

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE JULY, 2019

NEW MEETING ROOM! Please note: The church has set the calendar for meetings from July of 2019 through June of 2020. We will now be meeting in The McLoughlin Center, Room C. The new room is located across the parking lot from our previous location, directly behind the main church building. It is easy to locate and it is on the first floor! Look for the Bromeliad Meeting signs.

Thank you, Dave Johnston for presenting the program on the mini bromeliads at the last meeting. I'm sorry I missed it. I heard great things about it.

The Bromeliad Extravaganza is right around the corner! It's in Orlando (near Disney Springs) on September 20-21. There will be a Friday night dinner with conference attendees getting the first stab at plant sales that evening. Saturday will have four speakers, another buffet, and a rare plant auction. Call Spring Hill Suites (407-635-8500) or Towne Place Suites (407-239-4005) and ask for the \$85.00 Extravaganza hotel rate which includes a complimentary hot breakfast. See all the details at BromeliadX.com.

Please remember to bring a nice clean plant for the silent auction at the next meeting.

Since we are now one month into the hurricane season (until the end of November), we need to make plans for our yards if a storm does head our way. Some ways we bromeliad-lovers can protect our yards include: (1) Stacking empty pots in trash cans in our garage; (2) Turn heavier pots with plants on their sides



against the side of the house; (3) bring in hoses, tools, bird feeders, hanging plants and yard art; (4) lay down your cement birdbath/fountain; and (5) have an arborist/tree trimmer cut down any dead or vulnerable limbs that pose a threat to your house; (6) bring in or lay down outdoor swings and benches.

I hope these tips will help you.

See you at the meeting!

Steve

P.S. If you've never experienced the joy of accomplishing more than you can imagine, plant a [bromeliad] garden - Robert Brault



Next Meeting: July 15, 2019
SPEAKER: Kenneth Stokes
“Common Defects of Bromeliads”

Kenneth Stokes is a life-long Floridian and has been involved in plant growing and collecting his whole life. He has made collecting trips to both Ecuador and Malaysian Borneo.

In his business life, he is a master fine furniture maker and a restorer of fine art and antiques. He is also the author of four literary novels.

As a hobby, he grows tropical plants on the grounds of his south Tampa home, including Bromeliads, incorporating examples from most of the cultivated genera.

Kenneth joined the Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay (BGTB) in 1994 and has participated in many BSI Shows, including three world conferences. He has held positions in both the Sarasota Bromeliad Society (SBS) and BGTB and has presented horticultural programs for both societies.

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Minutes of Meeting June 17, 2019

Vice President Julie Lessard welcomed members and guests to the meeting. Visitors were welcomed - Perry Searcy, Marilyn Howser, Bruce Howser, Marian and Mark Kennell

Program Long-time member and expert grower Dave Johnston presented a slide show on "100 Bromeliads on a Card Table, using mini bromeliads.

Break for Refreshments

Show and Tell: Verna Dickey - *Bilbergia pyramidalis*; Eileen Hart - *Pitcairniodes*; Tom Wolfe - *Neoregelia* 'Martin' (Albina); Mike O'Leary - *Neoregelia* Battle Cat, *Neoregelia* Bad Boy Brian, *Tillandsia Flexuosa*, *Tillandsia Fasciculata* 'Tropiflora', *Orthophytum* Red Frost

Business Meeting Called to order by Vice President Julie Lessard

Treasurer's Report by Rick Hunter. The report will be filed for audit.

Member Tom Wolfe gave a description of the bromeliad plants for the raffle. Members and guests purchased tickets and put them in cups placed in front of the plants.

Announcements: New member Marian Kennell announced details about the Bromeliad World Conference which will be held in Sarasota, Florida June 9-13, 2020. A committee is working with Dennis Cathcart and some of the speakers names were announced. More info is available in the 2019 State Roster Book from the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies. Go to <http://TheWBC2020.com> or email TheWBC2020@gmail.com.

Silent Auction/Raffle - Lucky raffle winners were announced at the end of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Hunter



July Birthdays: Happy Birthday to Bonnie Bertolino, Dave Johnston, and Beverly Millar



REFRESHMENTS FOR THE JULY MEETING . . .

will be provided by Verna Dickey, Lindsay Eagle, Dave Johnston, Beverly Millar, and Robert Nelson



2019 Bromeliad Extravaganza, September 20-21, Marriott Spring-Hill Suites and TownePlace Suites, Orlando, FL



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 813-600-9771 or email at taxxmaam@gmail.com

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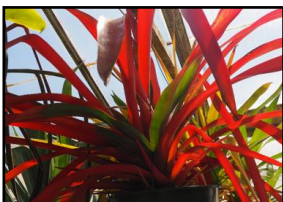
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The Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay, Inc. was organized in 1963. BGTB is affiliated with the following: Bromeliad Society International, The Cryptanthus Society, Inc., Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies, Inc., and Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, Sarasota, 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, McLoughlin Center Room C, 821 South Dale Mabry Highway, Tampa

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

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