

THE FLORIDA EAST COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY

February 2023 Newsletter



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

February 12th Meeting

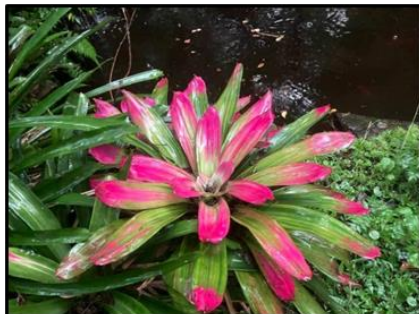
The monthly meeting will continue to be held at the La Costa Village clubhouse (address above). Our speaker, Tom Wolfe, will educate us on cold hardy bromeliads. We could all benefit from his knowledge.

There will be refreshments, a bromeliad raffle, and show and tell. I hope to see everyone then.
— Jack

Final Sale at Eretta Morris's

The FECBS will hold a bromeliad and pottery sale on Feb. 11 from 9 – 4 at 3 Broadriver Rd., Ormond Beach. This is off Airport Rd. and down the street from Pine Trail Elementary School. Eretta is moving to North Carolina and can't take her bromeliad collection with her. She has given the club the ability to set prices as we see fit, so we are pricing everything to sell! The club will keep half of the receipts! Come out and get some great bromeliads and support our club.

Spotlight: *Neoregelia* 'Passion'



Neoregelia 'Passion' is a cross between *Neoregelia* 'Blushing Bride' and *Neoregelia johannis*. The striking pink color comes from *Neoregelia* 'Blushing Bride'. This bromeliad makes a great landscape plant for partial to full sun with its striking chartreuse green and vivid hot pink tipped symmetrical foliage.

(Photo: Irene Aldrich)

McCrary's Bromeliads Schedule

In case you are looking for that certain bromeliad, there are many upcoming festivals/plant sales listed under events where you might find some. I saw this list where McCrary's will be selling in the coming months. March 4 Garden Fest, Melbourne; March 11-12 Plant Sale at Leu Gardens, Orlando; March 18-19 Kanapaha Botanical Gardens, Gainesville; March 18-19 Mount Dora Spring Craft Festival, Mount Dora; March 25-26 Florida Wildflower and Garden Festival, DeLand; April 1-2 Spring Fever in the Garden, Winter Garden; April 8 Spring Festival and Plant Sale, Palm Coast.

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



Canistropsis
(Photo: Jack Dunlop)



Quesnelia testudo
(Photo: Kathleen Bolanos)



Aechmea
(Photo: Kathleen Bolanos)



Tillandsia ionantha
(Photo: Jane Villa-Lobos)

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, Vicki Dean, Sandy Ellis, Jan Patterson, Cindy Pitts, Kathleen Skehan.

Future Events

February 4-5

Gardenfest

3250 Riverside Park Dr.
Vero Beach, FL
Sat. 9 – 5, Sun. 9-4

February 18

Master Gardener Edible Plant Sale

Volusia County Fairgrounds
3100 New York Ave.
DeLand, FL
8:30 – 11 (cash or check only)

March 11-12

Leu Gardens Plant Sale

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

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 58th Dr.
Gainesville, FL
9 – 5 Garden Admission: \$10 each day

April 8

The Garden Club at Palm Coast

Spring Festival & Plant Sale

Flagler/Palm Coast High School
5500 E. Highway 100
Palm Coast, FL
9 – 4

April 14-15

Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society

Plant Sale

200 Fairmont Dr.
Sanford, FL
8:30 - 4

July 28-29

Extravaganza

Marriott Hotel

1001 Okeechobee Blvd.

West Palm Beach, FL

fcbsextravaganza.org Register by April 30
(\$150)

Plant Sale open to the public July 29th 9 - 4

August 19-20

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Plant Sale

200 Fairmont Dr.
Sanford, FL
8:30 – 4



A special thank you to all the officers who have graciously accepted to continue in their roles for another year. Don't forget – if you have any ideas for programs, please contact Bill Hazard at bhaz876@gmail.com.

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