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***FRONT COVER: Photo of bromeliads exhibit by Herb Hill, Hill’s Raingreen Tropicals,
In the 2002 WBC in St. Petersburg, FL
Photo by Carol Wolfe***



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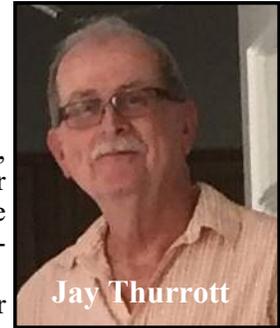
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I love Bromeliads... By Carol Wolfe, Editor

Jay Thurrott in Memoriam
1950-2020

By Tom Wolfe, Chairman FCBS



Jay Thurrott

Knowing that Jay had some serious physical issues for quite some time, it was still a shock when I heard the bad news. Jay has been a close friend for many years. Our paths crossed often as we served on the FCBS together, we judged many bromeliad shows together, attended Judges symposiums and seminars together, and hung out with him and Calandra socially.

On behalf of the FCBS, we extend our sympathy to Calandra and to her and Jay's daughters, Katy Donnelly and Jillian Ragia and their families. Jay loved his family, loved his grandchildren, loved bromeliads and loved life in general. He is and will be missed by both Carol and I and the many others whose lives he touched.

Honoring Jay:

It brings such sadness to our hearts that Jay Thurrott lost his battle with cancer on September 18, 2020. We were hoping and praying that God would heal Jay this side of heaven but it was not to be. The Bible says there is a time to be born and a time to die and it was his time to be with the Lord and enter his eternal home.

Jay's daughters, Katy and Jill, have written a beautiful memorial about their Dad in the following pages and share their family pictures with us. We thank them for their lovely contribution about his life.

As I work on this issue of the Newsletter, I feel the void Jay leaves knowing it will not contain his usual input of interesting articles. Jay was an Assistant Editor to the FCBS Newsletter and the editor of the monthly newsletter for the Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society. His loyalty was exceptional. Weeks before the final due date for copy for the FCBS Newsletter, Jay would send an article or two. Many times he supplied pictures of shows, the Judges School, meetings, and other events for the Newsletter. He was faithful and loyal to his commitment to the FCBS Newsletter providing pictures and stories through our last issue in August before his final battle with cancer. To have an employee fulfill their job in a timely manner would be a blessing, but a volunteer like Jay is every editor's dream!

We will miss Jay and bid him farewell until we shall meet again in that beautiful City of Heaven which the Bible describes as "pure gold, like clear glass and its brilliance is like a very costly stone, as a stone of crystal-clear jasper. The streets of the city are made of pure gold, like transparent glass and the walls surrounding the city are made of jasper and other valuable stones. There is a crystal clear river called the "water of life" that flows from the throne of God down the middle of the great street of the city. On both sides of the river the Tree of Life bears twelve kinds of fruit and yields its fruit every month. There are twelve gates to the city and an angel is at each gate, residing in a gatehouse. The twelve gates are each made of a 'single' pearl, giving them the name "pearly gates".

What a time of rejoicing when we will be reunited with generations of family, friends and we enter those pearly gates to the beautiful city to live forever in the Garden of Eden. We can only begin to imagine all the beautiful plants that God created in the garden for us!

Until the time of our departure from the earth, we will carry our precious memories of Jay in our hearts as we put our hope and trust in John 3: 16-18: "***For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.***" Revelation 21:4 says, "***And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.***" *Hallelujah!*

