

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

IMPORTANT MEETING DATE CHANGES

2015:

**January meeting date changed to January 12th
(1 week early)**

**February meeting changed to February 23rd
(1 week late)**

The Christmas Party was a great success. Thanks to all those that decorated the tables and made the setting for our party special. The tables looked great and it was fun to see the various Christmas decorations. There were some 45 members and guests in attendance who were adequately fed with turkey, pork roast, and a host of casseroles, salads & desserts.

Thank you to Eileen Hart and Robert Nelson for preparing the meat and a thank-you to all who brought the other delicious dishes. What a great feed!

I also would like to thank all those who brought plants for the auction and those who did the bidding. Paula reported a total of \$946.00 which was very good for our bottom line.

We are now looking forward to the new year with our first project being the Florida State Fair. Get out your calendar and mark it. **Set-up will be Monday, February 2nd**. The Fair will be open from **February 5th through the 16th**. We will need display sitters for these dates to answer questions for the public and to pass out literature for those that are interested in bromeliads.



Look at your calendar now and pick a date so we can pass the sign-up sheet at the next meeting. Normally we divide the day into morning and afternoon shifts so you have a half day free to enjoy the fair while there. For those that sign up for a shift, you will receive a ticket for entrance into the Fair.

We will talk more about our project at our January meeting which has been moved up one week to January 12th due to Martin Luther King day. Also, please make note that our February meeting will be moved to February 23rd. The church is not open on holidays so we have to change dates when our meeting falls on a holiday.

We were sorry to learn that Eileen DeLeon, wife of Nat DeLeon in Miami passed away on December 26, 2014. Our sympathies to Nat and his family. Eileen was a lovely lady and very involved in her church and family. She will be missed.

Congratulations to Marilyn and Steve Byram on the birth of their first grandson. Expect to see pictures from the proud grandparents!

We hope you and your family had a blessed Christmas and will have the best year ever in 2015!

Tom Wolfe
President

JANUARY PROGRAM
Monday, January 12, 2015
"What the Bromeliad Society International Means to Us"
By Tom Wolfe

Tom Wolfe will present a program on "What the Bromeliad Society International Means to Us". Tom will review the history of the BSI as well as those that have made contributions to the Bromeliad World. He will share his personal experiences as a former President of the BSI and of course, will inject his "sense of humor" into the program.

EILEEN RUTH DE LEON passed away on December 26th, 2014 at her home in Pinecrest, Florida after a battle with breast cancer. Eileen was born in Homestead, Florida in 1929 to Franz and Louise Scherr, and was one of five children. Along with her late mother, late father, late brothers Eugene, Francis, and Jerome, and her sister Constance, she helped build and operate the world-renowned Parrot Jungle in South Miami. Eileen and her siblings dedicated a large part of their lives to develop the Parrot Jungle into an attraction that was more than just a series of gardens, birds, and shows - they transformed it into an experience that captivated the hearts of all who visited. Though the family sold the Parrot Jungle in 1988, their legacy



has been generously preserved by the Village of Pinecrest, and is now known as Pinecrest Gardens. Eileen married Nat DeLeon on May 9th, 1953 and enjoyed over sixty years of marriage before her passing. Eileen is survived by her husband, Nat, three sons, Robert, Richard, and Donald, and four grandchildren, Michael, David, Lauren, and Kristin. She lovingly dedicated her life to her family, the Catholic Church, and generously serving others in need. In addition to her selfless devotion to her family, Eileen joyfully dedicated years to serving as a volunteer at South Miami Hospital and was actively involved with a variety of local charities. Those close to Eileen will remember her as one of the most caring and selfless people they have ever met. A celebration of Eileen's life will begin with a Mass at St. Louis Catholic Church, located at 7270 SW 120th Street in Pinecrest, Florida, on Tuesday, December 30, 2014 at 10:00am. The Mass will be followed by a Cryptside service that will be held at Woodland North Cemetery, located at 3260 SW 8th Street in Miami, Florida, on Tuesday, 12:00 pm in the main Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers, Eileen requested that donations be made to the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

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Minutes, November 18, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President, Tom Wolfe

New Member, Kent Freeman was welcomed.

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept the minutes as written in the newsletter made by Steve Byram. Seconded by Eileen Hart.

Treasurer's Report: Paula Benway reported we have a total of \$2964.05 in our checking account plus \$3005.27 CD for a total of \$5969.32. The report will be filed for audit.

Door Prize won by Eileen Hart, **Birthday** plant won by Marilyn Byram

Announcements: Bring plants for auction and exchange for the Christmas Party.

Show and Tell: Plants were shown by Ken Stokes - Puyas and Pitcairnia and Eileen Hart - Aechmeas.

Refreshments and Raffle

Program: Presented by Terri Bert: "Q and R Bromeliads"

Respectfully submitted by Steve Byram, Acting Secretary

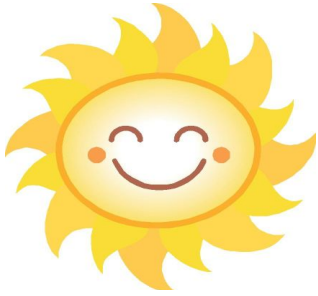


Meeting Snapshots - November 17, 2014



Christmas Party - December 15, 2014





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

Meeting Refreshments

The food table supplies are running a bit low for a few of the items that we use monthly. Please bring small or large dinner plate size paper plates, bowls or paper napkins to the next meeting.



December Birthdays: David Stamm, Jim Stewart, Maria Warner, Susan Weeks

January Birthdays: Julie Lessard, Tom and Sabrina Pride, 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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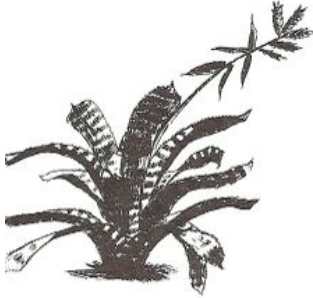
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Any Changes?

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,

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