

# Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



June, 2009

## President's Message



I hope all of you enjoyed the picnic and auction as much as I did. We all enjoyed eating and talking and made approximately \$1,040.00 to boot. There were several guests among us who seemed to enjoy the evening as well.

Thanks to all who brought the delicious food, who donated some really nice plants and items and who spent your hard earned cash on bidding. We couldn't have done it without you!

We had a great show and tell table in April with several of you participating by bringing special plants to talk about. Many of you have plants that are special for one reason or another. They may be in bloom or are rare or have culture or disease problems. Maybe you lost the tab and need it identified. Please bring it in and share it with the members. This is one of the most enjoyable parts of the evening.

Load up your car and carpool, buy a plane ticket (they are cheap now) and make plans to attend some of these

Bromeliad events this summer and fall:

August 14 – 15, 2009, Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Society sale to be held at the Sanford Garden Club, 200 Fairmont Drive, Sanford, FL.

September 25 – 27, 2009 the Bromeliad Society of Baton Rouge hosts the Southwest Bromeliad Guild Show and Sale in conjunction with the 11<sup>th</sup> International Cryptanthus Show.

This is very similar to our Extravaganza except there will be two shows and it will be for the weekend. It will be held at the Holiday Inn South (Auline Dr & I-12) in Baton Rouge, LA and room rates are \$90.00, Phone 888-814-9602, Registration \$60.00.

November 13 – 15, 2009 Extravaganza 2009:

The Bromeliad Society of Central Florida will host the Florida Council of bromeliad Societies annual Extravaganza at the Renaissance Orlando Hotel Airport, located at 5445 Forbes Place, Orlando, Florida, Room rate \$109.00, Phone 407-240-1000 or 1-800-545-1985, Registration \$60.00.



November 21st - 22nd, 2009 will be a plant sale held by the Treasure Coast Bromeliad Society, 10:00-4:00, held at the Heathcote Botanical Gardens, 210 Savannah Road, Ft. Pierce, Florida.

December 5th - 6th, 2009 will be a Judged Show and Sale held by The Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society, Terry Park, S. R. 80 (Just off I-75 S) Fort Myers, Florida. Show and Sale open to the public Saturday, Dec. 5th 9am -5pm, and Sunday, Dec. 6th, 10am - 4pm. They always have great shows and lots of bromeliads for sale.

July 26 to August 1, 2010 will be the next World Bromeliad Conference to be held in New Orleans, LA at the Astor Crowne Plaza in the French Quarters. If you are a BSI member, you will receive a discount in your registration to the conference. If you aren't a member of the BSI, please see me at the meeting for a form to join.

The BGTB annual membership dues are \$25.00 for single and \$30.00 for family (at one address). See Paula Benway, Treasurer if you have not renewed your membership for this year or if you wish to join.

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Tom Wolfe

## **Speaker for June 15**

Dave Johnston

Our speaker this month is well known to all of you, our very own Dave Johnston. Dave has served the club in many capacities including President more than once. He has hosted board meetings, has been sales chairman, donated plants to all our functions, almost always brings plants for show and tell and over the years, he has presented us with many programs and workshops.

Dave operates a landscaping and lawn service business as well as a bromeliad nursery in Pinellas Park, Florida.

He has a great collection of species Neo's as well as many species from other genera; thus, the name of his presentation will be "You must have Species!"

I'm sure we all look forward to hearing Dave's program. Invite a friend, neighbor, or co-worker to come with you! Guests are always welcome.

Tom Wolfe  
Program Chair



# Snapshot: Annual Picnic & Auction, May 18, 2009



Auction Preview



Benways - Hard at Work



What a Feast!



Good Food & Fellowship



Great News from the Treasurer



Extravaganza Preview from Betsy



Auctioneer Dave



Unique Auction Items



Who'll Bid on this Beauty?



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## **Dues are Due!**

Don't forget to renew your membership to The Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay. Your 2008-2009 membership expired on May 1. Please fill out the membership application at the end of this newsletter and bring it to the next meeting or mail it to Paula Benway at 1225 N. Riverhills Dr., Temple Terrace, FL 33617.

