

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay

NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2007

The Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay, Inc. was organized in 1963. BGTB is affiliated with the following : Bromeliad Society International, The Cryptanthus Society, Inc., National Council of Bromeliad Societies, Inc., Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies, Inc., and Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, Sarasota, FL.

PROGRAM FOR JANUARY 15, 2007

Our speaker for January 18, 2007 is our own Mike O' Leary. His subject will be "Varigated Plants in 2007". We haven't had a program on the subject in many years. Don't miss this one.

Mike , Linda and their children live in the Countryside area of Clearwater, Florida. He is a partner in one of Tampa's largest law firms.

Mike has been a member of the Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay for over 20 years and has served in almost every capacity including President and Treasurer of the 1992 World Bromeliad Conference at Saddlebrook Resort.

It's a blessing to have a member of his caliber speak to us and share his bromeliad knowledge.

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Publicity: Bill Carr Programs: Tom Wolfe Sunshine: Eileen Prins Photographers: Jim Stewart
Workshops: Dave Johnston Refreshment chair: Randy Wojahn Don Nores, Kelly Fowler

MEMBERS RESPONSIBLE FOR REFRESHMENTS AT MEETINGS

Donated refreshments are always welcome

Marylynne Jones, Hal Hrasna, Harriet Gord, Mary Fulkerson, Linda Castellanos, Carolyn Heller,
Lyla Shepard, Janet Stoffels

(The Guild will reimburse up to \$30.00 total for all refreshments at each meeting)

Please contact Randy Wojahn (Refreshment Chair) to coordinate what needs to be brought to the meeting. 813-571-7695 or email—rwojahn@tampabay.rr.com

BROMELIADS ON LINE

Bromeliad Society International— www.bsi.org

Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies— www.fcbs.org



SUNSHINE GREETINGS—PLEASE NOTIFY [EILEEN PRINS](mailto:eileen.prins@earthlink.net) AT 727-546-9590 OR AT sprins1012@earthlink.net . WE WOULD LIKE TO SEND OUT CARDS TO OUR MEMBERS, FOR ILLNESS, SURGERY, BIRTH OF CHILD, DEATH IN FAMILY ETC.

Events Calendar

March 18, 2007— Annual Bromeliad Bonanza at Blossom World Gardens, 4225 Bloom lane, Sanford, FL 32773 sponsored by the Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society

9am to 4pm

Plant displays and plant sales. Admission is free, and is open to the general public.

If you have questions, please call 321-363-7351

April 14 & 15, 2007— Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society Spring Plant Sale

Sanford Garden Club Building, 200 Fairmont Drive, Sanford, FL

9AM to 4PM both days

Contact Sudi Hipsley 352-504-6162 or Bud Martin 321- 363-7351 for more info

August 18&19, 2007—

Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plan Society and the Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society Judged Plant Show. A standard judged plant show to include bromeliads and other tropical plants.

Sanford Garden Club Building, 200 Fairmont Drive, Sanford, FL

9am—4 pm both days. There will be plant sales and plant displays. Admission is free, and is open to the general public.

If you have questions, please call Bud Martin at 321-363-7351

June 17—23, 2008— 2008 world Bromeliad Conference, “Bromeliads Downunder”.

Cairns, Australia. Registration form will soon be on the BSI website. WWW.bsi.org

Proposed by-law change.

Article I—Name

The name of this organization shall be the Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay, an affiliate of the Bromeliad Society, Inc., and of the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies, Inc., The Cryptanthus Society, Inc., and the Tampa Federation of Garden Club Circles, Inc.

Changed to read:

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To be voted on January 15, 2007

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay, Inc.

Minutes for November 20, 2006

Meeting called to order at 7:30 by President Johnston.

Rhoda Smith gave a power point workshop (presentation) of her garden and Koy Pond.

Guests were recognized and thanked for coming.

Treasurers Report was accepted as read.

A plaque will be ordered to honor Mary Ann Mandell and placed on the library.

Lois Duffy gave a report on the up coming Florida State Fair and reminded everyone that applications to enter plants in the show & judging must be entered by December 15th for the fair in February.

Barret Bassick had frost cloth available at the meeting.

Lyla Shepard made a plea for Metropolitan Ministries so they could make the holiday season (Thanksgiving & Christmas) available to all the needy. They have run short just before Thanksgiving.

The annual Christmas Party will be held on December 4th starting at 6:30pm. There will be a plant give away, plant exchange and Auction.

Birthday drawing was won by Eileen Kahl and Michele Sirignano

Show & Tell: Plants were shown by Bob Teems, Randy Garcia, Tom Wolfe, Michele Sirignano, Brad Johnston and Dave Johnston.

Carol Wolfe expressed thanks to all that attended the BBQ and Auction at Tropiflora. It was a huge success.

