

# THE FLORIDA EAST COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY

## September 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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### **September 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

This month there will be a members' bromeliad plant sale. Please make sure your plants/pots are clean and bagged so there is less clean-up at the end. Also please arrive by 1:00 to set-up. All sellers are asked to donate one plant to the plant raffle. Monies remain with the seller, so it is a good opportunity to earn a little extra cash to buy some bromeliads on your "wish list".

We do not have a speaker this month, so it will be a time to share information or ask questions on a variety of topics.

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

### **BSI Bromeliad Species Database (BSD)**

Our speaker last month mentioned the new BSI Bromeliad Species Database which can be found on the BSI website (<http://www.bsi.org>). This database was three years in the making in collaboration with Eric Gouda and Derek Butcher. It is exclusively for species only and is a central platform to share photographs, literature, and discussion on the Bromeliaceae.

There are two main sections of data. The first is a dedicated photo "Gallery" page for every species, which is fully available to the public after clicking on a species name. The second section is available to the public in a small thumbnail format only. This is the "Description & Resource Files" archive. Full access requires a valid BSI member username and password to open all files and view photos in large format.

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### **Tool and Knife Sharpening**

If you have any lawn and garden tools, knives, or just about anything with an edge, Knife Sharpening LLC in Flagler Beach can sharpen them. They have a booth at the St. Augustine Amphitheater Farmers Market every Saturday from 2-5. They are also at the Flagler Beach Produce Market (Samsue) at 2751 Moody Blvd. on Fridays from 2-5.

<http://www.knifesharpeningllc.com>

**Members traveled this summer**

Bill and Tree Hazard vacationed in France and visited many cities including Lyon where they toured Le Botanique de Lyon on a day when it was 100 degrees! They enjoyed French cuisine and saw the Le Tour de France in Rocamadour.



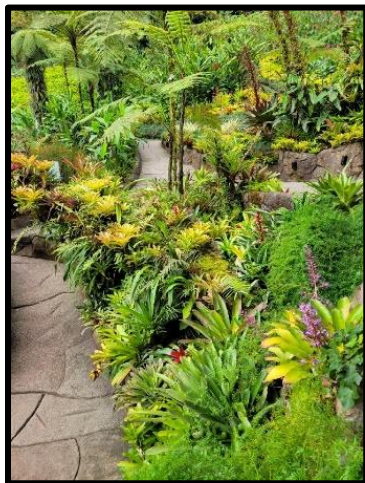
*Hechtia texensis*



*Tillandsia* sp.



In August Maggie Marshall, her husband and son flew to San Jose, Costa Rica to attend the FIFA Under-20 Women's World Cup Games. Maggie's daughter-in-law is a physiotherapist with the Medical Team for US Soccer. During their trip they visited La Paz Waterfall Gardens (Peace Lodge) in Alajuela. This privately-owned park opened in 2000 and is the most popular nature tour in the San Jose area featuring five famous waterfalls, the largest animal sanctuary in Costa Rica and 40 acres of cloud and rainforest hiking trails.



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



Sherrie Thompson's creations with thrift store items.



Jane Villa-Lobos' wall frame.



*Neoregelia pauciflora*  
(Photos: Marinus Grootenboer)



*Cryptanthus* sp.



Charlotte Mueller's decor



Charlotte Mueller's terrarium



Iris Graim's mounted bromeliads



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 September:**

*Greetings to these members:* George Aldrich, Tim Dreggors, Becky Gabbard, Edouard LeMay, Rick Ryals, Ron Tucholski, Sherrie Thompson, and Joan Wilson.

### **Future Events**

#### **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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