

# Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE AUGUST 2018

The July meeting was informative and interesting. Dr. Teresa Cooper's presentation about the "Evil Weevil" reminds us to do due diligence when acquiring new bromeliads; quarantining them temporarily before placing them in our landscapes can save a lot of heartache later on! Good job, Teresa.

As you read this, the Bromeliad Bash will be over and out. Many thanks to Tom and Dave for being our Bromeliad ambassadors at this yearly sale at USF.

When possible, please remain a few minutes after the meetings to help us clean up. If all of us share the load, it will only take a few minutes and help us leave a good impression with our landlord. Muchas gracias!

We are now in the height of the rainy season. "Mosquito Bits" once every two months or weekly flushing with your garden hose will help greatly in deterring our mosquito population.

Please don't forget to bring show and tell plants and raffle table gifts. Also, please check the newsletter each month to see when it's your turn to bring refreshments.

Kudos for all that you do for our great club.

Flowerever yours,  
Steve Byram

P.S. Why couldn't the gardener plant any bromeliads? He hadn't BOTANY!



## **Minutes of Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay July 16, 2018**

Meeting called to order by Steve Byram, President

Welcoming of Visitor, Leslie Donovan

Treasurer's Report by Paula Benway. The report will be filed for audit.

New Business: Kenneth Stokes brought in a new ice bowl. Kenneth also showed a beautiful display of pineapples.

Workshop by Kenneth Stokes on Dychias, Hechtias, and Rosettes. He showed tools of the trade and explained how he grooms the plants.

Birthday plant was won by Lindsay Eagle and Name Tag plant was won by Lois Sadd.

Show and Tell: Verna Dickey - Neomea (Bigeneric) Popcorn, Billbergia Pyramidalis, Billbergia Pyramidalis vr. Kyoto, Aechmea Pectinata; Robert Nelson - Tectorum Linette mounted on grape vine; Jill Zakaroff - News mounted on driftwood.

Program given by Dr. Teresa Marie Cooper. New events in Mexican Weevil Research. She had a great slide presentation. Dr Cooper has lots of experience and knowledge about how to protect our Florida bromeliads from the Mexican Weevil. Dr. Cooper thanked BGTB for their donation of \$750.00 to the research project for the Mexican Weevil.

Refreshments and Raffle.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Hunter

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay  
Monthly Meeting  
Date: Monday, August 20, 2018  
Time: Doors open 7:00 PM; Meeting at 7:30 PM

**SPEAKER: VERNA DICKEY, BRANDON, FLORIDA**

## **Beauty of Bromeliads**

Our speaker at the August meeting will be long-time member and bromeliad grower, Verna Dickey, whose talk is titled "Beauty of Bromeliads."

This program offers basic information on the different types of these beautiful tropical plants and how to grow them here.

Verna Dickey is a Master Gardner and presents programs through the Hillsborough County Extension Office and Hillsborough County Library System.

She is a member of several garden clubs including the Bromeliad Guild and Rare Fruit and Plants.

Verna practices what she speaks and has a large and diverse garden in Brandon.

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## **Cheap Plant Tags**

Buy venetian blinds at a thrift store or yard sale for next to nothing and snip strips for tags as needed.

The plastic fused to the thin metal used to make the slats is already treated to resist sun rot. One side usually has a matte finish that is great for writing on. #2 pencil lasts much longer than ink, which will sun-fade.

Most of the plastic ID tags sold by professional greenhouses tend to get brittle in about 3 to 5 years. Tags made from blinds will last 7-10 years. Pencil marks are also easy to remove with a scouring pad if you want to reuse labels.

Also, use 2 tags and sink one writing side out into the pot under the media so if a tag fades or is removed you still know what it is.

This double tag system is ideal for club plant sales. The customer gets one tag and the cashier gets the other.

*South Bay Bromeliad Associates, Palos Verdes, CA*

# SNAPSHOTS FROM BGTB MEETING JULY 16, 2018



Left: Program on the Mexican Evil Weevil by Dr. Teresa Marie Cooper.



Right: Workshop by Kenneth Stokes on Grooming Dyckias, Hechtias, and Rosettes.



Show & Tell: Jill Zakaroff: Neos mounted on driftwood



Robert Nelson: Tectorum Linette mounted on grapevine



Verna Dickey: Billbergia Pyramidalis and Billbergia Pyramidalis vr. Kyoto



Kenneth's Beautiful Pineapple Arrangement that he donated to the Raffle Table

and Raffle Time with Julie



## REFRESHMENTS FOR THE AUGUST MEETING . . .



will be provided by Mike Foley, Kathie Gorman, Darlene Hannan, Marisela Lopez, Shirley Perez, and Maria Warner

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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**August Birthdays:** Steve Byram, Mike Foley, Kathie Gorman, Herb and June Hill, Maria Warner, 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.

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*Our condolences to the family and friends of former member, Becky Houston, who passed away on June 21, 2018.*

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### **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](mailto:taxxmaam@tampabay.rr.com)

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Oct. 26-28 Tropiflora Nursery Fall Festival

Tropiflora Nursery  
3530 Tallavast Road  
Sarasota ([tropiflora.com/events](http://tropiflora.com/events))

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Marie Selby Gardens

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Bromeliad Society International— [www.bsi.org](http://www.bsi.org)

Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies— [www.fcbs.org](http://www.fcbs.org)

Marie Selby Botanical Gardens— [www.selby.org](http://www.selby.org)

Bromeliads Online - <http://www.bromeliads.co.nz/index.html>

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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, 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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