

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE AUGUST 2015

We found out last month that we are back to the 2nd floor of the Mary Martha Center. (Room 201)

Again, Ken Stokes presented a workshop on the sexual parts and differences of bromeliad inflorescences.

Bruce Holst gave us an insight into the diverse and difficult-to-access natural sinkholes in Belize. This entire region is a veritable treasure chest of botanical, geological, and archeological diversity. Great program for anyone interested in the diversity of nature.

Thanks to Bruce and Ken for an interesting evening.

Tom Wolfe, President

BGTB Meeting August 17, 2015

The speaker for August will be Dennis Cathcart: Explorer, Collector, Grower, Hybridizer, Writer, and Speaker. He will present Part II and III of his previous program on "New Explorations and Discoveries in Brazil." This will be an exceptional program that you won't want to miss. Dennis and his wife Linda own and operate Tropiflora Nursery, established in 1976. Its located on Televast Road in northern Sarasota, Florida and specializes in bromeliads, orchids, and cacti/succulents.

Dennis, and sometimes Linda, have been on many trips to Central and South America and the Caribbean exploring and collecting many bromeliads and other rare and interesting exotic plants.

Please invite friends, neighbors, relatives and others that might be interested in hearing Dennis' program. Our meetings are always open to the public.

Tom Wolfe, Program Chair



Minutes, July 20, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Tom Wolfe

Visitors: Kathie Gorman, Lisa Benedict, June Benedict, Barry Schwartz, Debby DeGraaf, David Nicely, Seema and Yash Pathak

Secretary's Report: Group approved the minutes as written in the newsletter.

Workshop: presented by Ken Stokes on bromeliad reproduction. Bromelia, Vriesea, Cryptanthus, Orthophytum and Hectia were shown.

Old Business: Reminder - 2015 Bromeliad Extravaganza in Miami. Registration is \$75.00, Hotel is \$107.00 per night.

New Business: August 1, Bromeliad Extravaganza at USF

Announcements: October 9-11 - Southwest Guild Show in New Orleans Airport Hilton. Includes International Cryptanthus Show.

Show and Tell: Plants were shown by Eileen Hart and Tom Wolfe.

Refreshments and Raffle

Program was presented by Bruce Holst, Director of Botany at Marie Selby Gardens. "Nohoch Ch'en Chiquibul National Park Expedition Belize"

Respectfully submitted by Ray Hernandez, Secretary



Light

Bright, diffused light is best for most bromeliads. Hard, spiny, thick leafed plants, as well as those with gray-green, gray or silvery leaves, can take bright light for extended periods of time. Soft, thin leafed plants and those with purplish (discolor) foliage do well in a spot with lower light intensity, but no bromeliad likes a dark environment. Nidulariums require the least amount of light and gray leafed tillandsias the most. The intense translucent red seen in many neoregelias usually cannot be held, if grown solely in the

house. The other genera mentioned fall somewhere in between these two in light requirements. Symptoms of too little light are dark green, often soft, drooping leaves that are longer than normal. Symptoms of too much light are yellowed leaves, markings that are faded and bleached out, a leathery, stressed look to the foliage, and in extreme cases, sunburn spots and holes.

Excerpt from "Bromeliad Culture Brochure," Bromeliad Society International



BGTB Meeting July 20, 2015



Member Sales



Pre-Meeting Conversation



Call to Order



Workshop by Ken Stokes



Time to Eat



Show and Tell - Eileen Hart



Show and Tell - Tom Wolfe



Our Speaker, Bruce Holst



Questions for the Speaker





Bromeliad Extravaganza “Bromeliads in the Magic City” September 26 at DoubleTree by Hilton Miami Airport Convention Center.
Details at www.bssf-miami.org

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



Happy Birthday!



August Birthdays: Steve Byram, Deborah Farrel, Kent Freeman, Randy Garcia, Herb and June Hill, Dave Mracek, Shirley Perez, Mary Louise Wojahn, Carol Wolfe

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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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, door prizes, raffle & refreshments
Visitors welcome!

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