

# The Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society

This month's meeting is January 9<sup>th</sup>

January, 2022

## Colony in the Wood

4000 S. Clyde Morris Blvd., Port Orange

1:30 p.m.

**Co-Presidents – Jack Dunlop and Chuck Mamale**

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**Vice President – Bill Hazard 386/882-3850**

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**Treasurer – Eve Krauth 386/871-1041**

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### **January Meeting**

Happy New Year everyone!!! We are pleased to have Tom and Carol Wolfe with us this month. They have teamed up to share a presentation featuring specimen plants photographed by Carol at various gardens, bromeliad shows and venues around the country. Both are members of the Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay. Tom has served the Guild as president many times and Carol is now the vice president. They are also active in the FCBS and BSI. They hold many offices in these organizations which I am sure you will find out about during their program.

Drinks and food will be provided by the members whose birthdays are this month, but others are welcome to bring goodies too. There will be a bromeliad raffle and door prizes.

---Jack Dunlop

### **Renew your membership!**

Please renew your membership to be included in the club's directory which Jane Villa-Lobos plans to have printed by February. Dues: Individual: \$15, Family: \$20. Cash or make checks payable to FECBS. Bring to the meeting or mail to: Eve Krauth, 148 Grebe Ct., Daytona Beach, 32119.

### **Holiday Party**

What a fabulous party!!! Thank you all for contributing, especially Francisco Cardoso and his helpers. The centerpieces were all works of art and the winners were: First place Marinus Grootenboer, Second place, Ron Tucholski, and Third place, Jane Howells.



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### When is the best time to remove pups?

We have had some mild weather in December and many of you were probably working in your gardens and wondering if it is wise to remove pups at this time. As you know pups are ready to be separated when they reach about  $\frac{1}{3}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  the size of the parent plant. The longer you leave the pups on the mother plant the quicker they will reach maturity. However, removing the pups when they are smaller will encourage the mother plant to make more pups sooner. Should I remove the pups now or not, that is the question? The answer - In case we experience cold temperatures in January and February like we usually do, **it is suggested to leave the pups attached to the parent until the spring** as pups don't usually root well when it is cold. To get more information on this topic, go the Bromeliad Society International (BSI) website (<http://www.bsi.org>) and click on articles for a guide to asexual reproduction by Margaret & Derek Butcher.

### **Birthdays for January:**

*Greetings to these members:*

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| Virginia Dornbach | Erna Jones        | Chuck Mamele |
| Jacque Mamele     | Belinda McCarthy  | Lois Miller  |
| Fiona Murphy      | Kricket Petrovich |              |

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



*Tillandsia ionantha* 'Druid'  
(Photo: Jane Villa-Lobos)

This clone blushes yellow before flowering and has white flowers. It makes a nice clump.



*Neoregelia* 'Fireball'  
(Photo: Bill Hazard)

This hybrid forms rosettes which develop pups on stolons making them ideal for hanging baskets and mounting on trees. They are best grown in sun to keep their blood-red color. If there is too much shade, the plants turn green.



Judith Davies has been waiting 12 years for her variegated *Aechmea mexicana* to bloom and it just developed an inflorescence in December! She wondered why the lower leaves were drying up- now she knows. She is hoping it will pup soon as it has never produced a pup.

According to Tropiflora, the origin of this sport is uncertain as it may have wild origins or may be from cultivation. The open rosette can get over three feet across. This plant is prized by collectors.



*Billbergia* 'White Cloud'  
(Photo: Calandra Thurrott)



*Billbergia* sp.  
(Photo: Maggie Marshall)



*Billbergia* 'Hallelujah'  
(Photo: Jane Villa-Lobos)

Jane Villa-Lobos and members of The Garden Club at Palm Coast's Propagation Guild visited Leu Gardens' Holiday Display in early December. In addition to beautiful plantings of poinsettias,

bromeliads were planted along walkways, in pots and mounted on trees. If you haven't been to this botanical garden in Orlando, put it on your "Bucket List" for 2022!



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 Jane at saravillalobos387@gmail.com or mail to Jane Villa-Lobos, 29 Clearview Ct. North, Palm Coast, FL 32137.

**Looking ahead:**

**March 26-27**

**Bromeliad Society of South Florida  
Plant Sale**

Fairchild Tropical Botanical Garden  
10901 Old Cutler Rd.  
Coral Gables, FL  
9:30 am - 4:30 pm

**April 23-24**

**Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society Annual Spring Plant Sale**

Sanford Garden Club  
200 Fairmont Dr.  
Sanford, FL  
9 am - 4 pm

**June 8-12, 2022**

**24<sup>th</sup> World Bromeliad Conference**

Hyatt Regency Sarasota  
Sarasota, FL  
[www.bsi.org](http://www.bsi.org)

