

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



May, 2010

BGTB Annual Picnic by the Bay and Plant Auction

**Monday, May 17
6:30 p.m.**

Tampa Garden Club

Come on out for an evening of fun and connecting with some new bromeliads and plants at the auction! The club will be furnishing the meat, drinks, condiments, cups, plates and eating utensils. Just a reminder to all of you who signed up to bring food, please bring the proper utensils to serve your food. If you didn't sign up for a dish, just bring your favorite casserole, salad, or dessert.



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Minutes of Meeting

April 19, 2010

President Tom Wolfe called the meeting to order.

Eileen Kahl welcomed 4 visitors: Kim Tracey, Christine Bradley, Anthony Pino and Kim Pete.

Secretary's Report: Barbara Easton said Carl was omitted in the newsletter for his birthday in April. After that correction, Steve Byram made a motion to accept the Minutes as written in the Newsletter and it was seconded by Lyla Shepard. All approved.

Treasurer's Report: Paula Benway reported we received \$50.00 for the raffle in March and \$250.00 for putting in the State Fair Exhibit. Expenses were \$440.25 and we now have a balance of \$ 11,725.40 including our CD which rolled over. Paula said she will have an itemized report on the Show for the next meeting. She also mentioned that dues are now due – give to Eileen Kahl tonight or mail to Paula. A motion was made by Steve Byram to accept the Treasurer's Report as read, seconded by Dave Fulkerson and all approved.

Old Business: Tom announced the new officers and they were installed. They are as follows: President – Beverly Sisco, Vice-President – Verna Dickey, Secretary – Steve Byram, Treasurer – Paula Benway, Newsletter Editor – Marilyn Byram, Board of Directors – Tom Wolfe, Harriet Gord, Dave Mracek, Bob Benway, and Eileen Hart. Tom urged everyone to support the new officers and thanked them for being willing to serve. Tom also handed out certificates to all the committee chairmen for the Bromeliad Show: Marilyn Byram for printing Show Schedule and Programs, John & Kay Miller for enabling us to have the show, Beverly and Harold Sisco for housing judges and kitchen duties, Dave & Mary Fulkerson for the stage display, Lyla Shepard for Head Table Arranging, Eileen Prins for Judges and Clerks breakfast, Verna Dickey for Show Co-Chairman, Paula and Bob Benway for Greeters and all around workers, Eileen Kahl for Clerk's Chairman and Harriet Gord for the wonderful job on the Raffle Tables. He thanked them for the success of the show. Barbara Easton won the Best of Show Artistic, Best of Show Horticulture and Sweepstakes prizes. Eileen Kahl thanked all the clerks for helping and Harriet Gord thanked all who donated to the Raffle tables.

New Business: Tom announced that the turntable exhibit we had last year must be moved from the Miller's warehouse. If anyone has any ideas of where to store it, see him.

Door Prize: Won by Marilyn Byram

Birthday Plant: Won by Carl Easton.

Show and Tell: Plants were shown by Steve Byram, Verna Dickey and Tom Wolfe.

Break for refreshments.

Program: Charlie Birdsong from Louisiana had a slide program on "My Experiences with Billbergias". He showed many beautiful slides of Billbergias.

Raffle: There were many plants on the raffle table.

Respectfully submitted by Verna L. Dickey, Secretary



April Snapshots



Bromeliad Show



Artistic Design by Eileen Prins



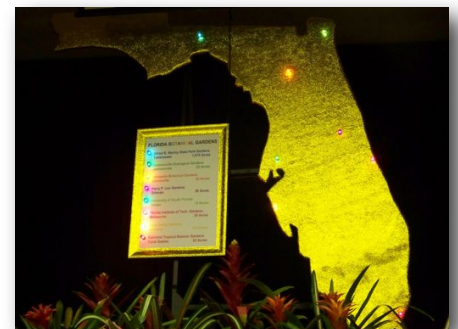
Best of Show
Barbara Easton



Division Winner
Multiples Foliage



Best Cryptanthus Hybrid



Florida's Botanical Gardens
Dave Fulkerson



April Meeting Show & Tell



April Meeting
Refreshment Time



Our April Speaker,
Charlie Birdsong



Dues are due!

It's time to renew your membership to Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay. If you have not done so already, please fill out the membership application included in this newsletter and send it along with your check to our treasurer, Paula Benway, 1225 N. Riverhills Dr., Temple Terrace, FL 33617. \$25.00 for single membership or \$30.00 for family membership.

Upcoming Bromeliad Events

July 26 - August 1 - "Bomeliads in the Big Easy" - World Bromeliad Conference, New Orleans, LA

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, salsa, crackers, cheese, chicken wings, popcorn, favorite recipes, pies, pizza, brownies, fudge, 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.

May Birthdays: John Papp, Judith Pope-Champagne, Randy Wojahn

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. Call 727-546-9590 or email at sprins1012@earthlink.net





Membership Application/Renewal

Memberships: May 1 to April 30 each Year

Please Print

Name _____ Birth Month _____

Second Name _____ Birth Month _____

Phone (____) _____ Email _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Date of Application _____

**Make checks payable to: BGTB
Submit with application to a
member or mail to:
Paula Benway
1225 N. Riverhills Dr.
Temple Terrace, FL 33617**

Please check one:

_____ \$25.00 Single Membership

_____ \$30.00 Family Membership

Referred by:

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: Tampa Garden Club

2629 Bayshore Blvd, Tampa

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

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Membership: Eileen Kahl
Publicity: Bob Teems
Programs: Tom Wolfe
Sunshine: Eileen Prins



Harry P. Leu Gardens, Orlando

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





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