

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



October, 2010

President's Message



This message will be brief because your president had an unfortunate gardening accident. I broke my right hand digging a hole to plant a plant (not even a bromeliad). I lost my balance and fell forward flat on my face!

Many thanks to Al Muzzell from Gainesville for his informative talk on terrestrial types of bromeliads.

October 18 Program

Our speaker this month will be Mike O'Leary, one of our members. His subject will be: Twenty-five bromeliads every beginner should have in their garden. I'm sure we will all learn something.

We need to sign up and pay Paula Benway for our field trip as soon as possible. The cost is \$25.00 (tip for the driver included). We have room on the bus for friends and some family members. The cut-off number is 55. There will be room in the cargo compartment of the bus to bring back plants. It will be a fun trip. Let's plan to go.



Respectfully yours,
Beverly Sisco, President



Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Minutes of Meeting

September 20, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Beverly Sisco.

Visitor, Becky Houston was welcomed.

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept the minutes as written in the newsletter was made by Tom Wolfe and seconded by Bob Benway.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Paula Benway reported that we have a total of \$1,898.00 in our checking account plus \$10,405.69 in our CD.

Old Business: Field trip to Michael's Bromeliads, Tropiflora and Marie Selby Gardens is planned for November 6. Tropiflora has offered to provide us with a barbecue lunch. We will leave from Tampa Garden Center at 8:00 a.m. and return at 8:00 p.m. Cost is \$25.00 per person. We are still taking reservations. We need 55 people to sign up.

New Business: Harriet Gord is our new librarian. H.T. Sisco is our new publicity chairman.

Announcements: A copy of the Bromeliad Guild membership roster was available for members to check to make sure information was current. Those whose names were not on the roster have not paid their dues for this year and will no longer receive the newsletter.

Door Prize: The door prize was won by Mary Louise Wojahn.

Birthday Plant: The birthday plant was won by Shellie Sweet.

Show and Tell: Plants were shown by Tom Wolfe, Verna Dickie, Jason Mellica and Marylynne Jones, and Dave Johnston.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Paula Benway and seconded by Tom Wolfe.

Break for refreshments.

Program: Al Muzzell of Gainesville, FL, presented a program on the new terrestrial bromeliads.

Raffle

Respectfully submitted by
Steve Byram, Secretary



Meeting Snapshots



Pre-meeting Plant Sales



Verna's Billbergia



Tom's Tillandsia



Dave's Neo



Marylynne's Hectia



Yummy!



Refreshment Time



Our Speaker, Al Muzzell



Upcoming Bromeliad Events

November 6 - Field Trip to Michael's Bromeliads in Venice, Tropiflora, and Marie Selby Gardens in Sarasota

December 13 - Christmas Dinner Party and Plant Auction

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.

October Birthdays: Barret Bassick, Bob Benway, Lois Conner, Ted Ledbetter, Janice Somerset, Lois Duffey, Mike Sweet, Yvette Wilmath



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



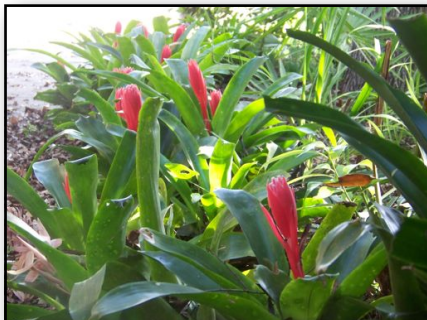
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*Steve & Marilyn's
Billbergia pyramidalis
Border*

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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