

THE FLORIDA EAST COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY

November 2022 Newsletter

NEW LOCATION THIS MONTH

**Meeting Location: Trails Clubhouse, 201 Main Trail, Ormond Beach, FL
1:30 p.m.**

November 13th Meeting

The meeting will be held at the Trails Clubhouse at 201 Main Trail, Ormond Beach. Main Trail is off Nova Rd. at the first traffic light north of the intersection of Granada Blvd. (SR 40) and Nova Rd. The clubhouse will be open for our use starting at noon. The kitchen is like the Colony in the Wood's so we should be fine for refreshments.

Unfortunately, The Colony in the Wood's clubhouse experienced water damage from Hurricane Ian and is not currently open.

The speaker this month will be Dr. Terrie Bert who will enlighten us on certain bromeliad taxa and will have plants for sale. There will also be a raffle, door prizes and show and tell.

If anyone has special topics for speakers next year, please let Bill Hazard know.

Hope to see everyone this month.

— Jack

Aechmea 'Loie's Pride'



Tootie Richey won this variegated and green bromeliad at the spring meeting, and she was amazed when it produced a salmon and yellow bloom. This is a unique Bullis cultivar (1987) and is a variegated version of *Aechmea* 'Little Harv'. It is also known as *Aechmea* 'Little Harv' Variegated. The creamy yellow albo-marginated leaves have fine spines. The plant can reach 4 feet with a spread of 24-28 inches. It likes partial or full sun.

Save the Date

One of our past members is moving to North Carolina next year and is having a bromeliad sale Saturday, December 10th from 9 am to 4 pm and Sunday, December 11th from 9 am to noon.

There will be lots of pots with bromeliads, statuary, bird baths and much more. Watch the next newsletter for more details. Below are a few examples.



Bromeliad Spotlight: *Aechmea fulgens*



Another one of my favorite bromeliads is *Aechmea fulgens*. It is native to north-eastern Brazil where it lives in the Atlantic Forest as an epiphyte on trees, as well as a terrestrial on rocky outcrops. The curved leaves are green on the upper side and waxy grey below with thorny margins and a thorny tip. The inflorescence is born from the center of the rosette and is a striking red color with sessile flowers with red sepals. The violet petals turn red with age. The fruits are red globose berries which are persistent for months. It makes a stunning plant either in the ground or in pots and can also be used as an indoor plant. It likes filtered sunlight and in the summer be sure the rosette has water, whereas in the winter when temperatures are lower, keep the center relatively dry to prevent rotting. In the winter protect it from temperatures below 60°.

Pictured above is *Aechmea fulgens* var. *discolor* whose upper leaves are green but the undersides are purple. – Jane Villa-Lobos

It was raining leaves and twigs at Calandra Thurrott's during Hurricane Ian!

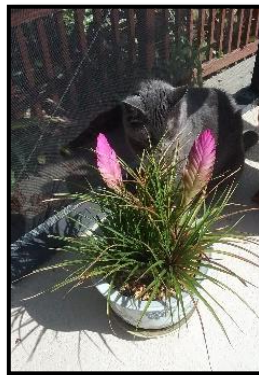


We love to see pictures of bromeliads in our members' gardens

Here are some pots from Judith Davies' lanai. Even her cat, Phoebe, likes bromeliads!



Tillandsia



Wallisia cyanea



Vriesea

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 November:

Greetings to these members: Roberta Anderson, John Hiatt, Jean Hochdoerfer, Brian Midkiff, Marilyn Rauch, Susan Rowley

Future Events

November 4-5

Bromeliad Society of Central Florida Sale

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

Other vendors too!!!

November 12

The Garden Club at Palm Coast

Propagation Guild Plant Sale

200 Cedar Cove

Palm Coast, FL

9 am – 1 pm

Nov. 12-13

Mount Dora Plant & Garden Fair

Donnelly Park downtown Mount Dora

Sat. 9 am - 5pm; Sun. 9am - 4 pm

Dec. 3-4

Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society

Annual Bromeliad Sale

Edison/Ford Winter Estates

2350 Mcgregor Blvd.

Fort Myers, FL (check on this)

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