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## **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 of any kind, salsa, crackers, cheese, chicken wings, popcorn, favorite recipes, pies, pizza, 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:*** Judith Pope-Champagne, Lisa Robinette, Mary Louise Wojahn

***June Birthdays:*** Phil Elting, Eileen Hart, Kathleen Ledbetter, Alan Winton



## **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](mailto:sprins1012@earthlink.net)



## **Bylaw Changes**

(At the last BGTB Board of Directors meeting, your Board approved the following additions, corrections and changes to the by-laws. These have to be voted on by the general membership at the June meeting to be made a valid change to the bylaws. Please print your newsletter and bring a copy of these changes with you to the meeting.)

### **THE BROMELIAD GUILD OF TAMPA BAY, INC. BYLAWS BYLAWS AS APPROVED ON MONDAY, ~~JANUARY 15, 2007~~ June 15, 2009 BY THE BROMELIAD GUILD OF TAMPA BAY, INC.**

#### **Article I - Name**

The name of this organization shall be the Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay, an affiliate of the Bromeliad Society, Inc., and of the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies, Inc., and the Cryptanthus Society, Inc.

#### **Article II - Objective**

The objectives of this affiliate are:

**Section 1.** To unite for their mutual interest people who are interested in bromeliads.

**Section 2.** To serve the mutual interest of its members by promoting an educational program through activities and the study of all aspects of the Bromeliaceae family.

**Section 3.** To promote wider public appreciation of the Bromeliaceae family by participating periodically in public displays and shows, conservation and preservation of the species and their natural habitat, or by other means of promotion.

#### **Article III - Policy**

The policy of this organization shall be self-governing, nonprofit, nonpartisan and nonsectarian.

**Section 2: Robert's Rule of Order shall govern the proceedings of all business meetings.**

**Section 3: the Guild shall maintain incorporation under the incorporation laws of the State of Florida**

#### **Article IV - Memberships**

**Section 1.** A single membership in this organization shall consist of an individual who participates in the activities and aims of the guild. A person holding a single membership is entitled to one vote.

**Section 2** A family membership in this organization shall consist of two related adults and children under age 18 residing at a single mailing address. Each adult is entitled to one vote. A family membership will receive one newsletter.

**Section 3.** An honorary membership may be granted to a person who has rendered some special service to the affiliate. An honorary member may vote and may hold office but will be exempt from the payment of dues.

#### **Article V - Officers and Directors**

**Section 1.** The officers of the guild will be the president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer, **and Newsletter Editor**, elected annually **by the membership** for a term of one year.

**Section 2.** No less than three and no more than **1 director for each 15 members** ~~than five directors~~ will be nominated by the nominating committee and voted on by the membership.

**Section 3.** ~~The four~~ **five** officers and the two directors and the immediate past president will constitute the Executive Board and will serve as Directors of the Guild.

**Section 4.** A majority of the executive board will constitute a quorum.

## **Article VI - Elections**

**Section 1.** The officers of the guild will be elected as follows: There will be a nominating committee consisting of three members nominated by the Board of Directors and will be elected by the membership at the January meeting. This committee will elect its own chairperson.

**Section 2.** The Chair of the nominating committee will present nominations for Officers and Directors to the Guild at the regular business meeting in February. Nominations will also be taken from the floor at this time. Nominees will be published in the March Newsletter.

**Section 3.** The election of officers **and Directors** will be held at the regular business meeting in March. A majority of the votes of the members present are required for election. The officers will be installed at the April meeting and shall assume their duties on May 1.

**Section 4. The President shall take immediate action to fill any vacancies in office by making interim appointments with board approval.**

**Section 4- 5.** No Officer will serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office **except the Treasurer and the Newsletter editor may serve more than two consecutive years.**

## **Article VII - Dues**

**Section 1.** The dues are to be reviewed annually by the Executive Board and increased when necessary, with a published financial report to the membership.

**Section 2.** Any member joining after November 1 will be entitled to join on a one-half year basis of the local dues only. Any member joining after February 1 will be joining locally for the new year. The July newsletter will be the last newsletter for those who have not paid their current dues.

## **Article VIII - Forfeiture of Membership**

**Section 1.** The treasurer will submit to the Executive Board the name of any member who neglects to pay any indebtedness due the affiliate within thirty days after the treasurer has made formal demand. The Board shall decide definitely within thirty days thereafter whether the member shall be dropped or retained on the roster.

