

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



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March, 2017



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE MARCH 2017

March means spring and nice weather to tidy up our gardens and share extra plants with your neighbors.

Please bring some of your extra plants for the raffle table or pot them up and donate them for the USF spring show held Saturday and Sunday, 4/9 - 4/10. We enjoyed Terri Bert's presentation on

common bromeliad types.

We will have Extravaganza registration forms available at the meeting; this will be a club-wide effort to host the Extravaganza and I hope that all members will register to attend. Please think about how you would like to be involved: donating items for the raffle baskets, selling raffle tickets, providing publicity, assisting with registration, making attendees gift bags or name tags, or helping with the plant sale. We will be forming committees for these functions.

Thanks, Julie

PROGRAM FOR MARCH 20, 2017 "ABC's of Growing the Most Common Genera" Presented by Eileen Hart, Master Gardener

Eileen Hart, Master Gardener and plant grower extraordinaire. Eileen was born and raised on a South Georgia farm and as a teenager participated in 4-H.

She now lives in Odessa, Florida with her husband, Robert, on two acres of plants, mostly bromeliads and camellias, with their ranch style house in the middle.



She has been a master gardener since 1980 and speaks to garden clubs on a regular basis.

Her program will be on the ABC's of growing the most common genera. This is a hands-on presentation which is great for new members and beginners in growing bromeliads.

The program is open to the public at no charge.

Attachment for Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay sponsored Bromeliad Extravaganza to be held August 4 through August 6, 2017 at the Clarion Hotel, 2701 E. Fowler Avenue, Tampa, FLorida 33612. Registration is open to the public. Bromeliad sales, Conference speakers, Rare plant auction, Friday night buffet and Saturday night banquet meals are included in the registration.

Tom Wolfe
[\(813\) 391-1542](tel:8133911542)
Program Chair

MINUTES OF THE MEETING, FEBRUARY 13, 2017

Treasury report

Requested members provide Tom Wolfe with program ideas.

State Fair solicitation for volunteers for the booth

Reminder of membership dues

USF spring sale 4/9 - 4/10; requested volunteers and plants to donate

Show n tell:

Dave: vreisa; challenged members to bring in their largest plant for show n tell

Kenneth: winter color plants; neo compacta, bigeneric neo-tanthis

Tom:

Terri Bert: program; she graciously donated a few plants to the raffle table

UPCOMING EVENTS:

GreenFest - March 25-26. 9:00 to 4:00. Henry B. Plant Park, University of Tampa. 401 W. Kennedy Blvd, Tampa

Tropiflora Spring Festival - March 31, April 1, 8:00 to 5:00 and April 2 - 10:00 to 3:00. 3530 Tallevast Rd, Sarasota, FL

USF Botanical Gardens Spring Plant Festival - April 8, 10:00 to 4:00, April 9 - 10:00 to 3:00. 12210 USF Pine Drive, Tampa

Green Thumb Festival - April 22-23, 9:00 to 4:00. Walter Fuller Recreation Center, 7891 26th Ave. N. St. Petersburg

BGTB Meeting, February 13, 2017



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 \$390 3-1-2017 to 5-1-2-18; \$425 at door

Paradise Point Resort \$184 + taxes for double occupancy



Membership Renewal

If you have not paid your 2017 dues yet, 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!



March Birthdays: Paula Benway, Elisa Carr, Robert Dickey, Dorothy Kellogg, Robert Nelson, Beverly Owen

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.clarionhoteltampa.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

Tom Wolfe, Chairman, (813)

391-1542

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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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