

# Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay

## NEWSLETTER MAY 2007

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.

**NO FORMAL PROGRAM FOR MAY 21, 2007– ANNUAL PICNIC**



## ANNUAL PICNIC & PLANT AUCTION

MAY 21, 2007

Dinner at 7:PM

Meats supplied by the Guild

Great Fellowship

PLANT AUCTION

Please get your plants ready for the auction other items are also invited to be in auction.

All plants are to be free of scale, clean and properly marked

## OFFICERS FOR 2007-2008

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## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Parliamentarian: Lyla Shepard Librarian: Mike Gimeno Raffle: Randy Garcia  
Show: Tom Wolfe Newsletter: Stephen A. Prins Membership: Rhoda Smith & Eileen Kahl  
Publicity: Bob Teems Programs: Tom Wolfe Sunshine: Eileen Prins Photographers: Jim Stewart  
Workshops: Dave Johnston Refreshment chair: Randy Wojahn Don Nores, Kelly Fowler

## MEMBERS RESPONSIBLE FOR REFRESHMENTS AT MEETINGS

May— Annual Picnic— The picnic will be held indoors.

**Please contact Randy Wojahn (Refreshment Chair) to coordinate what needs to be brought to the meeting. 813-571-7695 or email—[rwojahn@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:rwojahn@tampabay.rr.com)**

## BROMELIADS ON LINE

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)



**SUNSHINE GREETINGS—PLEASE NOTIFY EILEEN PRINS AT 727-546-9590 OR AT [sprins1012@earthlink.net](mailto:sprins1012@earthlink.net) . WE WOULD LIKE TO SEND OUT CARDS TO OUR MEMBERS, FOR ILLNESS, SURGERY, BIRTH OF CHILD, DEATH IN FAMILY ETC.**

# Events Calendar

## **August 18&19, 2007—**

**Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society and the Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society Judged Plant Show. A standard judged plant show to include bromeliads and other tropical plants.**

**Sanford Garden Club Building, 200 Fairmont Drive, Sanford, FL**

**9am—4 pm both days. There will be plant sales and plant displays. Admission is free, and is open to the general public.**

**If you have questions, please call Bud Martin at 321-363-7351**

## **September 29, 2007**

### **Broward Bromeliad Extravaganza**

The Bromeliad Society of Broward County invites you to the 2007 Bromeliad Extravaganza on September 29, 2007 at the Hilton Ft. Lauderdale Airport Hotel, Diana Beach, FL. Special hotel rates for show guests. Plant sales, lectures, raffle, banquet and rare plant auction. Info (954) 925-5112.

## **November 30-December 2— Caloosahatchee Show/Sale**

Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society Show and Sale. In conjunction with the 10th International Cryptanthus Show. Terry park, 3410 Palm Beach Blvd. (SR80) Fort Myers, FL  
Judged Shows—Friday, November 30th with sales Saturday and Sunday, December 1-2

## **June 17—23, 2008— 2008 world Bromeliad Conference, “Bromeliads Downunder”.**

**Cairns, Australia. Registration form will soon be on the BSI website. [WWW.bsi.org](http://WWW.bsi.org)**

## Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Minutes

April 16, 2007

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 by President Dave Johnston

Steve Byram gave a work shop entitled "In Search of Color". The workshop was mainly on Neo's in your garden and how different light can effect the color of the plants.

June workshop will be given by Eileen Kahl.

Guests and new members were recognized.

Door prize was won by Randy Wojahn

Treasurers Report was accepted as read.

USF Spring Sale was a huge success, thanks was given to all the volunteer help .

Tom Wolfe reminded everyone that the Annual Picnic will be held on May 21st at 7PM.

Birthday Plant was won by Eileen Prins

Jay Thurrott gave a report on the Florida Council Meeting. New books from Australia were ordered and will soon be available to purchase. Jay also mentioned the 2007 Extravaganza being hosted by the Broward Bromeliad Society and the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies. The Extravaganza is the main event to support the Florida Council.

