

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



July, 2008

President's Message



Jim Stewart gave an informative program on Neoregelia Color. As you can see from his program, there's always something to learn with this

hobby. It's never boring. A big thank you to Jim for an excellent program.

We are on our Extravaganza count down. By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have approximately fifty days and counting.

Congratulations to Barret Bassick for being elected to the director's position on the Board. I'm sure he will do a fine job.

Things you all can do for the Extravaganza:

Save your plastic and paper bags and boxes and bring them to the Sheraton Hotel on Friday night or early Saturday morning. August 29 & 30. Paper grocery bags work very well, so if you can, ask for paper for your groceries and save us the bags to recycle.

Contact all your friends and relatives and give them a flyer and tell them that for \$3.00 they can see the biggest array of bromeliads that they ever saw.

Ask your friends or business acquaintances to advertise in our program.

If you have any media contacts, let them know about the Extravaganza.

Contact Barret Bassick and offer to help with sales on Saturday, August 30th. We don't want people standing in line to get checked out. The more helpers we have, the faster the cashier lines will move.

Prepare your extra bromeliads to sell in membership sales and make a few extra "dollars" for yourself.

It's our turn to be the worker bees at this Extravaganza and an opportunity to make money for the BGTB. We retain a percentage of the sales for our club. The higher the sales the more money our club makes.

The Rare Plant Auction proceeds go to the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies and supports our state organization who in turn works on many worthwhile bromeliad projects during the year on behalf of all the Florida Bromeliad Societies. When the evil weevil



invaded Florida in the early 1990's the FCBS took the lead in heading up the "Evil Weevil" project and probably did more than any other organization to support, work, and assist University of Florida in locating a natural predator. These natural predators are now in Hillsborough and surrounding counties to help eradicate the evil weevil.

The FCBS website, FCBS.org is probably the foremost information as well as the most popular website in the world for bromeliads. We are proud to be a part of the FCBS and this is an opportunity for us to host another great event and support our State organization.

We need all members to participate and help us. Many people that attended our 1992 Conference still talk about the friendly people in Tampa Bay and how welcomed they felt. Let's do it again. Come and be the friendly face to our out of town guest.

Tom Wolfe



Upcoming Event

Bromeliad Bonanza at USF Botanical Gardens

One day only: Saturday, August 9, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m. - program on dividing and potting

12:30 p.m. - program on Bromeliads for full sun and for shade

Plants for sale by USF, Dave Johnston, Tom Wolfe, and other local growers



Minutes to June 16 Meeting

Meeting was called to order by Tom Wolfe. Minutes of the April 21 Meeting were accepted as published in the newsletter. Treasurer's report was given by Paula Benway. Members were reminded that annual dues are due. \$25.00 for individual, \$30.00 for couple. Extravaganza - Each member was asked to donate five plants. Dave Johnston will present the workshop for July. Nominations from the floor were taken for new director. Barret Bassick was elected. Announcements - Board of Directors and all Extravaganza volunteers were invited to attend a planning meeting to be held at Sweet Tomatoes Restaurant on Dale Mabry on June 23 at 7:00 p.m. Members were encouraged to attend the memorial service for Steve Prins in support of Eileen. Service is on June 21 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Vincent Episcopal Church in St. Petersburg. Bromeliads were given for Birthday and Door prize drawings. Several plants were shown for Show & Tell. Motion to conclude the business meeting made by Steve Byram. Break for refreshments. Tom Wolfe advertised the Australian book, Starting with Bromeliads, for \$20.00. Program on "Understanding Neoregelia Color" was presented by Jim Stewart. Raffle was held after the program.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Byram,
Acting Secretary

June 16 Meeting Snapshots

Photography by Jim Stewart



Sales Table



Now let's see, I NEED this one.



Neo 'Tangerine' by Grant Groves is a shade plant.



June Treasurer's Report



Newly Elected Board Member, Barret Bassick



Did you ever see one this wierd?



Show & Tell - Till bulbosa



Show & Tell



Neos Jim Stewart used in program on Neo color



In Memory



*Steve and Eileen Prins at
Bromeliad Extravaganza 2007*

There were many members of our society that attended Steve Prins' funeral service at St. Vincent Episcopal Church in St. Petersburg, Florida. The church was full of family, friends, co-workers and people that loved Steve. The service was impressive and was concluded with a presentation from the Pinellas Park Fire Department.

There were testimonies as to the value Steve was to his family, friends, church, and community. This could also apply to our Society. He was one of our most valuable members and leaves a large void in our organization.

Our love and prayers are with Eileen and their family. Steve will be greatly missed by all of us.

BGTB Program for July 21

This month's program will help familiarize all of you with what events go into an Extravaganza. Extravaganza 2007 was hosted by the Broward Bromeliad Society and held in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. For the benefit of those that will be working and helping with the Extravaganza, we have compiled some photographs taken at the Extravaganza by Verna Dickey, Randy Wojahn and Carol Wolfe. Carol transferred them into a power point program and it will be shown at this month's meeting. It was well attended by members of the Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay. You will enjoy seeing the BGTB members that attended, beautiful bromeliads, and you will get excited about our own Extravaganza on August 30th. The program will be narrated by Tom Wolfe with input from those that attended.

