

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



August, 2010

President's Message



When our speaker was not able to make it to our July meeting, four of our members so graciously gave us an impromptu panel discussion on use of soils and fertilizer for our bromeliads. Many thanks to Tom Wolfe, Dave Johnston, Barbara Easton and Eileen Hart for their expert advice.

I was contacted by someone from the Henry Plant Museum that there will be an exhibit, "Strolling Through a Perfect Paradise" at the museum. It will run through December. It sounds very interesting, so let's plan to go.

BROMELIAD GUILD OF TAMPA BAY, INC. MEETING MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 2010 SPEAKER: DENNIS CATHCART The new botanical garden in Singapore "GARDENS BY THE BAY"

Dennis Cathcart is a world traveler, explorer, hybridizer, grower, collector, author and a recipient of the coveted Wally Berg Award of Excellence.

He and his wife, Linda, operate a Sarasota bromeliad and orchid nursery called Tropiflora since 1976. Dennis is the author of "The Cargo Report" which is full of interesting collecting stories and good information on bromeliads, orchids and succulents.

The web site for Tropiflora is: <http://www.tropiflora.com> which gives you information for ordering and watch for the new information beginning August 29, 2010. This web site also has information and pictures of Tropiflora: http://www.florida-secrets.com/Florida_Gardens/Tropiflora.htm.





(Picture of Dennis Cathcart and good friend, Wally Berg returning from a collecting trip.

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His program this month will be a power point program on the new botanical gardens in Singapore, Gardens By The Bay. This is the gardens where Harry Luther has accepted a position of Head of Horticulture. This will be a very interesting program as Dennis has been very involved in supplying bromeliads for this garden. Bromeliads were chosen for the gardens because they are resilient plants, relatively low-maintenance, and because they provide a wide range of textures, patterned foliage and colorful blooms of some species.

The Garden is expected to open November, 2011. The Garden By The Bay's website is <http://www.gardensbythebay.org>.

According to an article on the web site written April 1, 2008 by Hong Xinyi:

“More than 3,000 varieties comprising 210,000 bromeliads will be supplied by Florida nursery, Tropiflora. About three shipments – 50,500 plants – have already arrived at the Gardens by the Bay site office

in Marina Way. The rest will arrive over the next 18 months.

‘It will be the first time that these plants are being used in such a large-scale way in a landscaped garden in Southeast Asia,’ said Mr. Anton van Der Schans, assistant director of horticulture for Gardens By The Bay.”

The Gardens will have a major impact on Singapore's future economic development and growth as well as making Singapore a leading global city of the 21st century.

We will have the opportunity, at this meeting, to have an update directly from Dennis and Linda as to where they are in the process of providing bromeliads to the Gardens.

Dennis takes great pictures and as most of you know he makes his programs into excellent travel logs not only about horticulture but he includes information about the people with him, people that he meets, and history of the areas he travels. You will feel as if you have traveled to Singapore with him after his program.

As bromeliad lovers, hobbyists, collectors, and BGTB members, we are indebted to Dennis and Linda for spreading the news about bromeliads to Singapore as well as worldwide.

You don't want to miss this excellent program. Remember our meetings are always open to the public and visitors are always welcome. Invite someone to come with you.

Tom Wolfe, Program Chairman



Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Minutes of Meeting

July 19, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Beverly Sisco.

Visitors were welcomed. Visiting with us were: Midge Connolly, Ann Cazares, Linda Beasley, and Mike and Shellie Sweet.

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept the minutes as written in the newsletter made by Tom Wolfe. Seconded by Lyla Shepard.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Paula Benway reported that we have a total of \$2,617.09 in our checking account plus \$10,405.69 in our CD.

Old Business: Tom Wolfe reported that the Florida Council met at Marie Selby Gardens. The meeting rooms at Selby have undergone a \$2,000,000 upgrade and there are two new board members. Selby Gardens is doing well and is getting out of debt.

A letter from the Matthew and Rachel Sweet was read thanking the club for donating bromeliads to the Bloomingdale High School Marching Band to help raise money for their upcoming trip to London.

New Business: There will be a plant show with the Federation the 2nd weekend of April, 2011.

Announcements: There will be no Extravaganza this year. 2011 Extravaganza will be in Daytona.

Door Prize: The door prize was won by Harriet Gord

Birthday Plant: The birthday plant was won by Beverly Millar

Show and Tell: Plants were shown by Eileen Hart, Verna Dickey, and Beverly Sisco

Motion to Adjourn: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Steve Byram and seconded by Dave Johnston.

Break for refreshments.

Program: Our scheduled speaker was unable to come, so a panel discussion was led by Barbara Easton, Eileen Hart, Dave Johnston, and Tom Wolfe.

Raffle

Respectfully submitted by
Steve Byram, Secretary



Meeting Snapshots



Plant Sales



Call to Order



Treasurer's Report



Eileen's Show & Tell



Verna's Show & Tell



Buying those Raffle Tickets



Dave and Barbara
Half of our Panel



Tom and Eileen
The Other Half of our Panel



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, Mike and Shellie Sweet from Valrico.

Upcoming Bromeliad Events

October 9-10 USF Fall Plant Festival

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.

August Birthdays: Steve Byram, David Mracek, Carol Wolfe



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 in the Big Easy
World Bromeliad Conference 2010*

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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