

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



February, 2009



President's Message

A big thank you to George Aldrich for his great program on the Chicago World Conference.

By the time we meet for our February meeting the Florida State Fair will be history. However, the display was created on Monday evening, February 2nd by the following members: Steve Byram, Bob & Verna Dickey, Dave & Mary Fulkerson, Eileen Kahl, Beverly Sisco, Dave Mracek, Bob & Paula Benway and Tom & Carol Wolfe. The display looked great upon completion. The Judging was Wednesday, February 4th and won Third Place. Congratulations, all!



Florida State Fair Display

We have the USF Sale coming up April 11th and 12th. Please come out and support our Club as we sell bromeliads. The BGTB receives 10% of the sales proceeds. Dr. Ron Cave reported at the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies meeting that more flies will soon be released at several locations around the state. It's too early to tell how effective the flies are that have already been released.

Now is the time to start saving your dollars for the 2010 World Bromeliad Conference in New Orleans. If you're a BSI member, you receive a discount on your registration. If you aren't a member of the BSI, please see me at the meeting for a form.

This month's program should be great with Steve Hopping presenting the program. See the Speaker's column for more details. I have heard Steve and you will enjoy the excellent hands-on program that he will give. If any of you would be willing to provide Dr. Larry Giroux and Steve Hopping bed and breakfast after the February meeting, please give me a call at 813-961-1475.

Tom Wolfe, President



In Memorium of Emily Black

Emily passed away Friday, January 23, 2009. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, William Black II; two sons, William Black III and James Black; and sister, Eva Horowitz. She is survived by her daughter, Josephine (known to us as Josie); son, Bryan; and two granddaughters, Bethany and Beatrice. A special thanks goes to her private nurse, Minnie, for taking such great care of her. The memorial service took place on Tuesday, January 27, at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

Emily was a member of our club in the 1990's after we moved to our present location. She was always willing to help with our shows and was a regular attender at monthly meetings until her ill health prevented her from coming. Our sincere condolences to Josie for her loss.

Emily's daughter, Josie, is a new member with our club. Many of you will remember going to Josie's home for the garden tour at the Extravaganza. We appreciate her hospitality in sharing her garden with the Extravaganza attendees.

Workshop for February 16 Kay Miller

Artistic Workshop February Meeting
Artistic Arrangements Prior to March Meeting

This month's workshop will be conducted by Kay Miller demonstrating different ways to

create an artistic arrangement for the upcoming Tampa Federation of Garden Clubs Show on March 10 – 22nd. Kay is a Flower Show Judge and a great arranger. Please consider entering an artistic or horticultural entry in the show with our beautiful bromeliads. Some of our members have already made commitments to enter their arrangements. See Kay's workshop this month and pick up some tips and in March come early to the meeting and bring your unusual vases or pots and make an arrangement prior to the meeting. This arrangement can be left at the Garden Center for the show and picked up on Sunday afternoon. Kay will have bromeliad blooms, flowers and greenery to share with you. However, if you have bromeliad blooms of any kind and foliage, please plan to bring them to the March meeting.

Speaker for February 16 Steve Hoppin'

“Pup Removal, Plant Division and Potting of Terrestrial Bromeliads Including Cryptanthus, Orthophytums and Pitcairnia”

Born in Worcester, Massachusetts, Steve's family moved to Fort Lauderdale, Florida in 1962. For the past 50 years, Steve's passions have included showing horses, raising marine tropical fish and raising, exhibiting and judging exotic birds. He has been involved with horticulture for over 35 years and in 2001, with the encouragement of Gene McKenzie and Larry Giroux of the Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society, he became seriously involved in the bromeliad hobby.



Besides bromeliads, he continues his interests in orchids, aroids, ferns and other tropical plants of which he has amassed an impressive collection at his North Fort Myers home.

Stephen is a member of the Bromeliad Society International, the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies, the Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society (where he has served as President, Vice President, Secretary and is currently on the Board of Directors), and the Cryptanthus Society (where he is serving his fourth term as President). He maintains his memberships, as well, to the American Orchid Society and the Southwest Florida Orchid Society.

He is an avid grower, hybridizer and exhibitor of a variety of Bromeliad genera, but has a preference for pitcairnia, mini-neos, dyckias and cryptanthus. Steve is an active BSI accredited Bromeliad Judge and he has both judged and exhibited at World Bromeliad Conferences, International Cryptanthus Shows and BSI Affiliates' Shows throughout the United States. Most recently he served as the Judges Chairman of the 2008 BSI World Bromeliad Conference held in Cairns Australia.

Invite interested friends or neighbors to attend the meeting with you.

Minutes from January 19 Meeting

President Tom Wolfe called meeting to order.

Eileen Kahl welcomed visitors and new members.

Minutes were accepted as published in

newsletter with one exception. Terri Bert's last name is spelled Bert.

Kay Miller encouraged members to bring plants for the Federation Flower Show, March 17-22. Plants may be brought March 16 and picked up March 25. The show will be judged March 21.

Old Business: State Fair is February 5-16. We need someone to organize the booth. Verna volunteered to help. Tom asked for volunteers to help set up the booth Monday, Feb. 2, at 6:00 p.m. and also for volunteers to sit in the booth. Our Theme is "Touchdown Tampa Bay". We also need plants from our members. Steve Byram and Dave Fulkerson volunteered to help.

New Business: The nominating committee was elected by our members. They are: Bob Teems, Barret Bassick and Beverly Sisco.

Announcements: Jim Stewart is home from the hospital, recovering.

Birthday plant was won by Dave Fulkerson. The Door Prize was won by Dave Mracek.

Show 'n Tell: Bob Teems, Barret Bassick, Eileen Hart and Tom Wolfe.

Carol Wolfe made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Break for refreshments.

Program: George Aldrich, The Chicago World Conference

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Sisco, Secretary



Snapshots: January 19 Meeting



Sales Table



Guest, Irene Aldrich
Sells Plants



Speaker, George Aldrich & Tom
Wolfe Chat Before Meeting



Before-Meeting Conversation



Kay Miller's Workshop on
the Upcoming Flower Show



Raffle Table



Bob Teems Show 'n Tell



Verna Dickey Show 'n Tell



Barret Bassick
Show 'n Tell



Upcoming Events:

March 28-29 - Greenfest at University of Tampa's Plant Park

April 11-12 - USF Botanical Gardens Annual Spring Plant Festival

April 25-26 - Annual Sarasota Bromeliad Society Show and Sale at Marie Selby Botanical Gardens

Happy Birthday!



Every month, club members celebrating their birthdays provide the refreshments at our meeting. 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. Suggestions: chips & dip, veggies of any kind, salsa, crackers, cheese, chicken wings, popcorn, favorite recipes, pies, pizza, cookies, cakes, candies, deviled eggs, sandwiches and beverages.

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

February Birthdays: Harriet Henry, Herb & June Hill, Roland Schnable, and Tom Wolfe



Sunshine Greetings

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

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Neoregelia Punctatissima

Bromeliads Online

Bromeliad Society International— www.bsi.org
Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies— www.fcbs.org
Marie Selby Botanical Gardens— www.selby.org

Any Changes?

If your mailing address or email address changes, please inform Marilyn Byram at 21535 Northwood Drive, Lutz, 33549 or byramm@verizon.net





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. Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of every month. Plant sales at 7:00 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Where: Tampa Garden Club, 2629 Bayshore Blvd., Tampa Informative programs, workshops, Show & Tell, plant sales, door prizes, raffle & refreshments Visitors welcome!

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