

# THE FLORIDA EAST COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY

## February 2022 Newsletter

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**Meeting Location: Colony in the Wood, 4000 S. Clyde Morris Blvd., Port Orange, FL  
1:30 p.m.**

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### Next meeting February 13<sup>th</sup>

Steve Byram, a member of the Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay, will speak on shade gardening. Bromeliads are a great plant to add to perennials and annuals in your landscape.

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

---Jack Dunlop

### What is your favorite bromeliad?

Each issue this year I will include submissions from members of their favorite bromeliad. You can send more than one as I know it is difficult to have just one favorite. Just send a photo and if possible, a short write-up on your plant. Thank you. Jane Villa-Lobos, editor



Calandra Thurrott was the first to send in one of her favorites (she has many). It is *Neoregelia* 'Pemiento', a cross of (*carolinae* x *concentrica*) x 'Royal Burgundy'. Its reddish-burgundy color with deep green margins makes a statement in any landscape. It likes full sun to part shade and spreads to 16".

One of my favorites is *Aechmea blanchettiana* and its various hybrids. The plant is impressive with leaves nearly 3' long and 4" wide. When it blooms it is a show stopper with a flower stalk around 4 ft.!! Some cultivar's leaves turn red in more sun while others keep their lemon yellow color.



**Look at this colorful butterfly!!!**

Charlotte Mueller sent this photo of a peacock butterfly visiting a kalanchoe she has on her 5<sup>th</sup> floor balcony. This butterfly is found in South America, Europe and Asia and migrates to warmer areas in the winter. How did it find this flower five stories up? Nature is so amazing! Thank you Charlotte for sharing your story.



**Cold spell hits our area**

Winter arrived in January with many nights below 40 degrees and even freezing temperatures in northern areas like Palm Coast. Members took precautions to prevent losing cold sensitive bromeliads by either covering their plants or bringing them indoors.



Eve Krauth brought her Cryptanthus and others in the garage. I covered many of my plants which are in the ground since they are looking beautiful these days.

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



*Billbergia*  
(Photo: Rosie Byard)



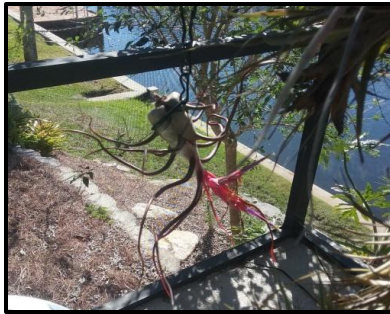
*Tillandsia "Wait N See"*  
(Photo: Irene Aldrich)



*Billbergia 'Violet'*  
(Photo: Calandra Thurrott)



*Tillandsia ionantha*  
(Photo: Judith Davies)



*Tillandsia bulbosa*  
(Photo: Keith McCabe)



*Neoregelia* 'Comet'  
(Photo: Jack Dunlop)



*Neoregelia* 'Orange Crush'



*Aechmea weilbachii* f. *leodiensis*  
(Photos: Jane Villa-Lobos)



*Neoregelia* 'Guacamole'

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 February:**

*Greetings to these members:*

Geri Calvin    Jan Patterson    Cindy Pitts



**Future Events**

**Feb. 5-6**

**Garden Fest**

Riverside Park

3250 Riverside Park Dr.

Vero Beach, FL

Feb. 5: 9 am-5 pm

Feb. 6: 9 am - 4 pm

**Feb. 12-13**

**Edison/Ford Estates Winter Plant Festival**

2350 McGregor Blvd.  
Fort Myers, FL  
9 am - 4 pm

**March 12-13**

**Leu Gardens Plant Sale**

1920 N. Forest Ave.  
Orlando, FL  
9 am - 5 pm

**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**

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