month will be John Boardman who will be heading our way from his home and bromeliad collection in St. Cloud, Florida. John is a member of the Bromeliad Society of Central Florida, an internationally accredited bromeliad show judge, and one heck of a good grower of bromeliads. His plants usually find their way to the head table whenever he enters them in judged shows. I couldn't find a photo of John to put in this issue of the newsletter, but here's one of a nice Neoregelia, named for him:



Neoregelia John Boardman

Photo courtesy of the BSI Cultivar Registry

Appropriately enough, John will be talking to our group about bromeliads in the Neoregelia Genus. He also will be bringing some of his own plants for sale, so be sure to bring your purses and wallets with you for this month's FECBS meeting!

2019 Mother's Day Orchid Show

For several years now our group has been invited to build a bromeliad display for the Volusia County Orchid Society's Show and Sale. This has worked out so well for both FECBS and the orchid folks that last year we were invited to have a booth to sell bromeliads in addition to having our display...also very well received, so this year we were again invited to have a display using our favorite plants and have a sales area for anyone attending the event who might want to buy something other than orchids – like perhaps, a bromeliad or two. This all went very well and we need to thank Ron, Jack, Stanley, Bill, and Cricket for helping out with the display, the sales booth, or both, and (equally important!) for helping dismantle things on Sunday afternoon. Thank you also to those others who helped out on Saturday (sorry – I wasn't there that day, so I don't know what your names are to put in the newsletter!).

How do you put together a bromeliad display? It helps if you have Ron Tucholski as a club member:



Ron starts with a blank slate – or in this case, an empty table.

Then, add some colorful plants loaned by generous FECBS members:



Lots of color in this box of plants brought by Jack.

Add some choice greens and cut inflorescences:



And now add some hard working volunteers from FECBS:



Ron, Jack and Stanley. Note the large *Tillandsia utriculata* in bloom that nearly touches the ceiling!

And, before you know it, you have created a beautiful display:



The finished product and award winner!

Birthdays for June:

We have a lot of happy June babies in our group! Happy Birthday to the following FECBS members:

Ann Alberti	Deb Ball
Peg Cowan	Pat Debow
Kathy Dunlop	Marinus Grootenboer
Jane Howells	Pam Newman
Audrey Sanford	David Sanford
Calandra Thurrott	Jay Thurrott

Out and About:

We love to see pictures of bromeliads in our club members' yards. Please keep sending them!

Thank you Jean Hochdoerfer for sending this beautiful photo of colorful *Neoregelias* in her landscape. They all look so clean! How do you do that?)



Photo by Jean Hochdoerfer

Kricket Petrovich sent us this photo of a *Vriesea* that surprised her by springing into bloom after not flowering for many, many years. Well worth waiting for! Sometimes they just want to take their time and there is little you can do to hurry them along.



Photo by Kricket Petrovich



Close-up of open flower on the inflorescence. Photo by Cricket.

The name tag says “Vriesea Chocolate”, but there doesn’t seem to be any hybrid registered under that name. Not to worry though, it’s still a beautiful plant and certainly looks like a form of *Vriesea fosteriana* – a wonderful plant that comes in many light and dark forms... or perhaps a hybrid with *fosteriana* in its parentage. Thanks Cricket!

In early May Calandra and I found ourselves in Ft. Myers where we helped with the first class of judges’ school and we thought that since we were there anyway, we should take some time before returning home and visit the Edison House.



The Guest House at the Edison Estates.

Actually the correct name is “The Edison and Ford Winter Estates” and if you’ve never been there, this is definitely something worth traveling to see! For one thing, there are more than 20 acres of botanical gardens surrounding the restored winter homes of Edison and Ford (the car guy, not the president(s)) as well as a “garden shop” that is a full sized commercial plant nursery.



Aechmea Malva landscape planting.

You can spend a good deal of time just browsing through the hundreds of tropical shrubs, trees and even bromeliads for sale in the nursery... and that’s all in addition to the tours of the estate, the museum, museum store, etc. If you decide to visit this really nice attraction in Ft. Myers, you had better bring some walking shoes because it takes some time to see everything and the grounds are quite extensive!



Hanging basket holding *Aechmea warasii* in bloom



Tillandsia utriculata on tree in front of the Edison house.

And by the way, either when you are heading to Edison House in Ft. Myers or on the return trip home - if you happen to pass through LaBelle around lunch or dinner time, be sure to stop in at the Log Cabin restaurant in the downtown area. You won't be sorry. Great food at a reasonable price in an interesting décor!



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 to cajat@aol.com or mail to Jay Thurrott, 713 Breckenridge Dr., Port Orange Fl. 32127

Looking ahead:

June 8,9, 2019

San Diego Bromeliad Society Show and Sale at Balboa Park from 10am to 4pm.
Contact Nancy Groves- nancygroves@me.com
or Robert Kopfstein - rwkopfstein@gmail.com
for more details.

June 22, 2019

Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies meeting.

Hosted by the Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society. Contact your officers if you are interested in attending.

August 3,4, 2019

South Bay Bromeliad Associates show and sale at Rainforest Flora Nursery, 19121 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance, CA 90503.

August 17 – 18, 2019

Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society Sale

Location: The Garden Club of Sanford, 200 Fairmont Drive, Sanford 9:00 - 4:00

In air-conditioned building

Huge selection of bromeliads in many genera, orchids, aroids, ginger, other tropical plants, gift baskets, hand crafted slat baskets in several sizes. Members will be available to answer your questions.

September 20 – 21, 2019

2019 Bromeliad Extravaganza

Sponsored by the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies and hosted by the Bromeliad Society of Central Florida. Registration is \$100/person which Saturday night Italian buffet, raffle and silent auction, seminars and rare plant auction. Location: [SpringHill Suites](#) & [TownePlace Suites](#), 8040 Palm Parkway, Orlando Lake Buena Vista (near Disney Springs). This is a Marriott property with the two hotels being connected. The rate will be \$85 per night (taxes are additional). When you make your reservations you must mention The Bromeliad Extravaganza for this special rate. You can call today. The hotels will also have a limited number of rooms 5 days before and 5 days after at the same rate for those that might wish to make a vacation at Walt

Disney World or the other area attractions. This rate also includes a complimentary hot breakfast. The rooms at Towneplace Suites include a kitchenette. The rooms at SpringHill Suites include a mini fridge and microwave and a pull out (trundle) sofa bed. **Make sure that you indicate which hotel you prefer when you call to make your reservations - either SpringHill or Towneplace.** You can call and make your reservations and mention The Bromeliad Extravaganza for your special rate. You can call today. No Extravaganza registration is required. Either 407-635-8500 or 407-239-4005. The hotels have provided a link for online registration for this event. The \$85 rate is good from Tuesday, September 17th to Tuesday, September 24th. The taxes are an additional 12.5% which comes out to \$21.25, so your confirmation should show \$191.25 for two nights. Last day to book is Saturday August 17th.

Oct. 11, 12, 2019

Southwest Bromeliad Guild Show -- International Cryptanthus Society Show. Emerald Beach Hotel directly on the Bay 1102 South Shoreline Blvd. Corpus Christi, Texas.

Dec.13-15, 2019 Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society Show and Sale, Araba Shrine Temple in Fort Myers.

June 9 -13, 2020 I know – that’s a long way ahead, but it will be here before you realize, so you should start your plans today for the BSI World Conference (WBC2020) in Sarasota, Fl. Watch future newsletters for details!



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