

The Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society

Next meeting Sunday, November 11, 2018 1:30pm.
Colony in the Wood – club house
4000 S. Clyde Morris Blvd., Port Orange 32129

FCBS Election of Officers for Next Year



President – Rick Ryals 386/679-8700

**Co-Vice Presidents – Jane Villa-Lobos and Hedy Quirk
386/446-0341 and 386/427-2314**

Secretary – Ruth Gessner 386/767-3499

Treasurer – Eve Krauth 386/871-1041

Election of Officers –

Each fall we elect our slate of officers for the approaching New Year. Sometimes this is very easy – the incumbent officers simply agree to serve another term and our Treasurer (Eve) and our Secretary (Ruth) have both agreed to stay on for another year. That's the good news. The bad news is that as much as we love him and want him to stay in his position forever, our president is term-limited. That's right, this is Rick's second year as president and our By Laws say he can't stay on for another year. Our co-vice presidents have also asked that someone else take on this position, so we are looking for a new vice-president as well. At the October meeting Rick asked for and got volunteers to serve as a nominating committee, so at our November meeting we will be hearing the recommendations of that committee and there will be a call for a vote on those recommendations. That's not to say that nominations can't still be made from the floor though, so if you have a burning desire to serve as an officer next year, this meeting is your opportunity!

This month's meeting –

Tom Wolfe has been involved with bromeliads, both as a hobby and commercially since the 1960s -joining the Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay in 1965. In the years to follow he has held many positions in the Guild including serving as President six times. Tom has been a long-time supporter of the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies and has served as Chairman to that organization three times. At the national level he served on the Bromeliad Society International Board of Directors for 14 years serving as Director, Secretary, 6 years as Vice President and 6 years as President. Tom became an accredited BSI Bromeliad Judge in 1982, is now a Master Judge, having judged numerous bromeliad shows throughout the country. Not content to be involved in just bromeliads, Tom has played an active role in garden clubs in the Tampa area and, most recently, in orchid societies. Tom and his wife Carol grow tropical plants on their 2.5 acres of land and greenhouses in Lutz – in the Tampa area. In his years in the landscape business, he has become an expert on the best bromeliads to use in particular settings, small and large, sunny and shaded. He has designed and

installed many residential and commercial landscapes featuring bromeliads. He is in demand as a speaker throughout Florida and the United States presenting programs on bromeliads to Garden Clubs, Bromeliad Clubs, and at the University of South Florida Botanical Gardens.

Last month's meeting –

Last month we explored mounting bromeliads on wood and stone and discussed which plants to select for this, methods to mount them, and even how best to care for them so that they continue to look good for many years.



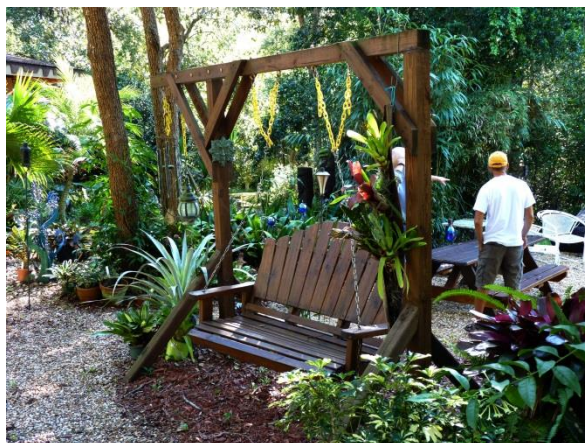
Completed demonstration mounts on the raffle table.



It took a while for the glue to set, but this arrangement of *Neoregelia* 'Chiquito Linda' on rock should root very nicely.

Garden Ramble –

Also last month we had a garden ramble that took us to Cricket Petrovich's and Lynn Rounseville's homes in Deland and thank you Cricket and Lynn for opening your homes to us!



Garden swing surrounded by beautiful bromeliads outside Cricket's home.



Statues and antique ironwork placed in garden.



Neomea 'Popcorn' was popping in Cricket's yard



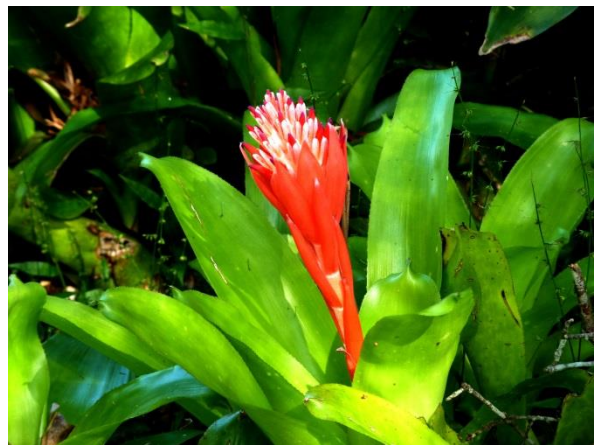
Nice display of Tillandsias and Neoregelias in Cricket's yard.



Lynn's Guzmania 'Denise' looks great even after the bloom has faded.



