

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FEBRUARY 2017

Hi everyone,

Let's welcome winter and the time to do some leaf raking for mulch, walks in the garden to see what's blooming, and time to pot up some plants for the upcoming shows: April's USF Spring sale, May's BGTB picnic and auction, and August's Extravaganza.

Did you know that you could pay for your Extravaganza weekend by selling some plants there? We'll talk about that soon.

We enjoyed the hybridizing program given by Mike Michalski and some of the colorful plants he brought from south Florida.

In February we will enjoy the State Fair 2/9 - 2/20; contact me or Tom if you want to sign up to volunteer on a morning or afternoon.

Please join me in thanking Bill Carr, a long term member, who is retiring from the publicity chair. He has helped us inform the public about our meetings and activities and has welcomed many visitors and new members to his garden over the years. Although Bill is passing on the publicity baton, he remains an active member and encourages visits to his Plant City garden.

See you at the meeting, Julie

Program Speaker for Meeting February 13

Dr. Terrie Bert, Scientist, "Growing the Jewels of the New World"

In this presentation, Dr. Bert talks about the types of plants in eight commonly grown bromeliad genera (*Aechmea*, *Billbergia*, *Cryptanthus*, *Dyckia*, *Guzmania*, *Neoregelia*, *Tillandsia*, *Vriesea*). For each genus, she reviews their natural distributions and habitats and growing conditions. Then she describes how they can be grown outdoors, gives tips on their propagation, and provides information on how to deal with common bromeliad pests.

Dr. Terrie Bert is a longstanding member of the Sarasota Bromeliad Society (SBS) and the Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society and has held multiple offices in the SBS. She also served the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies (FCBS) as a representative and officer for eight



years and has authored articles for the FCBS Newsletter. For the Bromeliad Society International, she has been a Florida Director, chaired several international committees, and contributed articles to the BSI Journal.

Currently, she is Curator of the BSI Wally Berg Award of Excellence and a Master Judge. Terrie has given over 150 presentations on bromeliads to numerous U.S. and international bromeliad societies and other groups and at international bromeliad conferences. She cultivates more than 2,000 different bromeliads in 30 genera. She's won multiple top awards in local bromeliad shows and BSI world conferences. Terrie has a Ph.D. in marine biology and recently retired from being a research scientist for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

The public is invited to the bromeliad meeting free of charge.

Minutes of Meeting, January 9, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Julie Lessard.

Reminder from membership chair, Jill Niell, that 2017 dues are now due.

Secretary's Report: Minutes were accepted as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: The financial report was read and will be filed for audit.

Announcements: Florida State Fair is Feb. 9 through 20. Sign-up sheet was passed for helping set up our display on Mon. evening, Feb. 6, for manning our booth each day of the fair, and for tear-down on Feb. 21.

Next meeting is one week early due to Presidents Day Holiday. Meeting will be on Feb. 13.

Birthday Plant: won by Pam Slagg

Door Prizes: won by Darlene Hannan and Elle Dodard

Meeting Adjourned

Break for Refreshments

Program was presented by Mike Michalski. Mike gave a free plant to each of our officers and an extra door prize plant.

Program Title: Hybridizing Bromeliads

Raffle

Respectfully submitted by Steve Byram
Secretary

BGTB Meeting, January 9, 2017



Call to Order



Refreshment Time



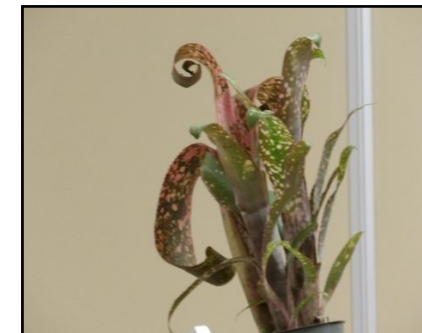
Speaker, Mike Michalski



Michalski hybrid



Mike's favorite hybrid



Michalski hybrid

Extravaganza Needs

Your raffle basket committee is in need of donations to fill baskets for the Extravaganza. These will be raffled off for income for the Bromeliad Guild. We have seven themes:

- 1 Gourmet food
- 2 Gardening tools and accessories
- 3 Beach bag stuffed
- 4 Pineapples
- 5 Hanging plant accessories
- 6 Large ceramic pot
- 7 Bird and wildlife feeders

Ideas for donations: food items that won't spoil and not expired. Bromeliad tweezers, gloves, clogs, hats, trowels, cash for ceramic pot, beach towels, mats, sunscreen, flip flops, whatever you take to the beach, anything pineapple, plants, bottles of wine, decorative hooks, pots that hang, cork, cedar boxes, wood pieces plants will attach to, gift cards, did I mention cash for ceramic pot? And... anything you think would be good for the raffle or may have gotten for Christmas and haven't opened!