Refreshments were served

Program: Dr. Terrie Bert gave a wonderful presentation on the A,B,C's of Growing Uncommon Bromeliad Genera

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen A. Prins Secretary

Happy December & January Birthdays

MARYLYNNE HAL HARRIET MARY LINDA Carolyn Lyla Janet
JONES HRASNA GORD FULKERSON CASTELLANOS Heller Shepard Stoffels

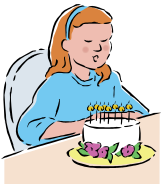
A decision was made that an easy way to have all the club members participate in bringing refreshments would be to have members bring refreshments to the monthly meeting on the month of their birthday. Anyone with a birthday in May or December should bring refreshments the month after their birthdays, since we have the picnic and Christmas parties. This way everyone helps provide refreshments once during the year!

Suggestions: Chips& dips, carrots, celery, veggies of any kind, salsa, crackers, cheese, chicken wings, popcorn, favorite recipes, pies, pizza, cookies, cakes, candies, deviled eggs, & any kind of sandwiches and of course some beverages.

We will have a special drawing for one of the *“lucky birthday people to take home a nice bromeliad”* from the club.

Randy Wojahn is our Refreshment Chair. Please contact him if you are bring refreshments to the meeting.

813-571-7695 or rwojahn@tampabay.rr.com



WEAR YOUR NAMETAG AND HAVE A CHANCE AT WINNING A FREE BROMELIAD!!

MEMBERSHIP WILL HAVE A TABLE SET UP WITH YOUR NAMETAGS. PLEASE STOP AND SIGN IN AND GET YOUR NAMETAGS.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Happy New Year everyone. I hope you had a great holiday season with friends and family. Speaking of the holiday season, I assume you had a good time at our Holiday Party. At the party, I thanked most everyone involved with making it a success but was remiss in thanking the person that was responsible for getting the ball rolling, that would be our Vice President Carol Wolfe. Please express your appreciation to her and Tom for helping out with the auction.

As we enter a new year enjoying our love for bromeliads, I feel compelled to mention a couple of club items. We are one of a very few Bromeliad Societies that try to have a workshop every month. I believe that this is an important part of the meeting that new members to seasoned members enjoy. It is a 5-10 minute time frame that starts the meeting off on the right foot. We have seen a wide range of Bromeliad knowledge shared that is valuable and appreciated. Why do I mention this, because we have no workshops scheduled at this time for 2007 and unless you the membership step up and volunteer, we will become one less society that has workshops!

I have always believed that a club of volunteers is only as good and enjoyable as the volunteers/members are willing to pitch in and make it happen! Will you step up?

My second item—as you read this newsletter, nominations/elections for officers and directors are under way for 2007/2008. All positions are open and I would encourage you volunteer. If you have any question as to what positions and what's involved with the position please call me.

Dave Johnston, President



NOVEMBER MEETING



Dr. Terrie Bert selling some of her plants



Terrie always ready to answer some ones question



Refreshments for all



Bob Teems during Show & Tell

PHOTOS BY JIM STEWART

2006 HOLIDAY DINNER



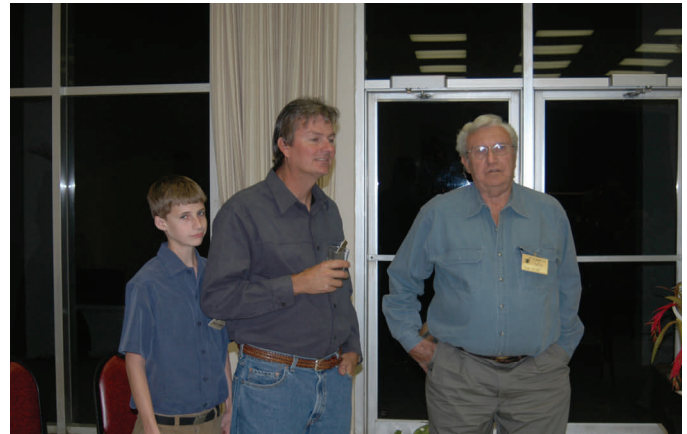
2006 BGTB DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD RECIPIANT " BOB TEEMS"

PHOTO BY S. PRINS

2006 HOLIDAY PARTY



AUCTION PLANTS



BRAD JOHNSTON DAVE JOHNSTON TOM WOLFE

AUCTIONEERS AND HELPER



GIVE AWAY PLANTS



PLANT EXCHANGE



AFTER THANKS WE ENJOYED A GREAT DINNER



OF COURSE DESSERT TIME

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WORK SHOP AND MONTHLY PROGRAM SPEAKERS

7:30 PM

**THIRD MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH
MONTHLY MEETINGS ON**

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