

THE FLORIDA EAST COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY

January 2025 Newsletter

1:30 p.m.

Meeting Location: Colony in the Wood, 4000 S. Clyde Morris Blvd.
Port Orange, FL

January 12th Meeting

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a joyous holiday. Thank you, Myrna, for hosting the club's Christmas Party.

This month's speaker will be Ken Stokes. He will share his experiences on growing bromeliads outdoors and the many challenges such as insects, animals, hurricanes and drought. He will also bring a few plants for sale.

There will be a bromeliad raffle, show and tell, and refreshments. Since there are only a few members with birthdays this month, if you wish to bring some food it would be appreciated. Thank you.

--- Jack

Membership renewals

Don't forget to renew your membership. An individual membership is still a bargain at \$15 and a family membership is \$20. See Eve Krauth at the meeting to renew or mail a check payable to FECBS to Eve Krauth, 148 Grebe Ct., Daytona Beach, FL 32119.

Are you prepared for the cold temperatures next week?



You may have already seen the weather alerts on the local news and the Internet about the cold temperatures in the coming week due to the Polar Vortex. Are you prepared? If you have bromeliads in the garden that are not truly cold-hardy, you might consider covering them or bringing them into the garage or shed. If you are wondering if your bromeliads are cold-hardy, don't forget to visit the FCBS website (fcbs.org) and glance through the lists (under Bromeliad Information) that have been compiled

by several specialists.

Remember this tip. If there is a hard freeze predicted, it is recommended that you water your bromeliads. The water in the cups may insulate the caudex so that the caudex will survive, and the plant can pup. While the mother plants may die, pups will survive

2025 Bromeliad Extravaganza

This year's Bromeliad Extravaganza sponsored by the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies will be hosted by the Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society September 26-27th at the Ramada Gateway in Kissimmee (near Disney). The special room rate is \$85.80 per night (includes all fees). The webpage (BromeliadX.com) has links to online or mail-in form registration at \$125 and a schedule of events.

There will be a Friday night BBQ buffet, Saturday speakers, a Saturday night Italian banquet with a rare plant auction, and the biggest bromeliad sale covering an area almost 6,000 sq. feet! The plant sale will be open to registrants on Friday and open to the public on Saturday.

Rainforest Flora with Paul Isley on YouTube

Paul Isley of Rainforest Flora in Torrance, CA is back on YouTube through Barry Landau's YouTube channel. The series is called Ask Mr. Tillandsia. Three weeks ago there were episodes on pseudo bulbous Tillandsias, blooming Tillandsias, and two episodes where Paul answers questions people have submitted. You might want to check it out!

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



Aechmea weilbachii
forma *leodiensis*
(Jane Villa-Lobos)



Neoregelia
(Judy Rafter)



Neoregelia (Marie Fabozzi)

Bill and Tree Hazard visited New Zealand recently and took these bromeliad photos.



From Rick Ryals' Garden (Photos by Calandra Thurrott)



Tillandsia 'Impression Perfection'



Aechmea 'Blue Tango'

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: Chuck and Jacquie Mamele and Cricket Petrovich.

Future Events

February 7-8

GardenFest

Riverside Park

3250 Riverside Park Dr.

Vero Beach

Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4

February 22

Seminole County Gardening Expo

Seminole County Extension Service

250 W. County Home Rd.

Sanford

9-3

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