

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



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January, 2014

Note: Meeting Date Change

Due to the Martin Luther King holiday, our meeting will be one week earlier this month. The meeting is on January 13, 2014. Our meeting next month is also one week earlier due to the Presidents Day holiday.

Happy New Year! Since you will be stuck with me presiding for the next couple of meetings, I thought I would remind you that this month is the 50th Anniversary of the conception of the Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay. We received our charter from the Bromeliad Society International (BSI) in December 1963 and conducted our first official meeting in January 1964. All the charter members have deceased but due to a few hardcore growers and collectors, we are still alive and well as an organization and growing and enjoying bromeliads!

We had a wonderful Christmas party in December with lots of good food, fun, new members, visitors and members. Thanks to all who donated plants to the auction; the proceeds were \$1304.00. And our thanks to all those who helped with the tables, food displays, decorations and last but not least, the clean-up. We hope that each of you went home with lots of bromeliads!

The gift plant from the club, "Vriesea hieroglyphica" was purchased from Grant Groves at Color Zone Tropicals. We tried to make sure each plant had a tag in it but if yours was lost or missing, please add a name tag. It is important that you have the bromeliad name so that you can look up information about your plants, online or in books.



FLORIDA STATE FAIR: TAMPA, February 6-17, 2014

Marilyn Byram is Chair of the Florida State Fair Display Committee so please sign up to come out and help install the booth and bring bromeliads, especially any you may have in bloom to share with the public. The Fair display will be set up on Monday, February 3, 2014, 6:00 to 9:00 PM in the Family Living Building at the Florida State Fair Grounds. Marilyn will have a sign up sheet so check your calendar now so you can let her know if you can help.

In addition, she will also have a sign up sheet for the Fair for members to stay by the display for a few hours in the mornings or afternoons at the Fair. Members can talk to interested people and hand out brochures to anyone interested in bromeliads or learning more about them. Please sign up and you will receive a free ticket prior to the Fair opening (compliments of the Fair). After your couple of hours of helping out, you are free to stay at the Fair and enjoy the events such as Cracker Country, Rodeos, Shows, etc., for the rest of the day.

Be sure and attend this meeting as 2014 will be an exciting and fun year as we share our love of bromeliads throughout the coming year!

Tom Wolfe
(Interim) President

The speaker for this month will be our own, Dave Johnston. His subject will be "Foliage Vriesea" which will include a power point presentation of the colorful foliage vriesea of the Hawaiian growers, Costa Rican growers and more.

Dave is owner of "Bromeliads Galore" in Pinellas Park where he lives with his family on two acres of land and has two sizeable greenhouses.

Dave is a longtime member of the BGTB serving in many official capacities from President on down. He also served on the executive committee of the 1992 World Bromeliad Conference at Saddlebrook. Dave always sells at the two sales at USF Botanical Gardens and has supported the club with his sales for many years now.

Dave is a sought-after speaker and always presents an informative program. Don't miss this great program.

Tom Wolfe
Program Chair



Minutes, November 18, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President, Anna Hartman

Visitors: Marcia Warner, Rusty Beazly, Heather Carr, Ed Tucker, Tom and Sabrina Pride.

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept the minutes as written in the newsletter made by Bill Carr. Seconded by Ken Stokes.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Paula Benway reported we have \$1829.39 in our checking account plus \$4564.14 in the CD. Total is \$6393.53. The report will be filed for audit.

Workshop: Presented by Ken Stokes. Orthophytum "Starlight". Orthophytum - cultivation and growth habit

Committee Reports: Publicity - Bill Carr had BGTB notice published in Tampa Tribune. Monica Brandies to mention BGTB in her gardening section

Old Business: Sign up sheets for Florida State Fair and December Christmas party - December 16.

New Business: Anna Hartman steps down as BGTB president - Eileen Hart took over meeting.

Birthday Plant won by Marilyn Byram

Show and Tell: Plants were shown by (1) Douglass Wells - Color of bromeliads is highly dependant on sun. Don't be afraid to push the amount of sun, especially in fall/winter. (2) Tom Wolfe - Nidularium burlemarxii. (3) Eileen Hart - Nidularium innocentii, Nidularium seidelii. (4) Dottie Kellogg - Nidularium augustifolium. (5) Dave Johnston - Nidularium musiacum cross. (6) Lisa Robinette - Aechmea 'Blue Tango'

Refreshments and Raffle

Program was presented by Alton Lee. "Nidularium - Easy to Grow, But Overlooked"

Respectfully submitted by Ray Hernandez, Secretary

MEMBERS ATTENTION:

Please make sure your pots and plants are clean with no dirt on the outside of pots and label with nametags.



Meeting Snapshots - November 18, 2013



Christmas Party and Plant Auction December 16, 2013



HAPPY 50th ANNIVERSARY BROMELIAD GUILD OF TAMPA BAY

Sunshine Greetings



Please notify Julie Lessard of any illness, surgery, birth of a child, death in the family, or other concerns you or another member may have.

Call 813-662-7972 or email at taxxmaam@tampabay.rr.com



December Birthdays: Mary Fulkerson, Marylynne Jones, David Stamm, Jim Stewart, Maria Warner, Susan Weeks

January Birthdays: Julie Lessard, Tom Pride, Sabrina Pride, Florence Russ, Bob Scheible, Lyla Shepard, Pamela Slagg

We will have a drawing at the meeting for one of the lucky birthday people to take home a nice bromeliad as a Birthday gift from the club.

Club members celebrating their birthdays also provide the refreshments at our meeting each month. This way everyone helps once during the year. If you have a May or December birthday, please bring refreshments the following month, since we have the picnic and Christmas parties those months. Suggestions: chips & dip, veggies, salsa, crackers, cheese, chicken wings, popcorn, favorite recipes, pies, pizza, brownies, fudge, cookies, cakes, candies, deviled eggs, sandwiches and beverages.



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Bromeliad Society International— www.bsi.org

Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies— www.fcbs.org

Marie Selby Botanical Gardens— www.selby.org

Bromeliads Online - <http://www.bromeliads.co.nz/index.html>

Any Changes?

If your mailing address, email address, or phone number changes, please inform Marilyn Byram at 21535 Northwood Drive, Lutz, 33549 or bgtbnewsletter@gmail.com





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.

When: Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of every month.
Plant sale at 7:00 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Where: Christ the King Catholic Church, Mary Martha Center,
Room 201-202, 821 South Dale Mabry Highway, Tampa

Informative programs, workshops, Show & Tell, plant sales,
door prizes, raffle & refreshments
Visitors welcome!

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