

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



June, 2010

Guest Speaker, June 21

Our speaker this month will be Guillermo Rivera, President of South America Nature Tours. Guillermo will discuss “Bromeliads from Central Brazil”, and focus on the diversity of Bromeliads found on several trips through the states of Minas Gerais and Bahia. He will visit several habitats in these states covering important ecosystems to bromeliads: Cerrado, Caatinga, and Atlantic Forest. The distribution of several genera such as Encholirium, Orthophytum, Aechmea, Cryptanthus, Tillandsia, Hohenbergia, Vriesea, among others will be addressed for the different ecosystems. The actual state of preservation of these habitats will be discussed.

Born in Cordoba, Argentina, Guillermo has a PhD in Botany from the University of Cordoba, Argentina and was a researcher there for a time before forming a tour company named South America Nature Tours (www.southamericanaturetours.com). He now leads tours to show the diversity of succulents and Bromeliads in most countries of South America. He also holds a BS degree in Biology, University of Cordoba and a MS in Marine Biology from Northeastern University, Boston.

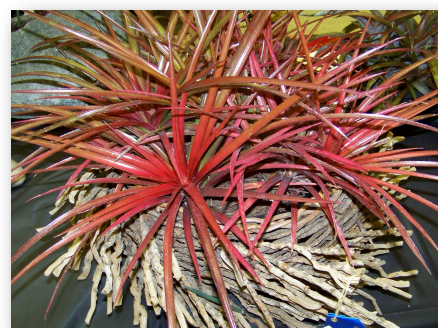
Workshop

Dave Johnston will do a workshop on the various varieties, forms, and cultivars of *Aechmea nudicaulis*. Harry Luther’s Binomial list shows eight varieties and one form but there are other forms and cultivars not listed. This will be an interesting workshop, so don’t miss it.



Snapshots from the Bromeliad Show, April 2010

“Florida Friendly Bromeliads”



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

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



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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





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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