Next stop: Lynn's home. Here she is greeting club members Jayne and Lloyd.



Everyone's favorite: Billbergia pyramidalis - still looking great near the end of its bloom period in Lynn's garden.



Ruth and Jeanne carpoled to Deland for the ramble.



Last stop: Hanging baskets containing Tillandsia duratii at EFG Orchids. Lots of bromeliads for sale there in addition to beautiful orchids!



Club members Bobbie Moore and Sherry Thompson found it difficult to choose among the huge variety of orchids, succulents and bromeliads at EFG Orchids.



A beautiful day, a cold German beer and a hot bratwurst with sauerkraut at EFG Orchids – what more could you ask for!

I think we all had a wonderful time looking at the wonderful varieties of bromeliads in the landscape at each location...and then we wound up the ramble at E.F.G. orchids where owners George and Paula Hausermann's "Orchtoberfest" was in full swing! And, by the way, E.F.G. Orchids has a nice selection of bromeliads – check them out!

Dyckia – the spiky ones!



So far, in our discussions we have covered Genera beginning with "a" (the Aechmeas), "b" (the Billbergias), and "c" (Cryptanthus). This month we'll look at the "d" group – the Dyckias. Where did that odd name come from? Blame prince and amateur botanist *Joseph Franz Maria Anton Hubert Ignatz Fürst und Altgraf zu Salm-Reifferscheidt-Dyck* and thank heavens that just that last few letters of that lengthy moniker were used in naming this group of spiny terrestrial bromeliads in his honor. This Genus is made up of approximately 100 species found in the more arid regions of South America...only South America. That's a curious distinction and one of many that separate the Dyckias from their cousins the Hectias, which call Central America and even portions of the lower U.S.A. their home. In fact, although they look alike Dyckias and Hechtias are (botanically speaking) quite different from each other.



Dyckia 'Cherry Coke'

The stiff leaves of Dyckias are heavily armed with spines, arranged in a rosette and may range in color from pea-green to deep red. Often, the spines are a bright contrast to the color of the leaves.



Dyckia goeringii



Inflorescences of *Dyckia frigida* – one showing flowers and others showing seed pods.

When in bloom, yellow or orange flowers are borne on tall, unbranched spikes that start horizontally from the base of the leaves rather than from the center of the rosette as in most bromeliads. That means that unlike

most bromeliads, individual plants of the Dyckia Genus may bloom more than once! After the flowers fade, seed pods often form on the stalk of the inflorescence. Eventually, these pods will split into three pieces – each of which will drop small papery seeds that can be germinated to produce a new generation of Dyckias.



Dyckia seeds

Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies Meeting –

Representatives from bromeliad societies across the state met in October at the home of Greg and Ronnie Kolojeski to discuss items of importance to the member societies. The Bromeliad Society of Central Florida (BSCS) announced at that meeting that they will be hosting the next Bromeliad Extravaganza in Orlando in the fall of 2019. Look for more details in this newsletter as they become available. The likely date for this event will be the weekend of September 21, 2019.



Kathy Dunlop (FECBS member), Greg Kolojeski (Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society), Jack Dunlop (FECBS) and Lyn Marino (Treasure Coast Bromeliad Society).



FCBS representatives at the October meeting discussing upcoming Bromeliad Extravaganza.

Out and About –

Jane Villa-Lobos sent in the following photos and says that the first one is of an *Aechmea blanchettiana* ‘Lemon Lime’ that she obtained many years ago at a plant sale at the Sanford Garden Center. The second is of a more recent acquisition – it’s *Tillandsia duratii* from when Tricia of Russell’s Bromeliads presented a program to our group this past June.



All of the *Ae. blanchettiana* forms are great plants that produce outstanding and long-lasting blooms!...and unfortunately, we haven’t perfected a way to share fragrances in our newsletters, but *T. duratii*’s perfumy smell can quickly fill a room. If you don’t believe us, you’ll have to get your own *T. duratii* to smell it for yourself!

Thank you Jane for sharing these photos!

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:

November 10-12, 2018

Fairchild Botanic Garden -10901 Old Cutler Road Coral Gables, FL 33156
Fall Garden Festival, featuring the 77th Annual Ramble. Plants, food, music, cooking, antiques, arts, crafts, books.

November 12, 2018

Sarasota Bromeliad Society sale and auction. Selby Gardens, 811 S. Palm, Sarasota 6-9pm in the Great Room

March 16-17, 2019

Bromeliad Society of South Fl. annual show and sale at Fairchild Botanic Gardens 10901 Old Cutler Rd. Coral Gables, Fl. 33156

March 23, 24, 2019

Kanapaha Gardens Spring Garden Festival Gainesville, Fl
Remote Parking with shuttle service available at:

Celebration Pointe & Bass Pro Area: 4526 SW Archer Rd. Gainesville, FL 32608
9am – 5pm each day \$8 admission adults \$5 admission children under 13. 150 booths offering plants, landscape displays, garden accessories, arts and crafts, educational exhibits and foods.



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