

THE FLORIDA EAST COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY

August 2022 Newsletter

**Meeting Location: Colony in the Wood, 4000 S. Clyde Morris Blvd., Port Orange, FL
1:30 p.m.**

August 14th Meeting

The speaker this month will be Jason Mellica of Advanced Bromeliads in Sarasota. Jason graduated from the University of Florida and has been in business since 1995. He has traveled to Venezuela and Guyana and studied bromeliads in the wild. He will speak on “The Future of Bromeliads”.

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.

Thank you to everyone who brought bromeliads for the raffle at last month’s meeting. Hope to see this again! One request. Please clean up the plants before bringing them to the clubhouse. Not necessarily show clean, but at least rinse off any dirt and leaves so we don’t have a lot of cleanup to do after the meeting. Thanks, Jack

Summer Heat

I don’t know about all of you, but the intense sun this summer and the hot temperatures have really taken a toll on my full sun bromeliads in my garden. Even my *Aechmea blanchettiana* plants are sunburned and looking stressed. I have read on some bromeliad Facebook sites that others are experiencing the same with their bromeliads. Sherrie Thompson has devised a method to keep her bromeliads out of the intense sun. She calls it “Bromeliads go to the beach!”



Bromeliads as companion plants in your garden

Jane Villa-Lobos has been re-designing her succulent garden this summer and has added several genera of bromeliads which require the same amount of sun as her succulents. This garden is on a west-facing slope so it gets many hours of afternoon sun. She has included *Puya laxa*, *Orthophytum* ‘Starlight’, *Aechmea blanchettiana*, and *Dyckia platyphylla* x *Dyckia marnier-lapostollei*.

Sherrie Thompson planted peacock ginger among her bromeliads for a nice contrast.



(Photo: Jane Villa-Lobos)



(Photo: Sherrie Thompson)

Sherrie has also combined different bromeliads in pots for an added element to her gardens.



Vriesea erythrodactylon



Marinus Grootenboer has an unusual *Vriesea* flowering... *Vriesea erythrodactylon*, a compact, small -sized species from Brazil that has green foliage with maroon centers and undersides. The paddle-like inflorescence is on a spike that can grow up to 8 inches bearing a characteristic red inflorescence with yellow petals.

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



Neomea
(Photo: Bill Hazard)



Aechmea chantinii
(Photo: Calandra Thurrott)



Aechmea fasciata
(Photo: Rosie Byard)



Tillandsia capitata
(Photo: Marinus Grootenboer)



Neoregelia 'Mo Peppa Please'
(Photos: Jane Villa-Lobos)



Jane's north side garden

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 August:

Greetings to these members: Margaret Gillen, Iris Grait, Sharon Gum, Celeste Marien, Maggie Marshall, Argil Matthews, Myrna Moore, Lloyd Murphy, Judy Rodriguez, Debbie Williams.



Future Events

August 20-21

Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society

Annual Fall Sale

Sanford Garden Club

200 Fairmont Dr.

Sanford, FL

9 am - 4 pm

October 8-9

USF Botanical Gardens Fall Plant Sale

4202 E. Fowler Ave.

Tampa, FL

10 am - 3 pm

November 4-5

Growvember Fall Fest and Plant Sale

Mead Botanical Garden Plant Sale

1300 S. Denning Dr.

Winter Park, FL

Fri.: 2 pm - 6 pm; Sat.: 8 am - 4 pm

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