

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Wow! What a great auction we had last month. There was a spectacular variety of plants and assorted accessories. I thank all of you who donated the plants and those of you who bid and went home with some gems to add to your collection.

Also, the food was top notch. Thanks to all who brought food and especially the Sisco's delicious turkey (Beverly cooks the best turkey - 22 pounds and Harold does the lifting in and out of the oven) and our thanks to Eileen Hart for the tasty ham and heading up the setting-up and clean-up crews! We hope everyone enjoyed their meal and the fellowship at their table.

We have a good slate of speakers on tap for the remainder of the year so take advantage of all the information they will provide about bromeliads.

An upcoming event that some of you may want to participate in July 25 – 27 is the Caladium Festival, held at Stuart Park in Lake Placid, Florida. If anyone is interested in car pooling, please let me know.

Sign in car dealership window: The best way to get back on your feet – miss a car payment!

Please join us for a great program this month by our very own Mike O'Leary.

Tom Wolfe
President



Our Speaker for Monday, June 16, 2014

Speaker: Mike O'Leary

Program: Twenty-five Bromeliads that Should be in Every Collection"

Our own BGTB member, Mike O'Leary will present a program entitled "Twenty-five Bromeliads that Should be in Every Collection".

Mike and his wife, Linda, live in Clearwater with their four children, with three in college and one graduated. Mike is a partner in Trenam Law Firm, one of the largest law firms in Tampa. His specialties are wealth planning and presentation. Mike has been named one of the Super Lawyers in Florida for several years. For more information on Mike's business, go to www.Trenam.com. Mike also coaches Little League baseball in his spare time.

Mike has served the Club in about every position from Director to President. He was Treasurer of the 1992 Bromeliad Conference which BGTB hosted at Saddlebrook Resort. He and his wife Linda also worked hard during the conference tracking every dollar which involved tens of thousands of dollars. They did a great job, paid all the conference bills, and gave a financial accounting to the club. Before becoming a busy Mom, Linda worked many years also serving the BGTB. Mike and Linda are part of the BGTB's history.

Mike is a superb grower and excellent speaker so you don't want to miss his interesting hands-on presentation.



30% shade cloth - used but in good condition..\$1/linear foot. 24' wide.

Greenhouse fabric flooring - woven polypropylene fabric - black with yellow stripes. This is brand new on the spool. \$2 per running foot.

Walk behind cultivator - \$75 Earthway High Wheel Walk Behind Cultivator. Garden jobs from light plowing, hilling to furrowing and cultivating. Mold board plow works as plow and tiller, and the 5 tine-cultivator handles weeding and soil loosening. Used one season. . . like new which sells for \$119 plus shipping.

Contact Dottie Kellogg: dottiekellogg@yahoo.com



Here are some additional experts' suggestions for full-on bromeliads:

Large:

Archaea blanchetiana
Archaea bracteata (all forms)
Archaea chaetoid (black form)
Archaea eurycorymbus
Archaea 'Little Hare'
Archaea mexicana (also the
 albomarginated form)
Archaea redbirdii
Archaea rubens
Archaea 'Samurai'
Alcantarea imperialis
Alcantarea regina
Alcantarea vinicolor (brighter than
imperialis)
Andropogon chinensis
Asplenium costillanense
Portia petropolitana (both var.
petropolitana and var. *extensa*, the most
 common one)

Medium:

Archaea ornata
Archaea pectinata
Ananas bracteatus
Ananas comosus
Neoregelia compacta
Neoregelia cruenta
Neoregelia johannis
Neoregelia macwilliamii
Neoregelia variegata
Phaenacis arvensis
Phaenacis testudo
Pitcairnia spicata

Small:

Archaea recurvata var. *virgata*
Neoregelia 'Fireball'
Neoregelia olens
Orthophytum burle-marxii
Orthophytum gorkense
Orthophytum survisoides
 Most *Dyckia* and *Mesaspis* (they'll require more frequent
 watering)
 The genus *Pitcairnia* is usually very slow-growing

The plants in the above list are the most readily available. More uncommon species, also recommended, include the following:

Archaea apuleja
Archaea hartiana
Archaea bromeliifolia
Archaea calliobroma
Archaea castibonensis
Archaea elati haetkei var. *schomburgkii*
Archaea longilata
Archaea mariae-reginae
Archaea phanerophylla
Archaea succinea
Asplenium mollare
Neoregelia bahiana
Neoregelia variegata
Neoregelia zigrina
Orthophytum magalhãesii
Orthophytum maracumense
Orthophytum rubrum
Portia leptantha
Pitcairnia 'Cardboard'

(Thanks to the following who provided suggestions: Harvey Duffa, Nat DeLoos, Lynne Fisher, Peter Kowalski, Sandy Roth and Virginia Schreiber.)

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Theresa Bert, presenter



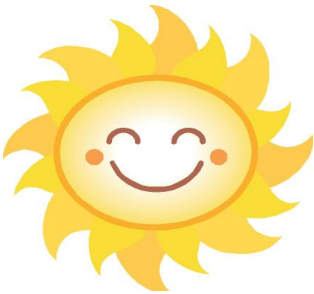
Annual "Picnic" and Plant Auction - May 19, 2014



MEMBERS ATTENTION:

Please make sure your pots and plants are clean with no dirt on the outside of pots and label with nametags.

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



June Birthdays: Eileen Hart, Allen Langworthy, Kathleen Ledbetter, Ken Stokes

We will have a drawing at the meeting for one of the lucky birthday people to take home a nice bromeliad as a Birthday gift from the club.

Club members celebrating their birthdays also provide the refreshments at our meeting each month. 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 those months. Suggestions: chips & dip, veggies, salsa, crackers, cheese, chicken wings, popcorn, favorite recipes, pies, pizza, brownies, fudge, cookies, cakes, candies, deviled eggs, sandwiches and beverages.



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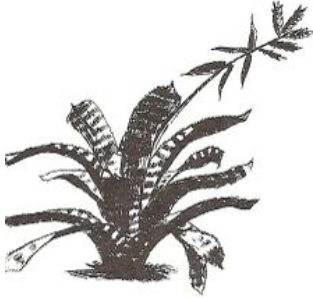
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Any Changes?

If your mailing address, email address, or phone number changes, please inform Marilyn Byram at 21535 Northwood Drive, Lutz, 33549 or bgtbnewsletter@gmail.com



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.

**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,

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