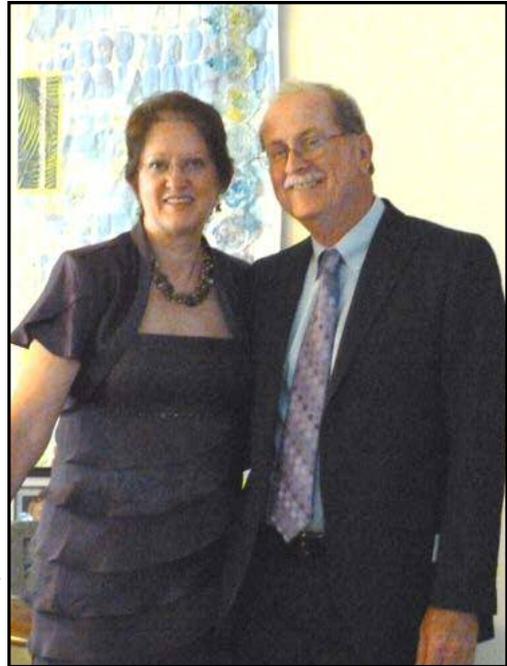
Carol Wolfe, Editor



**In Memory of James (Jay) Thurrott
(1950-2020)**

Written by his two loving daughters: Katy Donnelly & Jillian Ragia

Jay Thurrott passed away on September 18, 2020 after a courageous 8 year battle with melanoma. Letters and emails offering condolences and sharing memories have come flooding in since then. Those who knew him shared what a unique person he was. They shared that they loved his cheerful, patient demeanor and were impressed by the way he humbly shared his incredible span of knowledge. He was the same way at home and those qualities made him a great father.



**Jay and Calandra Thurrott
Married 44 years**

Jay worked over 30 years for the City of Daytona Utilities as an environmental chemist. He retired as Manager of Treatment Operations in 2012.

He grew over 800 varieties of bromeliads at his home in Port Orange, Florida and had been growing bromeliads since the 70's. A lifetime member of the Florida East Coast Society (FECBS), Jay was their newsletter editor and had served as secretary, vice president and president of that organization. He served as his club's representative of the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies

(FCBS) for many years and is a past Chairman of that organization. He was also active in local garden club activities. He was a former president of the Halifax Council of Garden Clubs (a consortium of 7 garden clubs in the Daytona Beach area) and the only male to serve in its history. He served two, three year terms as president of the Bromeliad Society International (BSI) after having served as a director and vice-president of the organization. Jay was also a BSI Accredited Master Judge and had judged bromeliad shows in and out of the USA.



**Jay as Grandfather
to Lilly**

He was a natural teacher. He taught wastewater management courses at a local college earlier in his career as an environmental chemist. As his knowledge in bromeliads grew, he was asked to teach frequently at Leu Gardens. At home, he taught us the names of plants when we went on walks, showed us how to check the oil in our cars, explained how to take a pinfish off a hook, and helped us read music. He seemed to know a little about everything and always made the time to share that knowledge.



Jay as Fisherman



Jay had always loved the outdoors. Growing up on Fisher's Island in New York State gave him an appreciation for fishing and being out on the water. He taught us how to fish and canoe at an early age. As a family, we have so many wonderful memories going canoeing in the Spruce Creek and the intracoastal waterway. We would visit Cape Canaveral National Seashore Park often and fish off the Eldora House dock. He enjoyed walks on Daytona Beach at dawn and finding interesting things that washed ashore.



Jay's Early Morning walk in California

We were blessed to have had a close relationship with our father. He had such a powerful impact on our lives as a great role model. We cherish the years of happy memories we have and will pass on the things we learned from him to our children.



Jay, Husband and Father photographs his family

Left to Right: Kenneth Donnelly, son in-law, and older daughter, Katy Donnelly, Calandra Thurrort, Jovan Ragia, son in-law and younger daughter Jillian Ragia



Jay the Photographer

He loved photographing pictures of people, bromeliads, trips, seminars, judges school, family and enjoyed sharing them with others.



FROM THE WALL OF REMEMBRANCE

Kricket Petrovich says: To Jay who will be remembered through all the hearts he touched. I dedicate this poem to you and your family:

THE DASH
by Linda Ellis

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend.
He referred to the dates on the tombstone from the beginning... to the end.
He noted that first came the date of birth and spoke of the following date with tears,
but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.
For that dash represents all the time they spent alive on earth
and now only those who loved them know what that little line is worth.
For it matters not, how much we own, the cars... the house... the cash.
What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.
So think about this long and hard; are there things you'd like to change?
For you never know how much time is left that still can be rearranged.
To be less quick to anger and show appreciation more
and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.
If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile...
remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.
So when your eulogy is being read, with your life's actions to rehash,
would you be proud of the things they say about how you lived your dash?

