

THE FLORIDA EAST COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY

March 2025 Newsletter

1:30 p.m.

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

March 9th Meeting

The program for this month will be “10 Years After – Dyckia and other Sharpies” by Greg Spath, who has been a back yard bromeliad hobbyist for 35 years. He will be bringing many examples of pre-registered Dyckia from field collected and garden collected seed.

Our raffle tables have been full of beautiful plants, and tickets sales continue to support our club. Thanks to all who bring plants. Seeing all the photos of bromeliads blooming in the members’ garden (below), I encourage members to bring their plants for show and tell. It is a great learning experience on bromeliad culture. This month 12 members are celebrating their birthdays, so our food tables may be quite full!

--- Jack



Dyckia brevifolia



Dyckia 'Cherry Coke'

Spring Fest in New Smyrna Beach

Bill Hazard sold bromeliads at the Spring Fest in New Smyrna Beach on March 1.



Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies February 22nd, 2025, Meeting
By Calandra Thurrott

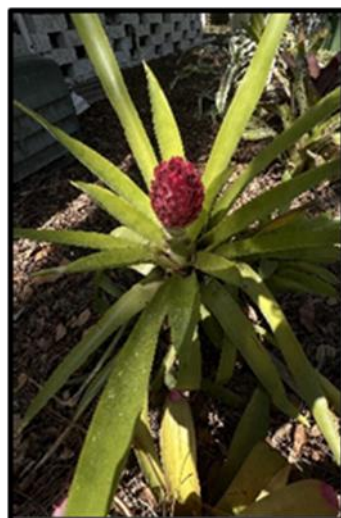
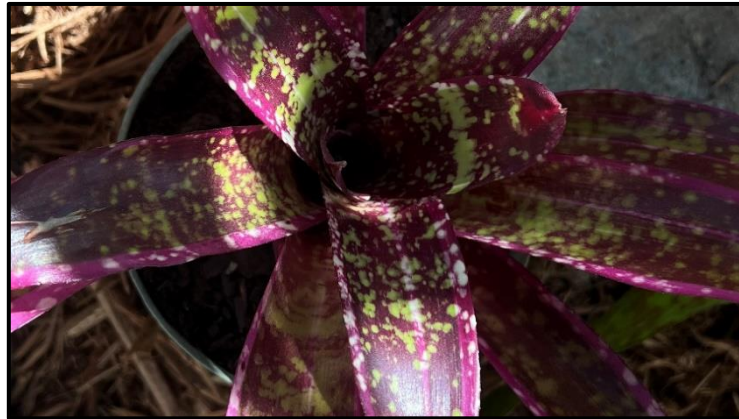
The Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies February meeting was hosted by the Gainesville Bromeliad Society at Oak Hammock at UF, a retirement complex. New Chairman Vicky Chirnside of Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society will head meetings for 2025. Shelly Hansen and I attended this meeting. Jack Dunlop will be vice chair for the rest of the year.

Greg Kolojeski and other FCBS members will have an information booth at the 23rd Annual “Spring Fever in the Garden” festival in historic downtown Winter Garden April 5-6. This event is hosted by The Bloom & Grow Society. There won’t be bromeliad sales at our booth but there will be information about bromeliads and Florida Council clubs, including FECBS. Plan to attend.

Betsy McCrory of the Bromeliad Society of Central Florida will be the Council’s new Roster Editor and will start out from scratch with our (FECBS) membership roster. Please renew your membership now to get in the 2025 Roster.

We love to see pictures of bromeliads in our members’ gardens or from their travels

From Paula Marton’s Garden





Aechmea nudicaulis
(Marinus Grootenboer)



Vriesea
(Marinus Grootenboer)

From Calandra Thurrott's garden



Billbergia 'White Cloud'



Billbergia



Catopsis sessiliflora



Vriesea saundersii



Tillandsia ionantha



Tillandsia 'Canina'



Aechmea 'Bert'

(Greg Wilson)



Quesnelia testudo



Alcantarea burle-marxii

(Christophe Cardot)

From Jane Villa-Lobos' garden



Androlepis skinneri



Aechmea 'Covata'



Tillandsia stricta

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 March

Greetings to these members: Francisco Cardosa, Janet Correia, Judith Davies, Tina Dykes, Mike Fink, Bill & Tree Hazard, Eve Krauth, Terri Malia, Bobbie Moore, Vicki Teel, and Greg Wilson.

Future Events

March 8-9
Leu Gardens Plant Sale
1920 N. Forest Ave.
Orlando
9-5

March 15-16
Epic Flower & Garden Expo
Sykes Family Farm
5995 Brough Rd.
Elkton
Sat.: 9-5. Sun.: 10-4

April 5

Spring Festival & Plant Sale

Flagler Palm Coast High School
5500 E. Hwy. 100
Palm Coast
9-4

April 12-13

Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society

Plant Sale
200 Fairmont Dr.
Sanford
9-4

April 5 -6

Spring Fever in the Garden

Plant Street
Winter Garden
Sat.: 9-5, Sun.: 10-4

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