

# 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.