Roberta Sappington says: Jay lives on in countless people who have been inspired by his beautiful regard for plants and people who love them. His explanations turned on the lights for me as I learned about Bromeliads each month. My gratitude to Jay will last the rest of my life and my heart goes out to his family who must adjust to Jay in transcendent form.

Dennis Cathcart says: A staggering loss for the bromeliad family. Our cloistered world has known the blessings of many spectacular personalities and intellects. None a better person than Jay. It hurts losing friends in a way that's different from losing a relative. Different, but no less painful. Someone we held up as an example of the best of what's in all of us. A bringer of knowledge, enthusiasm, and joy. A selfless worker. A friend without reservation to all who were lucky enough to meet him. We will miss you till we meet you again.

Lyn Wegner says: Dear Jay. I respected and admired you. Such a gentle, patient, kind, helpful, calm wonderful person. You were always willing to give me advice when needed, regarding BSI matters, waiting quietly in the wings for my emails. Thank you for all you did for our beloved BSI. You were very special to me and to all of us at BSI, members and all Board members. It is difficult to imagine a BSI without a Jay Thurrott. I will remember you with great fondness forever. Our East London Bromeliad Society South Africa members have enjoyed your FECBS newsletters and will remember you for the special person you were. With love and hugs to Calandra and family.

Craig Reimann says: Jay left us too soon, I can't begin to express my sorrow and emptiness losing Jay has brought to me, he was such a true gentleman and a great pleasure to be around and always fun to enjoy any activity with. His knowledge was amazing and kept us all astounded in so many ways. I was so looking forward to many days out on the water with Jay as he was so much in his element with a fishing rod in hand and always a good story to go with it. Jay was a gift to all of us and will be sorely missed by all who had the privilege to have known him. Calm seas and gentle winds my friend

From Howard Frank: Dear Calandra: My recollection is that we met sometime in the 1990s and most likely at an FCBS meeting. Jay was an inspiration to me because he knew so much more than I did about bromeliads, and he was perpetually friendly toward me. Little did I



know that his health had waned, and I only learned of this through Tom Wolfe's message forwarded by Sandy. You and Jay will be topmost in my thoughts for at least the rest of this month.

With love to you both, Howard

From Bruce Holst: I just wrote to Calandra that I wish Jay could be around for a hundred more years! He had such a great demeanor with intelligence, humbleness, and thoughtfulness. He helped the BSI through some rough patches, and was a perpetual leading statesman for native bromeliad interests in Florida, especially when it came to the Mexican bromeliad weevil threat. Regards, Bruce

From Larry Giroux: I am sorry to have to tell you the bad news concerning Jay Thurrott, our Vice-President. About 10:30 AM, just a short time after his admission to a Hospice Facility, Jay passed from complications after a five year battle with melanoma.

Both Calandra, our Southern Director and Jay have been extremely active in all aspects of the Bromeliad hobby including its politics...locally, statewide and internationally. Most recently Jay was a Director, Vice President and President of the BSI, before becoming our Vice President. He has attended and judged shows across the country and internationally. There is so much he has contributed as an educator, judge, exhibitor, organizer and friend to so many.

Join so many of us who are obligated to Jay in wishing Calandra and their family our prayers and best wishes on this sad occasion.

From Rick Ryals: Friday, September 18, 2020

Subject: In Memory of Jay Thurrott

Greetings from Florida,

Please join me in remembering our good friend and Past BSI President Jay Thurrott.

Jay passed away this morning in a Hospice Care Facility in Port Orange, Florida. No services details available at this time.

