

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



July, 2010

Guest Speaker, July 19

**Ray Lemieux will be speaking on Hybridizer and Authority on Terrestrial Bromeliads
Tropiflora Nursery
Sarasota, Florida**

“How to grow, propagate and hybridize terrestrial bromeliads.”

Ray has been employed by Tropiflora Nursery in Sarasota, Florida for the past 13 years. His primary responsibility is working with the terrestrial type bromeliads including Dyckia, Hechtia, Puya, Ananas, Deuterocohnia, Cryptanthus and Orthophytum. Ray has more experience working with terrestrials than anyone else in the United States.

In the process of propagating from seed as well as vegetative propagating, Ray has made several hybrids some of which are now in production.

Ray has been very involved in the Sarasota Bromeliad Society for many years and has served as President, Show Co-Chairman, and held many other positions. At one time, he and his wife cooked and served complete meals at their monthly meeting. Of course, attendance at the Sarasota Society was at an all time high with their delicious meals.

He has been a speaker at many bromeliad societies and other horticultural groups. It is good to be able to call upon a known expert in this area to give us a program.

Our programs are always open to the public so bring a guest, neighbor or friend to hear Ray's programs.

Tom Wolfe
Program Chairman



Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Minutes of Meeting

June 21, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Beverly Sisco.

Three visitors were welcomed and new member, Marcia Hunter was welcomed.

Secretary's Report: There were no minutes from last month due to the fact that we had our annual picnic and auction.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Paula Benway reported that we have a total of \$2,858.76 in our checking account plus \$10,405.69 in our CD.

Workshop: Dave Johnston presented a workshop on *Aechmea nudicaulis*.

Old Business: Thank you to everyone who brought plants for the auction in May.

Beverly presented Barbara Easton with two plaques for the Bromeliad Show. Barbara won Best in Show for Horticulture **and** Best in Show for Artistic. Congratulations, Barbara!

New Business: Beverly received a request from Martha Goode to submit an article and photographs about our April Bromeliad Show to BSI.

Door Prize: The door prize was won by Patricia Kellogg

Birthday Plant: Members celebrating June birthdays were Eileen Hart and Kathleen Ledbetter. Kathleen Ledbetter won the birthday plant.

Show and Tell: Verna showed a *Neomea* and a red *Vriesea*. Eileen Hart also showed a *Neomea* and a *Vriesea Malfinii*, Tom showed an *Aechmea patriciae* and Barret showed an *Aechmea tasmanii*.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tom Wolfe and seconded by Dave Johnston.

Break for refreshments.

Program: Our program was presented by Guillermo Rivera. He spoke on Bromeliads from Central Brazil: A Journey through the states of Bahia and Minas Gerais. He showed us photos of cacti, orchids and many different types of Bromeliads.

Raffle

Respectfully submitted by
Steve Byram, Secretary



Meeting Snapshots



Our new president,
Beverly Sisco



Member Sales Table



Barret's Show & Tell



Tom's Full-Sun Experiment



Refreshments



Social Time



Lucky Raffle Winner



Our Guest Speaker,
Guillermo Rivera



Member Has Plants for Sale

Are you interested in replenishing your collection after the rough winter we had? Barbara Easton is cleaning out and has lots of plants for sale. Call 863-858-3597 to make arrangements.

Welcome New Member

Welcome, Marcia Hunter from Dover. We're glad to have her in our club!

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.

July Birthdays: Dorothy Crossley, Jim Jackson, Dave Johnston, Beverly Millar, John Miller, John Paloscio, H.T. 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



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EPCOT, Orlando*

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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