THE FLORIDA EAST COAST BROMELIAD SOCIETY

November 2026 Newsletter
1:30 p.m.
Meeting Location: Colony in the Wood, 4000 S. Clyde Morris Blvd.
Port Orange, FL

November 8th Meeting

This month's meeting will be held on Sunday, November 8th at 1:30 at the clubhouse at Colony in the Wood, 4000 S. Clyde Morris Blvd., Port Orange.

Terri Bert will present a talk on "What is a Bromeliad Collector?" Are you a bromeliad collector? Being a bromeliad collector is fun, and now with Tropiflora closing, bromeliad collections will become increasingly important and valuable, particularly collections of species. Terrie will tell us what it takes to be a recognized bromeliad collector. There are many ways. She'll bring about 100 bromeliads from many different genera and use them to show the types of collections that can be made. All of these plants will also be for sale after the talk, so you'll have the opportunity to purchase your favorites and maybe start a collection.

Don't forget to bring your bromeliads for show and tell, plants for the raffle, canned goods for Halifax Urban Ministries to help restock their pantries, and of course food for the mid-meeting break.

---Pam

Speaker Terrie Bert

Dr. Terrie Bert has been involved in bromeliads for many years. She has been a member of the Sarasota and Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Societies and has held several positions in the Bromeliad Society International, most notably as Curator of the Wally Berg Award of Excellence for 22 years. She now serves as a Master Judge and on Entries and Show committees for international shows. She cultivates more than 2,000 different bromeliads in about 35 genera.

She has a Ph.D. in marine biology and is retired from her position as Research Scientist for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Follow--up on Stabbing Bromeliads

At the August meeting Ray Lemieux demonstrated how to make hard-to-pup bromeliads produce pups by stabbing the center of the plant. Bill Hazard found a video showing this method on Chester Skotak's Facebook page dated Oct. 5. You may want to watch how he does this with a screwdriver.

Rick Ryals- Speaker at Bromeliad Society of Central Florida Meeting





Rick Ryals, FECBS Past President and Life Member and President of the Bromeliad Society International, spoke at the October meeting of the Bromeliad Society of Central Florida which celebrated their 54th anniversary. The society meets at Leu Gardens in Orlando on the third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.

Rick presented highlights from the 2026 World Bromeliad Conference and shared a look ahead at the next international gathering planned for 2028 at Nong Nooch Tropical Botanical Garden in Pattaya, Thailand in 2028. This botanical garden is one of the largest gardens in Southeast Asia, covering 600 acres. Start saving your pennies!!!!

Save the Date – 2027 Bromeliad Extravaganza

The July 16-18, 2027 the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies Extravaganza is being hosted by the Bromeliad Society of South Florida and will be held at the Miccosukee Casino & Resort at 500 SW 177th Ave. in Miami. The Resort is on the western outskirts of Miami near the edge of the Everglades. Watch for further details.

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



Cryptanthus
(Calandra Thurrott)



Aechmea blanchettiana
(Bill Hazard)



Tillandsia
(Connie Schrider)



Billbergia 'Foster's Straite'
(Jane Villa-Lobos)



Tillandsia

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.



Birthday greetings to these members: Roberta Anderson, Carol Chillemi, Carol Lespi, Lori Liskovec, Sharon Mihalyak, Susan Rowley, and John Walter.

Future Events

November 7-8
Mount Dora Plant & Garden Fair
530 N. Donnelly St.
Mount Dora
Sat. 9-5; Sun. 9-4

November 14-15
GROWvember Festival
Mead Botanical Garden
1500 S. Denning Dr.
Winter Park
9-3

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