I've enjoyed a wonderful friendship with Jay over the last ten plus years and I have so many fond memories of him, his beautiful wife Calandra and their daughters. Most of what I'll miss of Jay is his vast knowledge and easy to understand teaching abilities of all things bromeliads.

Later this month, I will propose to the BSI Board of Directors that Jay posthumously receive the Wally Berg award, our highest honor.

I will miss my friend, Rick Ryals



Above: Jay at Show & Tell describing raffle plants.
Left: Jay and his favorite dinner: Lobster.
Right: Jay Thurrott and Steven Provost





In Memoriam
James "Jay" Thurrott
Cryptanthus Society Vice-President
June 12th 1950– Sept. 18th 2020

On September 18th 2020, Jay Thurrott, our Cryptanthus Society Vice-president passed after a long, courageously fought battle with melanoma.

If we had to create a candidate to represent "the bromeliad party" to run for a major office position, our nominee would be not much different than Jay Thurrott.

He possessed and demonstrated in his life all the qualities anyone could want in a leader, a conscientious worker and a dear friend who tirelessly worked for and helped all of us. No wonder we wanted him as our Vice-president.

Jay's humble beginnings with bromeliads as a grower and a collector started over 4 decades ago, while he was in his 20's. His lifelong passion for everything bromeliad began soon after his family moved from New York to New Smyrna Beach, Florida. In Port Orange, professionally Jay worked 30 years as an environmental chemist and as a family man he was married for 44 years to Calandra who share his interest in bromeliads and raised two daughters who eventually gave them the blessing of two grandchildren. With no specific preferences as to genera, Jay was able to accumulate over 700 varieties of bromeliads in his simple home nursery.



Photos by Dr. Larry Giroux



With the creation of the Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society (FECBS), Jay's involvement with bromeliads took on an added aspect. Jay was FECBS's Editor and held all its major office positions during his early years. He represented the FECBS in the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies organization which formed in the 1970s and over the years on a rotating basis as a representative of a FCBS member society he served in various office positions and on committees, which were responsible not only for programs of the FCBS, but also FCBS's Extravanzas and World Bromeliad Conferences held in Florida. Over 20 years ago, Jay took a crucial step by becoming a Regional Director from Florida for the Bromeliad Society International. For nearly two decades he advanced as a Director, to the Vice President and finally to position of President of this international organization. In these officers, he helped to direct and to advance the future of the bromeliad hobby worldwide.

During his lifetime, besides his impressive personal collection of plants, he accumulated many well-earned credentials including top bromeliad show exhibitor, BSI Accredited Judge with a portfolio full of international and domestic judgments, Judges School Instructor and an extensive bibliography of lectures and articles in various plant publications and at plant organizations' meetings and events.

Jay epitomized the person who most of us can only hope to emulate in our own lifetime. Thank you Jay for leaving us with the memories of your friendship, sincere concern for others, generosity, dedication and a model of diplomacy that we can apply in our own lives.

*Photos by
Dr. Larry*



Left to right: BROMELIAD JUDGES: Steve Hoppin, John Boardman, Eloise Beach, Jim Pearce, & Jay Thurrott
Below left: Jay on Waikiki Beach, Hawaii / Below Right: Jay getting ready for a show!





**From the Bromeliad Society of Greater Chicago Newsletter
September/October 2020**

We were sad to hear of the passing of Jay Thurrott, a past BSI President and a really nice guy. I found this article that he wrote and was published in the Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society Newsletter in December of 1996:

**“Nice Plants”
by Jay Thurrott**

I have been told that it’s a natural tendency in people to want to place everything into nice, neat categories. That may be true. I know that I tend to do this, although my categories may not always match those of other people. For example, I place automobiles in only two categories:

1. Those that have features that annoy the heck out of me, and
2. Those that have fewer annoyances.

Things that have to be done around the house (chores) fall into three categories:

1. Things that I look forward to and are fun to do;
2. Things that are not fun, but aren’t particularly unpleasant: and
3. Things to be dreaded and avoided at all cost.

