

The Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society

No meeting Sunday, May 12th, 2019
Instead – meet at Volusia County Fairgrounds

May, 2019

Mothers Day Orchid/Bromeliad Show!

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Please don't arrive at our usual meeting place on Sunday – We won't be there!

That's right, we will be at the Volusia County Fairgrounds for the annual Mother's Day Orchid Show. We have been invited once again to have a display of bromeliads and a sales and information booth during this 2 day (Saturday and Sunday) event. We always need volunteers to help with both the display and the booth, so if you haven't already, please contact our president and he will pencil you in on our volunteer sheet.

This event charges an admission fee and tickets were passed out at last month's meeting that will allow you to get in without paying that fee (just another reason why you should have attended last month's meeting!). If you are volunteering to help out now, you will need to contact the president to see if he has any more of those admission tickets.

Next month's meeting will not be at our usual meeting place at Colony in the Wood – the club house is being remodeled and we will not be able to meet there. Instead we will be meeting at a different location. Definite plans have not been finalized yet, but we'll let you know as soon as possible. **Watch for details in next month's newsletter.**

Master Gardener's Plant Faire-

We've been a presence at the Master Gardener's Spring Plant Faire for quite a few years now and as usual, it was a really nice event. We need to thank our club members who helped out to ensure its success. Thank you Jack, Cricket, Stanley, Bill, Sudi and Jay! It turned out to be a beautiful day, attendance was very good, and our bromeliads sold like hotcakes! As fundraisers go, they don't get much easier than this: it only lasts until noon, everyone wants to buy plants, and everyone seems to be in a really jolly mood. Let's do it again next year!



Crowd waiting for the gates to open.



Volunteers setting up the FECBS booth.



Ken brought lots of great plants for sale!



What is likely xAndroloaechmea 'O'Rourke' caught everyone's attention and was quickly purchased during the sale.

Last Month's Meeting:

We were very fortunate to have Ken Stokes as our speaker in April. He entertained and educated us with his program on growing bromeliads not usually found in the "big box stores".



Good attendance at the April meeting.



Handsome Neoregelia door-prize plant.



Ken Stokes talks about growing techniques while President Jack looks on.



A very well appointed snack table – thank you all who brought food to share at this meeting!

Birthdays for May:

Happy Birthday to the following FECBS members:

John Breslin	Ruth Gessner
Terry Kahn	Mally Trzeciak
Susan McConnell	

Out and About:



Charlotte Mueller's Aechmea Perez was not in bloom in time to bring to the April meeting for "Show and Tell", but she sent this picture to share with us showing the pendant bloom as well as a nice healthy pup – that will be ready to not bloom in time for next year's April meeting! All kidding aside, Aechmea Perez has an interesting story associated with its development. A patent was established for a hybrid cross of Aechmea racinae x Aechmea Victoriana var. discolor by none other than Mulford Foster way back in 1949. He registered it as Aechmea Foster's Favorite. Scoot ahead a few years and a California hybridizer by the name of Ed Hummel took an interest in Aechmea Foster's Favorite and carefully selected out the darkest clone of the offsets from that plant. By continuing this selection

process over the course of 17 generations of Aechmea Foster's Favorite, Hummel wound up with a nearly black, thin leaved plant that he named Aechmea Perez.



AECHMEA Foster's Favorite
Photo: Matthias Asmuss (courtesy of BSI's Cultivar Registry)

Both Aechmea Foster's Favorite and Aechmea Perez are wonderful plants that do very well in our area. If you don't already have them in your collections, you should look for them in plant sales. In fact, look for them on the sales tables at the upcoming Bromeliad Extravaganza in September!

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

Looking ahead:

May 10–12, 2019

Bromeliad Society of Central Florida Annual Mother's Day Show and Sale Fashion Square Mall, 3201 E. Colonial Drive, Orlando, FL 32803
Friday and Saturday: 10 am – 9 pm
Sunday: 12 am– 6 pm

May 10, 2019

Mother's Day Volusia County Orchid Society Show and Sale at Volusia County Fairgrounds.

August 17 – 18, 2019

Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society Sale

Location: The Garden Club of Sanford, 200 Fairmont Drive, Sanford 9:00 - 4:00

In air-conditioned building

Huge selection of bromeliads in many genera, orchids, aroids, gingers, other tropical plants, gift baskets, hand crafted slat baskets in several sizes. Members will be available to answer your questions.

September 20 – 21, 2019

2019 Bromeliad Extravaganza

Sponsored by the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies and hosted by the Bromeliad Society of Central Florida. Registration is \$100/person which Saturday night Italian buffet, raffle and silent auction, seminars and rare plant auction. Location: [SpringHill Suites](#) & [TownePlace Suites](#), 8040 Palm Parkway, Orlando Lake Buena Vista (near Disney Springs). This is a Marriott property with the two hotels being connected. The rate will be \$85 per night (taxes are additional). When you make your reservations you must mention The Bromeliad Extravaganza for this special rate. You can call today. The hotels will also have a limited number of rooms 5 days before and 5 days after at the same rate for those that might wish to make a vacation at Walt Disney World or the other area attractions. This rate also includes a complimentary hot breakfast. The rooms at Towneplace Suites include a kitchenette. The rooms at SpringHill Suites include a mini fridge and

microwave and a pull out (trundle) sofa bed. **Make sure which hotel you prefer when you call to make your reservations, either SpringHill or Towneplace.** You can call and make your reservations and mention The Bromeliad Extravaganza for your special rate. You can call today. No Extravaganza registration is required. Either 407-635-8500 or 407-239-4005. The hotels have provided a link for online registration for this event. The \$85 rate is good from Tuesday, September 17th to Tuesday, September 24th. The taxes are an additional 12.5% which comes out to \$21.25, so your confirmation should show \$191.25 for two nights. Last day to book is Saturday August 17th.

Dec.13-15, 2019 Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society Show and Sale, Araba Shrine Temple in Fort Myers.

June 9 -13, 2020 I know – that's a long way ahead, but it will be here before you realize, so you should start your plans today for the BSI World Conference (WBC2020) in Sarasota, Fl. Watch future newsletters for details!



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