

# THE FLORIDA EAST COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY

## *July 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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### **July 10th Meeting**

The speaker this month will be Dave Johnston educating us on bigenerics. He will also be bringing plants for sale. 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

### **World Bromeliad Conference**

The 24<sup>th</sup> World Bromeliad Conference was held in Sarasota June 8-11 and 10 club members attended. There were a total of 200 attendees from 10 countries. The first two mornings were optional bus tours to Michael's Bromeliads and Tropiflora. A special behind-the-scenes tour at Marie Selby Botanical Gardens on Friday gave attendees an insight to the extensive research collections in their greenhouses. Marie Selby has the most diverse living and preserved collection of epiphytes in the world. The living collections number 13,500 plant accessions in 214 families.

A judged plant show opened on June 9 with several of our members receiving awards for their entries. The big plant sale opened that evening to attendees and then was open to the public the rest of the event. At the seminars Friday and Saturday eight speakers shared their knowledge of bromeliads. Friday evening the rare plant auction was held with one first-released plant bringing in \$800!! There were also many silent auction items, so it was a full evening.

Greg Kolojeski, one of our members, co-chaired the conference with Richard Poole. Greg is now BSI's President. Congratulations Greg!!!



**The BSI Wally Berg Award of Excellence**

-By Calandra Thurrott

Rick Ryals, Southern BSI Director and a lifetime member of FECBS, when asked to submit nominations for the Wally Berg Award of Excellence submitted Jay Thurrott's name. Jay fit the criteria set out by the curator Dr. Theresa Bert for this BSI award. Rick wrote about Jay's remarkable involvement in the bromeliad world on local, state, and international levels. As a testament to Jay's worthiness for the award, he was elected by the majority of Directors. Everyone who has met him, been helped by him, and was taught in his classes or lectures also testify to the impact he has had on their lives. He passed away on September 18, 2020.

*"If I had a flower for every time I thought of you, I could walk in my garden forever."*  
Alfred Lord Tennyson.

Jay's name will be published in the BSI Journal and posted on the BSI website. As his representative, I received the award at the BSI World Conference in Sarasota. One award is made ordinarily every two years, at each BSI World Conference. The award is a plaque with the current and all former winners' names and year of award engraved on it. This is BSI's highest honor.



(Photo 1 & 2: Ronnie Telzer)

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



*Canistrum seidelianum*

(Photo: Janet Correia)



*Quesenalia marmorata*

'Tim Plowman'



Guzmanias

(Photos: Terry Kahn)



(Photo: Sandra Ellis)



(Photo: Sandra Ellis)



(Photo: Charlotte Mueller)



*Aechmea* 'Pink Flamingo'



*Pitcairnia unguolata*  
(Photos: Jack Dunlop)



*Neoregelia* 'Victoria's Secret'

Some of Cricket Petrovich's favorites



*Neoregelia* 'Fruity Pebbles'



*Neoregelia leprosa*



*Neoregelia* 'Picasso'



*Aechmea fasciata*  
(red form)



Marie Fabozzi's *Neoregelia* 'Fireball'



*Neoregelia* and *Dyckias*



Mary DeLisle (right) and her garden club friends attended a workshop on making air plant wreaths at Leu Gardens. She was inspired to make another Tillandsia mount on the left.

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 July:**

*Greetings to these members:* Mary DeLisle, Charlotte Mueller, Nancy Rogers, Linda Sheets, Jane Villa-Lobos, Annette Wilson, Jennifer Witherspoon

### **Future Events**

### **Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society**

**Annual Fall Sale**  
Sanford Garden Club  
200 Fairmont Dr.  
Sanford, FL  
9 am - 4 pm



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