Despite other, more scientific groupings which have been established and revised through the years, I place the bromeliads in my collection into three categories. I should caution that these are my categories only. Don’t expect to see reference to these in any of the more scholarly books on the classification of bromeliads.

1. “Nice Plants” These are bromeliads that have particularly endearing qualities for me for reasons other than sentimental ones (the memories associated with some plants may make them very special to me, but doesn’t necessarily make them “nice plants”). Often that means that they don’t die easily or they don’t snatch my clothes and tear big holes in them whenever I pass by. Most of my “nice plants” are ones that bloom reliably and require little or no care to stay looking nice. These are the plants that grasshoppers seem to pass over in favor of the more expensive, rarer species.

That’s not to say that some of the rarer plants are not “nice plants” In fact many of the less common species fit my criteria quite nicely. For example, to me, *Hechtia guatemalensis* is probably the closest thing to a silk plant I’ll ever find- this plant is truly carefree! It requires no watering (other than rain), no fertilizer, and bugs don’t eat it. It sits on my deck in full sun all year and rewards me by developing a nice rosy blush in its leaves each winter. This is a “nice plant.” In my yard, *Aechmea orlandiana* is another “nice plant.” The foliage always appears quite striking and I just don’t seem to have problems with it. I have a large patch of *Ananas bracteatus* in my yard that I totally ignore, yet each year I have at least one bright red pineapple rising out of a clump. I like that-this also is a nice plant, “*Cryptanthus Bonfire*.”

2. “Pain-in-the-neck Plants”- These are the plants that require an extraordinary amount of care to keep looking nice. They can be exceptionally beautiful plants when grown well, but their leaves are like candy to chewing insects. They’re sensitive to too much sun, they don’t like too little sun. It’s too hot or it’s too cold. If they could speak these plants would be



world-class whiners. I place many of the guzmanias in this category and a few neoregelias (neos just don't do well in my yard). They can look nice, and I guess that's why I put up with them, but sometimes I find myself wishing I had never begun this relationship.

3. "Bad Plants"- These are bromeliads that produce a bloom that I consider unattractive or they have a sloppy growth habit. This category also includes plants that die despite my best intentions and imagined good care. "Bad plants" have no particular redeeming value to me. Some of these not only bite when you brush by them- they draw blood! I consider a number of the aechmeas to be "bad plants" and I've taken a dislike to a few vrieseas ((I find this curious because, generally, I place vrieseas in the "nice plant" category) but I especially dislike Aechmea Burgundy and A. Pineliana. I don't like their looks, their spines seem to especially bother me and their inflorescences are hardly worth writing home about. The funny thing about my method of classification of bromeliads is that some of my "nice plants" may fit your criteria for "bad plants" and vice versa. I am sure that everyone has their own favorites.

By the way, I also reserve the right to move plants from one category to another at any time as my tastes change....

That's my prerogative...

.....and that's a lot of the fun in growing bromeliads!

BS Chicago Editor's Note: In also being a great guy, Jay Thurrott was a BSI JUDGE!

CONTRIBUTIONS IN HONOR OF JAY THURROTT

Make to either or both

FCBS Weevil Fund or to BSI's Harry Luther Research, Conservation and Education Fund

On September 21, 2020, Tom Wolfe, Chairman of the FCBS, sent out the following announcement to the FCBS representatives: "We had several suggestions to make contributions in honor of Jay to the FCBS Weevil Fund to fight the invasive bromeliad weevil or to the BSI's Harry Luther Research, Conservation and Education Fund that supports scholarships to interns at Marie Selby Botanical Gardens." These interests were close to Jay's heart and would honor his memory.

If you wish to contribute, contributions may be sent to:

FCBS Treasurer: Sudi Hipsley
6616 Tusawilla Drive
Leesburg, FL 34748-9190

Make the check payable to: FCBS.

Write on the check's memo which fund or funds the money should go to.

