

The Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society

Next meeting Sunday, April 9th, 2017 1:30pm.
Colony in the Wood – club house
4000 S. Clyde Morris Blvd., Port Orange 32129

April, 2017

Master Gardener Plant Faire

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Master Gardener's Plant Faire –

It's time once again for the Volusia County Master Gardener's Plant Faire. Our group has been participating in this event for quite a few years now and I always look forward to this brief (it's only a half day sale!) opportunity to meet the public and acquaint them with the wonderful world of bromeliads. If you have more bromeliads than you know what to do with, this is your chance to bring them to the Volusia County fairgrounds (3100 E. New York Avenue, Deland – or, just a stone's throw away from I-4), get some fresh air tending our sales booth, and make a few dollars that you can spend on the same day – purchasing more plants from the many plant vendors who will be selling their wares from 8:30 until noon on Saturday, April 8th.

If you plan on bringing plants for sale, we would enjoy your company if you decide to stay, but you are also welcome to simply drop your plants off at our sales booth and we'll take it from there.

The same sales rules apply that we have had in effect for years at all of our sales. These are:

- 1. Plants must be clean and free of any disease or pests. This is important! Any dirty or scale-**

ridden plants will be rejected and returned to their owners.

- 2. Each plant must have two tags – one of which will have the plant name on it and the other must have your name or initials on it and the price that you wish to sell the plant for.**
- 3. When the plant is sold, the new owner keeps the tag with the name and we keep the tag that says the sales price with your name on it.**

Simple enough, right? It's up to you to set a price for each of your plants (is \$1 enough? Is \$100 too much?) and get the plants to the fair grounds. Those of us who are tending the booth (thank you Robert Jacks in advance – you've done such a great job in the past, we look forward to working with you in the sales booth once again!) we'll take care of the rest.

This month's meeting –

Our group has certainly grown over the last few years. It wasn't that long ago that if 20 members showed up for a meeting, we felt that we had good attendance. Compare that with last month's meeting where somewhere between 73 and 75 seats were filled (they

kept moving like a box full of puppies, so it was hard to get an accurate count!) and it seems pretty obvious that we have quite a few new members. With so many new folks joining our ranks, it certainly seems appropriate to have a program catering to the beginner – and what better time to have this than Spring, when we’re all taking stock of our bromeliad collections and wondering where to begin in preparing for this growing season. So, write down those questions that you’ve been meaning to ask regarding everything from “what potting mix should I use?” to “what kind of pot should I use?” to “what kind of plant is this?” (bring pictures if you intend to ask that one – describing it as ‘green and with leaves’ makes it really hard to identify!) and plan on making this a truly interactive meeting. We’ll do our best to answer each and every question that you’ve been saving up until now during this program: [The A,B,C’s of Bromeliads.](#)



Last month’s meeting –
Wasn’t that a great program on hummingbirds last month?



Our speaker, Rainier Munguia did an excellent job educating us about these truly remarkable small birds and his photos were simply amazing. If you missed it, you really missed something special!

Out and about –

We always enjoy receiving photos from club members’ yards and this month Judith Davies was kind enough to share these pictures of bromeliads in her yard:



What a great mix of colors in this group of Neoregelias and note the bright Quesnelia bloom in the bottom of the photo above.



The centers of these Neoregelias are so colorful they look as though they were spray painted...they weren’t...were they Judith?

Calandra and I had the opportunity to visit Leu Gardens in Orlando for their annual Spring sale and the weather couldn’t have been nicer, but where did all of those people come from?



The Orlando Sentinel reports that this year's event had record attendance



Photo by Calandra T.

– and maybe those dinosaurs scattered throughout the gardens that the kids were enjoying had something to do with it?

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 to cajat@aol.com or mail to Jay Thurrott, 713 Breckenridge Dr., Port Orange Fl. 32127

Birthdays for April:

Happy Birthday to the following FECBS members:

Irene Aldrich	Michele Kelley
Jayne Molnar	Eretta Morris
Steve Provost	Hedy Quirk
Roberta Sappington	Rose Vincel
Virginia Whiting	

Looking ahead:

April 8th, 2017

Volusia County Master Gardeners Plant Faire

Volusia County Fairgrounds. ½ day only!
8:30-noon

April 15, 16, 2017

Orchid and Bromeliad show at Flamingo Gardens – Flamingo Park
3750 S. Flamingo Rd., Davie Fl. 33330-1614

April 22-23, 2017 Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society Spring Sale
Garden Club of Sanford, on 17-92, one block south of Lake Mary Blvd.

April 22-23, 2017(confirmed date)

Bromeliad Society of South Florida annual show and sale.

Fairchild Tropical Botanical Garden
10901 Old Cutler Rd., Coral Gables 33156

August 4, 5, 6 2017

Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies'
Extravaganza – hosted by the Bromeliad
Guild of Tampa Bay
Clarion Hotel
2701 E. Fowler Ave., Tampa, FL 33612
www.clarionhoteltampa.com
813-971-4710

Make your Reservation
Ask for Bromeliad Extravaganza Rate
\$75.00 for single or double.
\$85.00 for triple/quad.
Complimentary hot breakfast included.
Rate guaranteed by hotel until July 13,
2017

Registration Form

Room rate \$75 with free parking Registration
fee is \$125, includes a barbecue on Friday
night and banquet on Saturday night.

You won't want to miss this one!

May 29 – June 3, 2018

BSI World Bromeliad Conference in San
Diego, California
Plan now for what is sure to be an exciting
event!

Looking ahead at the next few months and
our upcoming FECBS programs:

April – Bromeliads for
beginners, the a,b,c's of
bromeliads



May – The Genus of
Hohenberia with Bruce
McAlpin

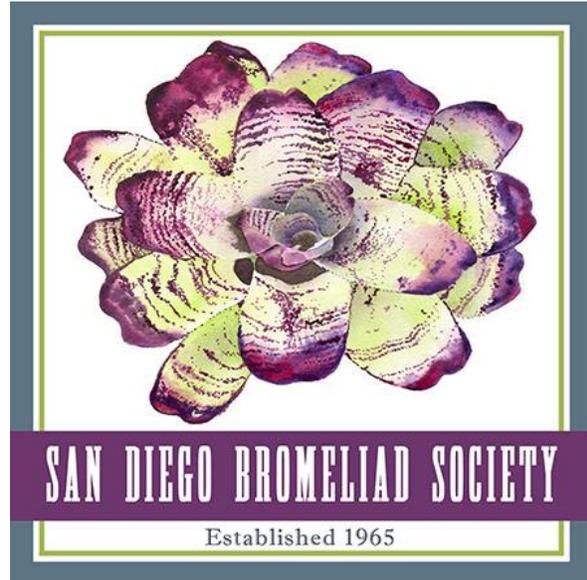
June – The Genus Ananas: the pineapple

July – Hawaiian luau!!!!!!



August – The Genus Alcantare

September – Bromeliad Bingo



Register early: download the registration
form and flyer from the website:
www.bsi/new.org.

