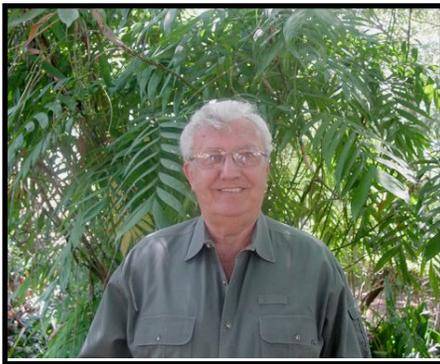


Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



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September, 2014



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Tom Wolfe

Last month's program, "Are Bromeliads Better in the Bahamas" by Jay Thurrott, President of the Bromeliad Society International, was a good way to find out what growing bromeliads in the Bahamas is like. It sounds inviting in a way but when you consider soil conditions, cost of soil, cost of living and hurricanes, it becomes more of a good place to visit but not as a permanent residence. The club members are certainly to be commended for purchasing imported expensive soil to build up their bromeliad beds and contending with the lack of rain, and sometimes having to wait on the hurricanes to send the rain! Our hats off to the bromeliad growers who grow such beautiful bromeliads for their shows!

Years ago, I grew a *Neoregelia* 'Beryl Sheasby' and Carol made a picture of it. We loved the plant but didn't know much about it but used the photo in many of our digital/slide programs over the years.

Several years ago we were giving a program at the Seminole Bromeliad Society in Sanford and one of the members told us that he had met a lady, Beryl Sheasby, on a visit to the Bahamas and that Dennis Cathcart had made the cross and named it in her honor. So long after the plant was gone, our photo is very special knowing it was named after a "real bromeliad enthusiast."



Your Board of Directors met August 25th and had a very productive meeting. The items that were decided on were:

- 1) Christmas Party: We need about 10 tables decorated for the Christmas party. Ten people will be responsible for decorating our tables. This will remove the burden of one or two people from being responsible for all ten.
- 2) The Party will be held on the 3rd Monday of December at 7:00 PM. We ask that you bring covered dishes and the club will furnish the meat. You may ask friends, relatives, co-workers and others to attend.
- 3) Florida State Fair: We will use the same theme as last year but will upgrade it.
- 4) The Board accepted the Federation of Garden Club circles to participate in their Spring show. The show will be March 27-29, 2015.

BGTB MEETING

September

15, 2014

Due to many of the speakers being in Hawaii for the World Bromeliad Conference, many speakers were unavailable this month.

This month the program will be ***YOU the MEMBERSHIP!***

Everyone can bring:

- 1) at least one plant in or out of bloom, well grown, or poorly grown
- 2) problem plant or one that needs a name,
- 3) a bromeliad picture you would like to share, yours or a favorite artist to share
- 4) or bromeliad plate or whatever is your favorite bromeliad related item.

It will be similar to an entire membership Show & Tell.

There will be prizes – voted on by the membership in a show of hands:

- 1) Ugliest bromeliad
- 2) Most Neglected
- 3) Most beautiful
- 4) Best bromeliad story

Don't forget your plant. We are counting on you to help make this a fun program!



DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY!

November 8 is the date that most people signed up for the field trip to Orlando. If enough people can go on this date, then we will be able to afford the bus. We are going to three destinations: the beautiful Harry P. Leu Gardens and world-class nurseries, Russell's Bromeliads and Color Zone Tropicals. These are all places that you will thoroughly enjoy visiting! (See descriptions below.) We will leave Tampa at 8:00 a.m. and return at 5:00 p.m. We will eat a picnic lunch at Leu Gardens and also have a chance to buy plants at the two nurseries. Admission to Leu Gardens is \$10.00. Bus fare will be determined by the number of people going (estimate is \$20.00 to \$30.00). We need to get an estimate of how many are interested in going so we can calculate the exact cost per person and set a date. Sign up at the next meeting or, if you will miss the next meeting but are interested in the trip, please email Steve and Marilyn Byram at bgtbnewsletter@gmail.com or leave a message at 813-949-0503.



Harry P. Leu Gardens



Russells Bromeliads



Color Zone Tropicals



Minutes, August 18, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President, Tom Wolfe

New Members Visitors welcomed: Deborah Farrell, Susan Fuentes

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

Treasurer's Report: Paula Benway reported we have a total of \$4802.22 in our checking account plus \$3005.27 CD for a total of \$7807.49. The report will be filed for audit.

Old Business: Sign-up for fall trip continued. We need enough people to sign up so the bus cost can be paid.

Announcement: Lois Connor passed away. She was a long-time BGTB member.

Door Prize Plant: won by Deborah Farrell

Birthday Plant: won by Paula Benway

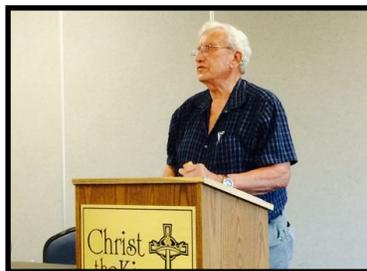
Show and Tell: Plants were shown by Ken stokes - Orthophytum, Neophytum; Eileen Hart - Aechmea Correia Arvajoa, Aechmea Ramosa cultivar; Tom Wolfe - Tillandsia

Refreshments and Raffle

Program: presented by Jay Thurrott. Title - "Bromeliads in the Bahamas"

Respectfully submitted by Ray Hernandez, Secretary

Meeting Snapshots - August 18, 2014

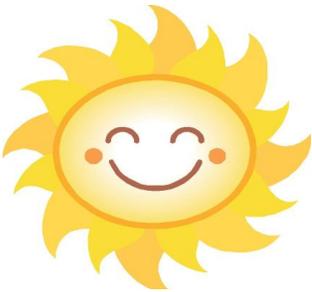


Upcoming Events:

2014 Fall Plant Festival, USF Botanical Gardens, Saturday, October 11, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 12, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Field Trip to Harry P. Leu Gardens, Russells Bromeliads, and Color Zone Tropicals. November 8, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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



September Birthdays: Verna Dickey, Jeff Donnelly, Joy Langworthy, Kay Miller, Beverly Sisco

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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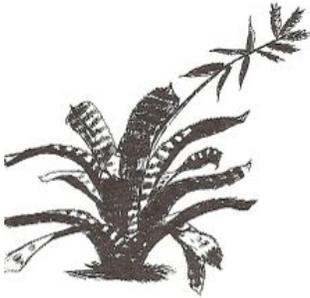
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Any Changes?

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,

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