Sudi will keep Calandra informed of the contributions and will be responsible for forwarding the money to the appropriate fund.

However, if you wish to send a card, flowers, presents, or a gift check, please feel free to send to: Calandra Thurrott, 713 Breckenridge Dr., Port Orange, FL 32127."

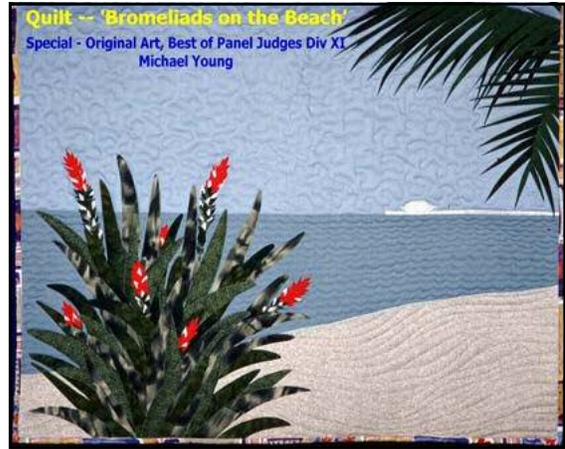
Sudi has done a great job and if you should want to make a contribution in honor of Jay, she will continue to accept donations to either one or both funds. This is a tax deductible contribution since the FCBS is a 501c3 organization. If you would like a receipt, ask for one when you send a donation.



BROMELIAD PHOTO ALBUM
A walk down memory lane...2002 WBC hosted by West Coast Bromeliad Society



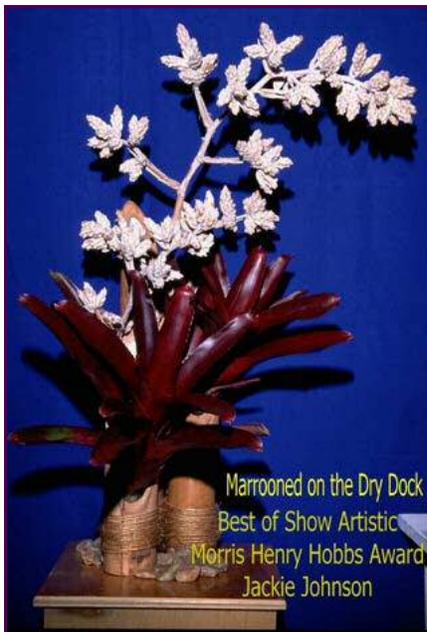
2002 WBC
Artist Don Lee presents the first of a new bromeliad plate to Betsy McCrory in honor of her parents. Bill and Audrey McCrory of Boggy Creek Nursery.



2002 WBC
St. Petersburg FL
Quilt donated to the auction and made by Michael Young



Herb Hill, 2002 WBC Auctioneer, holds a handwriting tag by grower, Ralph Davis, to be auctioned to some lucky recipient! Herb's ability to auction raised thousands of dollars for the BSI at many World Conference auctions!



Best of Show Artistic
Morris Henry Hobbs Award
Jackie Johnson
"Marooned on the Dry Dock"
2002 World Bromeliad Conference
St. Petersburg, Florida



Left to right: Sam Smith, Hattie Lou Smith, Vice President BSI and members of Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society, Tom Wolfe, BSI President, and Dennis Cathcart.
Tom Wolfe presents Dennis Cathcart, owner of Tropiflora Nursery, with the Wally Berg Award for his contribution to the bromeliad world.



Continued: A walk down memory lane...2002 WBC hosted by West Coast Bromeliad Society



Herb Hill, Hill's Raingreen Tropicals, Exhibit 2002 WBC





FEATURE BROMELIAD: AECHMEA NUDICAULIS

By Tom Wolfe



Aechmea nudicaulis is a very variable genus. It varies in size, shape, foliage, color and inflorescence color. Their habitat ranges from West Indies, Mexico, central eastern Brazil to Northwestern South America. There are eight listed varieties and one forma listed in *An Alphabetical List of Bromeliad Binomials*, (Sept. 2014) all of which are epiphytic. They all require bright filtered light and most can tolerate morning sun to 11:00 AM. They do well mounted on cedar driftwood or hanging slat baskets and all are stoloniferous.



