

# **Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter**



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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE APRIL 2016**

We had a great presentation by Dr Terri Bert at our March meeting and learned so much about different types of bromeliads; now we just have to find some of them!

Our speaker for the April meeting is our own Dave Johnston, who will present Bromeliad Jeopardy; sounds fun already!

Paula Benway has graciously invited us to visit her lovely garden on Saturday May 21 at 10 am at 1225 N. Riverhills Dr Temple Terrace, FL 33617; please stop by.

The newsletter includes our 2015 financial summary. We did a great job selling member plants at the spring and fall USF plant sale. Let's talk more about that for the fall show.

There will be a board meeting on April 21 at 6:30 pm at Ray Hernandez home; the meeting is open to members.

Please start readying your loveliest bromeliads to donate to our annual May plant auction; this is our club's main fundraiser so that we can have nice speakers at our programs. We will have a potluck dinner so bring a dish and please invite friends and family. It is one of our funnest nights!



## **Minutes, March 21, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by Julie Lessard, President

Visitors and new members were introduced.

Motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as written in the Newsletter was made by Paula Benway. Seconded by Tom Wolfe. Carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Paula Benway reported we have a total of \$5,176.20 in our checking account plus \$3007.49 CD for a total of \$8,183.64. The report will be filed for audit.

**Committee Reports:** Julie introduced new Committee Chairs: Jill Niell - Membership, Selma Sappenfield - Refreshments, with Elle Dodard, Julia West and Annette Williams assisting. Lois Sadd will be assisting Maria Warner with greeting guests and visitors.

**Old Business:** Our display for the Florida State Fair placed 3rd. We received \$250.00 for entering the display and \$150.00 for winning 3rd place. Julie thanked those who volunteered.

Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies Report by Tom Wolfe. We hosted the Florida Council meeting on Feb. 27. Evil Weevil project is still needing funds. The fly that was introduced has not been effective in eradicating the weevil that is attacking bromeliads in Florida. Other clubs in Florida have donated to the research and Tom suggested that it might be something we should consider. Please notify Florida Council member if you know of a research grant source. Florida Council Website now has over 10,000 pictures. It is a good resource for identifying your bromeliads. Florida Council also publishes an excellent quarterly newsletter edited by Carol Wolfe.

**New Business:** USF Plant Festival April 9-10. Please sign up to donate plants and volunteer to help set up and man our booth.

May 16 meeting will be our potluck picnic and plant auction. Please bring a dish to share and plants to sell at our auction. It is one of our main fundraisers.

**Door Prize Plant:** won by Robert Nelson

**Show and Tell:** Eileen Hart - Pitcairnia, Aechmea Racinae, Tom Wolfe - Five different Quesnalias.

### **Meeting Adjourned**

**Program** was presented by Dr. Terrie Bert. "Surveying the Ultimate Wonders - The "S" to "W" Bromeliads"

Respectfully submitted by Steve Byram

## BGTB Meeting March 21, 2016



Plant Sales



Call to Order



Show and Tell Time



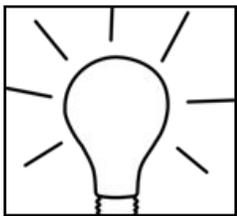
Show and Tell Time



Speaker, Dr. Terrie Bert



Raffle Time



**Artificial Light** Many bromeliads grow successfully under artificial lights. Fluorescent tubes are better than incandescent bulbs because a broader spectrum of light rays can be achieved with more intense light and less heat. Two to 4 tubes are best, depending on the plant's requirements. There are special tubes for plants, although a combination of a warm white and a cool white is quite effective. The closer to the tubes, the more light emitted. Smaller plants can be boosted to the lights by setting them on a pedestal, or an inverted pot. Even a desk lamp can be used with success. Cryptanthus grow well under lights with African violets.

*Excerpt from "Bromeliad Culture Brochure," Bromeliad Society International*





April 23-24 St. Petersburg. Green Thumb Festival. Walter Fuller Recreation Center. Sat. and Sun. 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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## Sunshine Greetings



**April Birthdays:** NO April birthdays, so we are asking Dec. and May birthday people to step up and bring refreshments this month. December: David Stamm, Jim Stewart, Maria Warner, Susan Weeks. May: Robert Hart, Judith and Leo Pope-Champagne, Lisa Robinette, Randy Wojahn

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

Bromeliad Society International— [www.bsi.org](http://www.bsi.org)

Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies— [www.fcbs.org](http://www.fcbs.org)

Marie Selby Botanical Gardens— [www.selby.org](http://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](mailto: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

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**NEWSLETTER OF THE  
BROMELIAD GUILD OF  
TAMPA BAY, INC. 21535  
Northwood Dr. Lutz,  
Florida 33549**

To: Julie Lissard

Julie,

I have summarized our financial situation below:

Expenditures

Rent	\$ 900.00
Storage	889.82
Insurance	301.00
W Dept of State	61.25
News	223.00
Spoken's Fee	1,050.00
Spoken's Picnic	150.57
Hamletts	399.50
USP Antiques	311.60
State Fair	168.67
Articles	25.00
USP Vendor	376.80
Picnic	37.47
Miscellaneous	158.47
Total	\$ 5,058.49

Income

Memberships News	\$ 1,895.00
Raffle	193.50
USP Antiques	2,913.28
State Fair	250.00
Auctions	2,052.00
Total	\$ 7,298.28

Submitted by:

Paula Benway

Treasurer