We will take anything you want to give and make a theme or place for it!

Please bring to the meeting and give to Selma Sappenfield.



BSI World Bromeliad Conference in San Diego, California

May 29 - June 3, 2018

Registration \$350 until 2/28/2017; \$390 3-1-2017 to 5-1-2-18; \$425 at door

Paradise Point Resort \$184 + taxes for double occupancy



Membership Renewal

It's time to renew your BGTB membership. Your membership expired at the end of December. Please fill out the application/renewal form in this newsletter and bring it to the next meeting or mail it to our Membership Chair, Jill Niell at 4511 W. Beachway Dr., Tampa, FL 33609



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



Happy Birthday!



February Birthdays: Nancy Buckley, Jill Niell, Livia Popovich, Jean Prossen, Selma Sappenfield, Sherry Valiente, Annette Williams, Tom Wolfe

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.



Officers for 2017

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Bromeliads Online

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay - www.bromeliadguildoftampabay.org



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/562988247096958/>

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





Announcing the...

2017 Bromeliad Extravaganza

Friday, August 4, 2017
Saturday, August 5, 2017
Sunday, August 6, 2017

Clarion Hotel

2701 E. Fowler Ave., Tampa, FL 33612
www.clariontampa.com (813) 971-4710

Ask for Bromeliad Extravaganza Rate
\$75.00 for single or double
\$85.00 for triple/quad
Complimentary hot breakfast
Free Parking

Rates guaranteed by hotel until July 13, 2017

Registration: \$100.00 per person
After July 25, 2017:
\$110.00 per person
Registration includes 2 meals:
Friday Night Barbeque Buffet & Saturday night
Banquet Buffet

Saturday: Plant Sales 9 AM to 4 PM Raffle,
Silent auction
Seminars with guest speakers Banquet and
Rare Plant Auction Sunday: Optional Garden
Tours \$12 Bus ticket

Seminar Guest Speakers

Pam Koide Hyatt of Bird Rock Tropicals, California;
Dr. Larry Giroux of Fort Myers, FL, BSI Judge &
Editor of The Cryptanthus Society Journal;
Bruce Holst, Taxonomist/Scientist and Director of
Botany, Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, Sarasota, and
Ken Stokes of Tampa, Bromeliad expert/grower

For Registration Complete the Following:

Name # 1: _____

Name #2: _____

Address: _____

City, State,
Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

_____ of registrations @ \$100 = \$ _____

_____ bus tickets @\$12 each = \$ _____

Total enclosed = \$ _____

Make check payable to BGTB and
mail to: Pam Slagg, Registrar
4315 W San Pedro St.. Tampa, FL
33629

(813) 832-9481

pamslagg@hotmail.com

*For more information: FCBS.org or
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BROMELIAD GUILD OF TAMPA BAY

Membership Application/Renewal

Memberships: January 1 to December 31 each Year

Please Print

Name _____ Birth Month _____

Second Name _____ Birth Month _____

Phone (____) _____ Email _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Date of Application _____

Please check one:

_____ \$25.00 Single Membership

_____ \$30.00 Family Membership

Make checks payable to BGTB

Submit with application to:

Jill Niell

4511 W. Beachway Dr.

Tampa, FL 33609

How did you hear about BGTB?

___ Friend ___ Newspaper ___ Facebook ___ BGTB Website ___ Plant Festival or Show

___ Other (Please specify) _____

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay, Inc.

Established 1963

Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of every month.

Plant sales at 7:00 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Where: Christ the King Catholic Church, Mary Martha Center, Rooms 201-202

821 S. Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa

Informative programs, Show & Tell, plant sales, door prizes, raffle & refreshments

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