1. *Aechmea nudicaulis* var. *cuspidata* (left) is found in Venezuela, Ecuador and Brazil. Striations are found on most leaves that are very slender growth habit with pink modeling throughout. Inflorescence is semi-pendent with hot pink scape bracts which have very pointed tips and bright yellow flowers. This species has a forma *tabuleirensis* which is very rare.

2. *Aechmea nudicaulis*



var. aureorosea (right) is found in central eastern Brazil growing epiphytic as well as saxicolous. It has a very slender grass green tube with bright rose scape bracts, green flower bracts & yellow flower petals.

3. *Aechmea nudicaulis* var. *aequalis*



(left) From Brazil. Variety *aequalis* being equal referring to the same-sized scape bracts. This species has a long protruding inflorescence which makes it stand out from the other varieties. The scape is heavily scurfed with red bracts and yellow flowers. It has been found epiphytic, saxicolous, and terrestrial. *Photo Kerry Booth Tate*

4. *Aechmea nudicaulis* var. *flavomarginata* (right in top of palm tree) Having light yellow leaf margins. Very attractive when mounted. The scape bracts are bright red with yellow flowers.



5. *Aechmea nudicaulis* var. *plurifolia*



(left) This variety propagates rapidly. It has light green foliage with a more open rosette., red scapes and red scape bracts with yellow flowers. This plant was entered in the Bromeliad Society of Central Florida show in May 2019 by Lisa Robinette at the Fashion Square Mall in Orlando.

Photos Carol Wolfe



6. *Aechmea nudicaulis* var. *simulans* (no picture available—may not be in cultivation)

Meaning similar to type species. This resembles nudicaulis var nudicaulis. They are found in Mexico, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Cuba, Haiti, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Venezuela, Trinidad, Tobago, Guyana, Ecuador and Peru. The foliage is light green and a semi-pendant inflorescence. Light red scape bracts with yellow flowers.

7. *Aechmea nudicaulis* var. *capitata*. (no picture available—may not be in cultivation)

Meaning found like a head; aggregated into a very dense or compact cluster.



Aechmea nudicaulis* var. *nordestina

Photo by Oscar Ribeiro in the
Encyclopaedia of Bromeliads, Version 4

8. *Aechmea nudicaulis* var. *nordestina*

a new and unique species recently found in Brazil. This plant is tubular with narrow green leaves. The inflorescence has a unique soft yellow floral bracts and green to yellow flower bracts. This plant is hard to find in cultivation.

Some *Aechmea nudicaulis* cultivars:



Aechmea nudicaulis* cv *Parati

This is an unlisted cultivar which I thought was worth mentioning. It has the typical nudicaulis shape and dimpling at the leaf base; however, the under side of the leaves are a rose color with some slight banding. The inflorescence has rose colored scape bracts with a rose scape. The flower bracts are orange and white flowers. A worthwhile plant to have in your collection.



OTHER AECHMEA NUDICAULIS

Photos Carol Wolfe



Aec. nudicaulis cv. Purpurea, (left) slightly open rosette with brownish red foliage. Stolons are 4” to 5”.



Aec. nudicaulis ‘Big John’ (right) a cultivar of *A. nudicaulis* var. *aequalis* stands 18” plus



Aec nudicaulis ‘Blackie’

(Right) Pictured here growing saxicola. Notice the usual dimpling at the base of the leaf is missing. Shown by John Boardman in 2002 WBC in St. Petersburg.

There are other forms of *Aechmea nudicaulis* in cultivation such as this beautiful *Aechmea nudicaulis seidelii* (below on left)

and below on right) *Aechmea nudicaulis* var. *aequalis* x *A. ramosa* var. *festiva*.





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