

The Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society

Sunday, October 13th
Meet at LaCosta Village - 1275 LaCosta Blvd.
Port Orange, Fl. 32129

October, 2019



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This Month's Meeting:

Back by popular demand, it's *Bromeliad Bingo!* That's right, and for those of you who missed it in 2017 here's how it works. The club will obtain a group of high quality bromeliads that you will have an opportunity to inspect and learn about and the prize for each round of Bingo will be one of those beautiful plants. Simple enough and lots of fun! Everyone present at the meeting will receive a sheet of Bingo cards and more cards will be available for purchase if you are one of those "hard-core" Bingo players who like to play several cards at the same time.



Ron and Marsha with a nice Bingo prize in front of them.

Last Month's Meeting:

September's program was a slide show of a botanical garden and visits to gardens of members of bromeliad societies in Northern California. They may grow the same plants that we do but they don't necessarily look the same...and that's what you might expect when the winters are wet, the summers are dry and the elevations are many times greater than what we are accustomed to in Florida!

We also had a very interesting Show and Tell last month. Bill Hazard showed us this *Neoregelia ampullacea* hybrid that he had encouraged to grow through a seashell such that the plants were on either side of the shell and interconnected through a short stolon that passed through a hole in the shell!



Bill Hazard with his *Neoregelia* growing through a seashell.

And Rose Vincent brought this interesting pot of *Cryptanthus* that had two very different looking pups attached to the parent plant – which was identified as *Cryptanthus bivittatus*. One of the pups looks like its mother, but the other lacks the variegation expected of *bivittatus* and instead is a ruby red color, which I think most *Cryptanthus* growers would identify as *Cryptanthus 'Ruby'*! Ian Hook, webmaster of <http://www.bromeliad.org.au> notes that Ruby is never albo-marginated like *C. bivittatus* or its other cultivar *C. 'Pink Starlite'* - which by the way is not a misspelling of "starlight" but was registered as "starlite".

If a tree falls in a forest and there is no one around...will it always fall on my favorite bromeliad?

Have you ever noticed that when a branch falls from a tree it tends to land where it can do the most possible damage? If there is a favorite bromeliad nearby, that is where the branch will land. When Hurricane Dorian threatened our area, I dutifully removed all of my hanging plants and moved my potted plants where they would be protected from strong winds and any large falling branches from our trees. After the storm passed without incident (thankfully!), I spent the next morning putting plants back where they were before I made my storm preparations (Note for future reference – this is when you may forget where you moved your plants to until they turn up many months later, leaning in odd directions.). Everything looked fine – no damage at all, but then I noticed a pot of *Neoregelia* 'Treasure Chest' that had been growing in a spot that was not near any trees and, I thought, protected from any chance of damage from falling debris. Wrong! A single 3" long piece of a small branch managed to fly away from a tree limb and land like a

lawn dart in the middle of leaf on my plant, neatly splitting the bromeliad leaf in two.



Neoregelia Treasure Chest – note the stick near the center cup.



Falling stick neatly split a leaf on this Neoregelia.

Birthdays for October:

Happy Birthday to the following FECBS members:

Frankie Breslin	Wini Irvin
Stanley Marye	John Quirk
Brad Rauch	Pamela Reisen
Lynn Rounseville	Ray Trzeciak

FCBS Bromeliad Extravaganza

FECBS was well-represented at the 2019 Bromeliad Extravaganza in Orlando. I

counted at least 9 of our club members there (they kept moving, so I may have miscounted) and if you missed it – I've got to say that this was really an outstanding event. Congratulations go out to the Bromeliad Society of Central Florida for hosting this year's Extravaganza. Great job! Starting with the hotel (great price, great rooms...and free parking!), the roster of speakers for the seminars, the food (Mickey Mouse waffles for breakfast!), the tours...let's just say that everything was first-rate! Rather than ramble on, I'll just let the following pictures give you an idea of what all but 9 of you missed:



How can you choose from among all these beauties? Mike Michalski's sales table.



Their hands are full, but surely they must need just one more?



New BSI director Cherie Lee and husband Frank work on cataloguing donations for the rare plant auction.



The "Backyard florist" demonstrates using bromeliads in floral arrangements



The seminars were "standing room only", but we heard no complaints since the subject matter was fascinating!



Bruce Holst describes a few of the difficulties experienced in travelling remote regions of Central America



Artist Steven Littlefield describes the makings of one of his block prints.



