

# THE FLORIDA EAST COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY

## January 2023 Newsletter

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!**

**NOTE: Meeting Location: La Costa Village Clubhouse, 1275 La Costa Blvd.  
Port Orange, FL**

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### January 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Happy New Year everyone! After a fun December party at Myrna Moore's home to finish 2022, we now start a new year with our January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting which will be held at 1:30 PM in the La Costa Village Clubhouse in Port Orange. This is the same clubhouse we used a couple of years ago. Address is 1275 La Costa Village Blvd. It is off Big Tree Road about halfway between Clyde Morris Blvd. and Nova Rd.

Our program, led by VP Bill, will be information sharing about lessons learned during the past three weather events that impacted our bromeliads and gardens. Yes, three... two hurricanes and a hard freeze. And Winter is just getting started.

Suggested names for the program include: 1) How I hurt my back last year, 2) I thought it was cold hardy, 3) Why does it take one day to bring them in, but a week to put them back out? 4) Where is global warming when you really need it? 5) Why I became a rock collector.

We will also have refreshments (please bring something good to eat), door prizes, and raffle.

Look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

— Jack

Maggie Marshall took some photos during the gift exchange at the Christmas Party.



### **An early freeze wreaked havoc in many gardens**

Some members in Palm Coast protected their sensitive bromeliads with frost cloth...



(Photo: Keith McCabe)



(Photo: Greg Wilson)

...while others moved plants in their garage or enclosed their lanai to shelter the plants from the 20-degree temperatures.



(Photo: Marinus Grootenboer)



(Photo: Kathleen Bolanos)

Even though plants are covered, they can still be affected by the cold. Two things to remember during a cold snap: what will be the lowest temperature and for how many hours? Other factors include wind velocity, location of the plants and cold following unseasonable warmth.

Did you know there are several lists of cold sensitive bromeliads on the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies website ([fcbs.org](http://fcbs.org))? “Cold Sensitivity of Some Bromeliads” by Tom Wolfe & Eileen Kahl and “Cold Sensitivity of Bromeliads” by Dr. Dale Jenkins. The Rainforest Garden also has lists: “The 5 Best Cold Hardy Bromeliads” and “The Big List of Freeze Tolerant Bromeliads”. I go through these lists and mark the species I have that are frost hardy, so I know what doesn’t have to be covered. It’s a good project while you watch the weather forecast at night.! Island Breeze Tropicals just posted a good video on YouTube, Cold Hardy Bromeliads?? Check out these resources and keep track of your plants and their sensitivity to the cold. Every yard is different.

### **Travels during the holidays**

Janet Correia visited the Marie Selby Botanical Gardens and the Sarasota Garden Club in Sarasota a week ago and took a few photos of bromeliads.



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



*Aechmea maculata*  
(Photo: Jillian Ragia)



*Tillandsia ionantha*  
(Photo: Calandra Thurrott)

*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 Jane at saravillalobos387@gmail.com.*

**Birthdays for January:**



Greetings to these members: Virginia Dornbach, Erna Jones, Chuck Mamele, Jacquie Mamele, Fiona Murphy, Cricket Petrovich



**Future Events**

***February 4-5***

***Gardenfest***

3250 Riverside Park Dr.

Vero Beach, FL

Sat. 9 – 5

Sun. 9 – 4

***March 18***

***Plant Faire***

Volusia County Fairgrounds

3100 New York Ave.

DeLand, FL

8:30 – noon (cash or check only)

***March 18-19***

***Annual Spring Garden Festival***

Kanapaha Botanical Gardens

4700 SW 58<sup>th</sup> Dr.

Gainesville, FL

9 – 5 Garden Admission: \$10 each day

***July 28-29***

***Extravaganza 2023***

Marriott Hotel

1001 Okeechobee Blvd.

West Palm Beach, FL

More information to follow



Bromeliad tree at Leu Gardens

(Photo: Jane Villa-Lobos)

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