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, carrots, celery, 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 gift from the club.

July Birthdays: Dorothy Crossley, Dave Johnston, Nick Mavrikas, Beverly Millar, John Miller, Harold Sisco



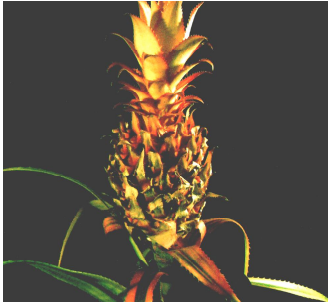
Sunshine Greetings

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



2008 Bromeliad Extravaganza

August 29-31, 2008



Friday evening reception for registrants, Plant Sales, Seminars
Raffle & Saturday evening Banquet followed by
Rare Plant Auction, Sunday morning home bus tours!

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Ask for Special BGTB Extravaganza Rate \$99.00 Double or Single

Group rates available to July 29, 2008.

All accommodations are room suites includes sofa bed

Airport shuttle complimentary 24/7 on the hour

REGISTRATION

\$45 Registration for reception & banquet
Make check payable to BGTB and mail to:

Paula Benway
1225 N. Riverhills Dr.
Temple Terrace, FL 33617
(813) 985-3584 email: rebenway@aol.com

SCHEDULE

Sheraton group rate July 29, 2008
Banquet Reservation deadline August 24, 2008
Friday, 6:30 p.m., August 29, 2008: Reception
Saturday August 30, 2008 6:30 p.m. Banquet &
FCBS Rare Plant Auction
Sunday, August 31, 2008
Home Bus tours 9:00 a.m. to noon

For Reception and Banquet Reservations complete the following:

Name/s: _____

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Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Select your Entrée: all meals include salad, rolls, butter, Chef's choice of seasonal vegetable and beverages:

Choice of one entrée per person:

_____ Grilled marinated portobello mushroom can (Vegetarian) stuffed with season vegetable medley and served over a bed of angel hair pasta with herb marinara

_____ Flame seared marinated breast of Chicken-Served with roasted tomato and basic cream sauce topped with a thick slice of creamy fresh mozzarella

_____ Queen cut of slow roasted prime rib of beef served with jus natural and creamy horseradish.

_____ **Home Bus Tours on Sunday morning, August 31, 2008 Add \$10.00 per person.**

_____ Total amount \$'s enclosed.

Extravaganza Program Ads

If you would like to place an ad in our Extravaganza program for your business, your society, or a personal note, the price is as follows:



Sheraton Suites Tampa Airport

\$35.00 for 1/4 page - (business card size)

\$60.00 for 1/2 page

\$100.00 for full page

Send camera ready or in digital format to

Marilyn Byram

21535 Northwood Dr., Lutz, FL 33549

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Extravaganza Garden Tour

Volunteers Needed

Five volunteers are needed at the gardens of Marilyn and Guy Weekley on Bayshore Blvd., just north of the Tampa Garden Center. Volunteers will be stationed throughout the garden (all in the shade) to make sure the gardens are not damaged in any way during the tour. If you volunteer, you will be on duty for 30 to 40 minutes beginning at approximately 10:20 a.m. Please talk to Rhoda Smith at the next meeting or contact her by email or telephone if you would like to help. habitat@tampabay.rr.com or 813-839-8344

Garden Tour Parking

If you are driving your own car to the Garden Tour on Sunday, August 31, please adhere to the following:

At the first garden tour stop, 2909 W. Fair Oaks Ave. (the residence of Rhoda and Jim Smith) you are asked to leave enough room for two large buses to park in front of their home. The participants will view Rhoda and Jim's gardens, then walk to Garden No. 2 fronting Bayshore Boulevard (home of Debbie and Guy King at 4507 Bayshore Blvd.). You will then drive to Garden No. 3 (the home of Gus and Marilyn Weekley) at 3619 Bayshore Blvd. It is just north of the Tampa Garden Center. The buses will park on the side street, Rubideaux. We hope to be able to use the Garden Center parking lot for individual cars, but it is being upgraded this summer, so you may have to find other places, but just remember to leave space for the buses. Garden No. 4 (the home of Emily and Josie Black) is at 4611 Hawthorne Road. Once again, please leave room for the buses. Do not park directly in front of the house. Park either down the street on Hawthorne Road or park on Renellie Drive. This is requested of everyone driving their own cars. It would be very much appreciated if you would abide by these conditions so as to not inconvenience Magical Charters' drivers.

Rhoda Smith, Garden Tours Chair



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Photographers: Jim Stewart and Kelly Fowler



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





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. 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, workshops, Show & Tell, plant sales, door prizes, raffle & refreshments Visitors welcome!

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