Tour of John Boardman's property in St. Cloud. Note the airplane sculpture by the Alcantarea.



One of John's shade houses – just a riot of color!



Tillandsia flexuosa mounted on driftwood next to *Vriesea ospinae gruberi* cultivar



Jane Villa-Lobos talking with BSI director and renowned artist Penrith Goff – taking advantage of the shade in John Boardman's house.



At the second stop on the garden tours Lisa Robinette greets Extravaganza attendees at her home



Pigs fly in Lisa's front yard!



One of Lisa's beautiful David Fell hybrid Vrieseas



Calandra holds up a spiny one as auctioneer Ray LeMieux takes bids at the rare plant auction. Most expensive plant at the auction sold for over \$300!

Out and About:

We always look forward to Charlotte Mueller's scenes that she makes from bromeliads (usually Tillandsias) and locally collected driftwood. This month she sent this photo of an Autumn scene. Beautiful, as always! Thank you Charlotte for sending this.



Fall scene – a Charlotte Mueller original.

Looking ahead:

Oct. 11, 12, 2019

Southwest Bromeliad Guild Show --
International Cryptanthus Society
Show. Emerald Beach Hotel directly on the
Bay 1102 South Shoreline Blvd. Corpus
Christi, Texas.

October 18,19,20, 2019

E.F.G. Orchids 17th annual
Orchtoberfest. 4265 Marsh Road,
Deland. Orchids and bromeliads at great
prices – plus there will be great German
food (Brats and beer – what could be
finer?)

October 25-27, 2019

Tropiflora Fall Festival
25th October 08:00 AM - 27th October 03:00
PM @ Tropiflora, 3530 Tallevast Road,
Sarasota, FL 34243
941/351-2267

Be there for Tropiflora's semi-annual plant
festival! This is a 3-day event featuring
plants galore. Held on the grounds at
Tropiflora nursery in Sarasota, Florida it's
free parking, free admission, music, food,
donuts & coffee, plus many other plant and
garden art vendors.

Please note: Sunday is a short sale day.
Hours on Sunday are from 10 am - 3 pm
only!

October 26, 2019

Fall meeting of the Florida Council of
Bromeliad Societies – hosted by the
Bromeliad Society of the Palm Beaches.

Nov. 8-10, 2019

Fairchild Gardens Ramble
10901 Old Cutler Rd.
Coral Gables Fl. 33156
Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society Show and
Sale, Araba Shrine Temple in Fort Myers.

November 10, 2019

FECBS November meeting with speaker Dennis Cathcart of Tropiflora! You won't want to miss this one!!

March 26-29, 2020

Bromeliad Society of South Florida annual show and sale.
Fairchild Botanical Garden 10901 Old Cutler Road

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. It's not often that a World Conference is held right here in our own backyard (well, across the state from us anyway), so this will be an excellent opportunity for our members to see what these events are all about! Watch future newsletters for details!



E.F.G. Orchids inc.
17th annual

Orchtoberfest 2019



Orchid & Tropical Plant Sale

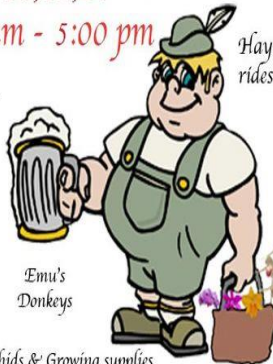
October 18,19,20

Bounce House 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Hay rides

Food & Drinks "Daily Free Raffles"

Can't make it to Orchtoberfest
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Tuesday - Sunday
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Arrive early for the best selection, as certain plants have limited quantities. Bring your wagons and carts!

NEW VENDOR!



For the first time TROPIFLORA will be a vendor at the Extravaganza!

This Fall, TROPIFLORA will be on hand showcasing their collection of *Tillandsias*, *Rhipsalis* and other unusual plants.

Location:

SEARLE BROTHERS NURSERY, INC. &

The Rainforest Collection

6640 SW 172nd Avenue
SW Ranches, FL 33331

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Fall 2019: 3-Day Weekend

October 4th, 5th, 8:00AM - 5:00PM

October 6th, 9:00AM - 4:00PM

Following 3-Day Weekend:

October 11th, 12th, 8:00AM - 5:00PM

October 13th, 9:00AM - 4:00PM

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