

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay

NEWSLETTER JUNE 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.

PRORAM FOR JUNE 18, 2007

The speaker for the meeting will be Jason Mellica of Sarasota, Florida. He will be sharing his new power point presentation on his hybrids.

Jason has been active in the Sarasota Bromeliad Society for many years. He is an enthusiastic hybridizer of neoregelias. If you attended the recent Sarasota show, you saw Jason's hybrids in the show and sales area.

This is the first time Jason has been a guest speaker at the Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay so let's give him a warm welcome.

Bring a friend or neighbor to enjoy this presentation.

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Workshops: Dave Johnston Refreshment Chair: Randy Wojahn Don Nores, Kelly Fowler

MEMBERS RESPONSIBLE FOR REFRESHMENTS AT MEETINGS

All May birthdays will help in June.

June—Phil Elting, Eileen Hart, Kathleen Ledbetter, Alan Winton

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

BROMELIADS ON LINE

Bromeliad Society International— www.bsi.org

Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies— www.fcbs.org

Marie Selby Botanical Gardens— www.selby.org



SUNSHINE GREETINGS—PLEASE NOTIFY EILEEN PRINS AT 727-546-9590 OR AT 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

2007 BROMELIAD EXTRAVAGANZA

September 28, 2007

A June Update

The 2007 Bromeliad Extravaganza presented by the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies (FCBS) and hosted by the Bromeliad Society of South Florida (BSBC) will be held at the spacious, newly renovated Fort Lauderdale Airport Hilton Hotel. The venue offers first rate accommodations, ample facilities for the events and excellent areas for socializing, meeting friends, eating, swimming, and just relaxing under the Florida sun.

The program is shaping up very well and will soon be printed for early distribution. As participants arrive in advance of Saturday, we will stage a welcome cocktail/refreshment social activity around the pool to greet our main speaker. He will be Chester Skotak, the creator of endless bromeliad hybrids, specially those striking variegated *Neoregelias* that brighten our collections. He will come especially from Costa Rica and will speak at the banquet on Saturday.

The monstrous sale will start at 9 am and will last until 4 pm. We are happy to report that twelve outstanding vendors will bring their plants and some of the eleven Societies in the Council will sell their members plants as well. There will be ample space for vendors to bring lots of plants. In addition, all kinds of items from a private collection of pineapple themed objects, including jewelry, art, decorative and china items will be sold.

As the sale develops, there will be special seminars by well known personalities in the bromeliad world. David McLean of Broward, Larry Giroux of Caloosahatchee, Michael Young of New Orleans and Terrie Bert of Sarasota will present the seminars. During the sale, in a strategic place, Maureen Frazel will conduct a Plant Clinic to inform buyers of the intricacies of bromeliad genuses, identification and culture. At the same time, throughout the sale, there will be a continuous raffle of bromeliad related objects.

A pre-banquet cash bar will heighten the mood for the 6:30 pm opening of the banquet doors for inspection of the rare auction plants and objects contributed by the member societies for this special occasion. At dessert time we will pause to listen to what our guest of honor Chester Skotak has to say. The Auction following has always been the high point of the event and this year we are expecting a major outpouring of great plants from the Societies. As usual, the proceedings will benefit the FCBS.

As next year there will not be a World Conference in the USA because it will be staged in Cairns, Australia, this and the next annual Extravaganza will be the major bromeliad event in the country until 2010. BSBC welcomes all participants from the state of Florida and beyond, emphasis on beyond, to come and make this a great experience.

Make your reservations at the hotel and for the banquet well in advance using the corresponding sheet in this mailing. And remember, there are 20 complimentary copies of Elton Leme's "*Canistropsis. Bromeliads of the Atlantic Forest*" for those registering at the hotel, buy two tickets to the banquet and who come from the farthest points.

HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS

PHIL
ELTING

EILEEN
HART

KATHLEEN
LEDBETTER

ALAN
WINTON

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.

813-571-7695 or rwojahn@tampabay.rr.com



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*****

Reminders have been sent to all members that have not paid their dues as of June. If dues are not received by June 30th, these members will be dropped from the newsletter list and membership list.

Many thanks to those that donated plants for the Auction at the picnic. Due to your generosity the auction was a huge success. We made over \$1000.00 for our treasury. Also many thanks to the bidders who purchased the plants for their collections and enjoyment.

A few pictures from member Rhoda Smiths garden and pond



Eileen and I had the pleasure of attending the Pond Tour at Rhoda Smith's Home. These pictures are just a few I took that afternoon. To fully enjoy the garden and pond I recommend attending a tour.

Her garden and pond are a labor of love for her and her husband.

Stephen Prins

Pictures from May Picnic



Our picnic was attended by 58 people these pictures are all I could retrieve as my computer decided to eat the rest. (Sorry)

Auctioneers—Randy Garcia,
Dave Johnston and Stephen Prins



One of eight tables of members and
guests



Pictures by Eileen Prins

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WORK SHOP AND MONTHLY PROGRAM SPEAKERS

7:30 PM

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

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