The Officers for 2007-2008 were introduced and each one was given some time to let the members know what got them into bromeliads and where they intend to help the guild grown in the up coming year(s).

Show and Tell—Tom Wolfe, Jim Stewart, Verna Dickey each shoed their plants.

Refreshments were served

Main Speaker—Jay Thurrott gave a Power Point presentation of the late John Anderson's green houses in Corpus Christi, Texas. The presentation was beautiful and very informative to all.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectively Submitted ,

Stephen A. Prins, Secretary

# HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS

KELLY BUD-  
WORTH

LISA  
ROBINETTE

MARILYN  
WEELLY

RANDY  
WOJAHN

A decision was made that an easy way to have all the club members participate in bringing refreshments would be to have members bring refreshments to the monthly meeting on the month of their birthday. Anyone with a birthday in May or December should bring refreshments the month after their birthdays, since we have the picnic and Christmas parties. This way everyone helps provide refreshments once during the year!

Suggestions: Chips& dips, carrots, celery, veggies of any kind, salsa, crackers, cheese, chicken wings, popcorn, favorite recipes, pies, pizza, cookies, cakes, candies, deviled eggs, & any kind of sandwiches and of course some beverages.

We will have a special drawing for one of the *“lucky birthday people to take home a nice bromeliad”* from the club.

*Randy Wojahn is our Refreshment Chair. Please contact him if you are bring refreshments to the meeting.*



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**WEAR YOUR NAMETAG AND HAVE A CHANCE AT WINNING A FREE BROMELIAD!!**

**MEMBERSHIP WILL HAVE A TABLE SET UP WITH YOUR NAMETAGS. PLEASE STOP AND GET YOUR NAME-TAGS.**

\*\*\*\*\*Reminder\*\*\*\*\*

Membership Dues were due by May 1st. Please make out a renewal form and give or send to Verna Dickey. We need to make our budget out for the up-coming year.

Your dues enable us to pay for the use of the Garden Center and bring in top notch speakers for our meetings. A copy of the Application/ Renewal will be sent out by email and a paper one will be sent to those without email.

Thank you for your quick response to paying your dues.

A reminder will be sent out in June to all that have not paid their dues.

# !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

RANDY JEREMY GARCIA

Randy will graduate from Tampa Bay Technical High School on Thursday, May 24th, 2007 at the Florida State Fair Grounds.

Randy has been an active member of the BGTB for the past few years. Through out his high school years Randy has gotten many awards. When in the 10th grade he received the John Harris Leadership award, one of only 25 in the nation to do so. As a Junior he received the Anne Frank Humanitarian Award, and he was given a Take Stock in Children Scholarship. This year he was awarded his scholarship and he also got a Principal's Student Service Award for his volunteer hours in the area (close to 2000 hrs.). Randy works for a law firm and is looking forward to taking accounting in college.

Randy we all wish you the best in whatever you do. Were sure that you will be successful in all your endeavors.

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## Picnic and Auction

Please bring plants for the auction at the picnic. The auctions are a very important part of our fund raising for the Guild. The auction is a great time to get a plant that you may not have in your collection.

When bringing plants for the auction please make them look inviting to the bidders.

Mark all plants with the proper name.

You can also bring other items to be auctioned.

Most of all have fun!

See ya there!!!!!!!!!!!!

Pictures from April meeting



2007-2008 Officers & Board, Picture by Eileen Prins



Out going President ready for a rest.



Steve Byram (workshop) & Jay Thurrott(main speaker)



Jay Thurrott our main speaker



Members watching main presentation



Tom & Dave before raffle

Pictures by Jim Stewart

**NEWSLETTER OF THE BROMELIAD GUILD**

**OF TAMPA BAY, INC.**

**Stephen A. Prins, Editor**

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

**WORK SHOP AND MONTHLY PROGRAM SPEAKERS**

**7:30 PM**

**THIRD MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH  
MONTHLY MEETINGS ON**

**1963**

**ESTABLISHED**

**TAMPA BAY, INC.**

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