**Section 2.** A member may be expelled for cause as set forth in Roberts Rules of Order, Revised.

## **Article IX - Meetings**

**Section 1.** Regular meetings shall be held each month at a time and place to be determined by the membership of the affiliate. All meetings shall begin promptly at the set time.

**Section 2.** Executive Board meetings shall be held whenever possible on the second Monday of January, April, and October or more frequently according to the discretion of the president or an executive board member.

**Section 3.** All of the Executive Board meetings shall be open to the general membership except in the case of a special called emergency session for a specific purpose.

## **Article X - Amending Bylaws**

**Section 1.** The bylaws may be amended at any regular business meeting of the affiliate by a two-thirds vote of the membership present, provided notice of such amendments shall have been sent to each member at least ten days prior to the date of such a meeting.

## **Article XI - Officers Duties**

**Section 1.** The president shall preside at all meetings of the Guild and Executive Board and shall be a member of all committees (ex-officio) with the exception of the nominating committee. The President will be responsible for a representative from the guild to the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies, Inc. The president may authorize up to \$250 per quarter for individual membership expenses.

**Section 2.** The vice president shall perform the duties of the president in the absence of the president. The vice president is also the program chairman. The vice president may authorize up to \$100 for a speaker.

**Section 3.** The secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the guild and of the Executive Board. The guild minutes are to be submitted to the newsletter editor to be published in the next month's newsletter.

**Section 4.** The treasurer shall be custodian of all funds, pay bills as authorized, keep an itemized account of receipts and expenditures, and give a written report at the regular business meetings and file a copy of the report with the librarian. The treasurer's accounts shall be examined at the discretion of the Executive Board.

**Section 5.** The Executive Board shall consider the affairs of the affiliate in accordance with the bylaws and bring its recommendations for presentation to the members at the regular business meetings. The Executive Board has authorization to spend up to \$200.

## **Article XII - Committees**

**Section 1.** The president shall appoint a chairman for each committee deemed appropriate.

**Section 2.** All committees shall consist of a chairman and as many members as shall be considered necessary.

## **Article XIII - Quorum**

**Section 1.** One-third of the members of this affiliate shall constitute a quorum at any regular or special meeting of the affiliate.

## **STANDING RULE 1. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP**

The following definitions amplify the provisions of Article IV, Section 3 of the bylaws concerning honorary membership:

**A. Definition:** The classification of honorary membership is established to recognize individuals whose distinguished contributions have advanced the purposes of the society and have served above and beyond the normal call of duty. Honorary elected shall serve without duty, liability, or responsibility if they so choose. They shall receive the newsletter and be exempt from paying dues.

**B. Method of Selection:** Any voting member may present written nominations to the President who will present them to the Board who shall comprise a selection committee. The committee shall report its recommendations to the membership. A favorable vote by the majority of members present shall be required to elect such nominees.

**C. Notification and Records.** The president shall notify the individuals of their election, inform them of their privileges, and provide them with a certificate attesting to their election. The Secretary shall maintain a separate and permanent record of all such elections.

## Officers for 2009-2010

President: Tom Wolfe 813-961-1475 [bromeliadsociety@juno.com](mailto:bromeliadsociety@juno.com)  
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## Committee Chairs

Parliamentarian: Lyla Shepard  
Librarians: Paula Benway and Verna Dickey  
Raffle: Randy Garcia  
Show: Tom Wolfe  
Newsletter: Marilyn Byram  
Membership: Eileen Kahl  
Publicity: Bob Teems  
Programs: Tom Wolfe  
Sunshine: Eileen Prins  
Photographers: Jim Stewart and Carol Wolfe



*Guzmania Finest Red*

## Bromeliads Online

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)

## Any Changes?

If your mailing address or email address changes, please inform Marilyn Byram at 21535 Northwood Drive, Lutz, 33549 or [byramm@verizon.net](mailto:byramm@verizon.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 \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00 Single Membership

\_\_\_\_\_ \$30.00 Family Membership

**Make checks payable to: BGTB  
Submit with application to a member or  
mail to:**

Referred by:

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**Paula Benway  
1225 N. Riverhills Dr.  
Temple Terrace, FL 33617**

**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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