

# Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE MAY 2016

Thanks to Dave Johnson for his presentation of Bromeliad Jeopardy; I'm sure we all learned something new and in a fun way.



The May meeting is our annual picnic and plant auction. The meeting starts 1 hour early at 6pm with dinner at 6:30 and auction at 7:30.

Please bring a large dish to share as there is usually up to 50 members and guests.

Please bring a guest to the picnic. The more the merrier and more plants to be auctioned!

Please bring a nice clean plant to donate to the auction. We have lots of fine plants collected by our members to share.

And May 21st is a garden visit to Paula Benway's home at 10 am at 1225 N. Riverhills Dr Temple Terrace.

Julie Lessard  
President



## **Minutes, April 18, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by Julie Lessard, President

Visitors and new members were introduced and welcomed: Amanda and Nelson Martinez

Motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as written in the Newsletter was made by Julie Lessard. Seconded by Robert Nelson. Carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Paula Benway reported we have a total of \$5,296.70 in our checking account plus \$3007.49 CD for a total of \$8,304.19. The report will be filed for audit.

**Old Business:** USF Spring Sale - Best in years!

**New Business:** FCBS Extravaganza 2017

**Announcements:** May 21 visit to Paula Benway's Garden. 1225 N. Riverhills Drive, Temple Terrace.

**Birthday Plant:** won by Linda Pullman

**Show and Tell:** Robert Nelson - Dyckia "Red Devil", Tom Wolfe - Aechmea Capixabae, Aechmea "Electra", Neoregelia "Scarlet'sWeb", Cryptergia, "Pinky"

### **Meeting Adjourned**

**Program** was presented by Dave Johnston. "Bromeliad Jeopardy"

Respectfully submitted by Ray Hernandez, Acting Secretary

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The BGTB Board of Directors is recommending that the speaker fee dollar amount wording be removed from BGTB bylaws (Article XI – Section 2) and added to the standing rules.

Article XI – Section 2 currently reads: "The vice president may authorize up to \$100 for a speaker."

The membership will vote on this recommendation at the June 20, 2016 meeting.

## BGTB Meeting April 18, 2016



Plant Sales



Sharing with Friends



Learning with Friends



Enjoying Plants with Friends



Congratulations to Douglass Wells



Bromeliad Jeopardy



You are invited to visit the beautiful garden of Paula Benway on Saturday, May 21 starting at 10:00 a.m. 1225 N. Riverhills Drive, Temple Terrace. 813-985-3584

## 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](mailto:taxxmaam@tampabay.rr.com)



**May Birthdays:** Robert Hart, Judith and Leo Pope-Champagne, Lisa Robinette, Randy Wojahn



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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., 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  
Visitors welcome!

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