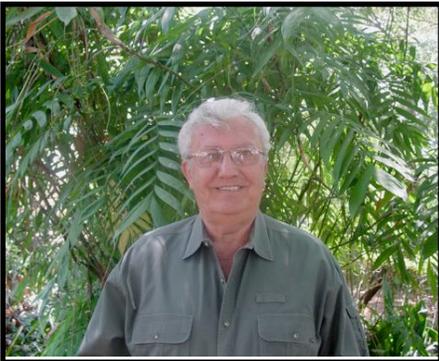


# Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



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October, 2014



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our September meeting was a fun time seeing each other's bromeliads and hearing the stories behind them. We gave away some gifts with Dave Johnston taking home most of them! Thanks to all who brought plants and participated in the unusual program.

We are finalizing the details on the bus trip with Dynamic Tours Transportation on Saturday, November 8, 2014, and we will be leaving for Lew Gardens in Orlando, Russell's Bromeliads, and Color Zone Tropicals at 8:00 AM from Christ the King, 821 S. Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa, 33609, parking lot. Please try to arrive to board the bus anytime between 7:30 AM and 7:55 AM so we can leave at 8:00 AM Sharp. The bus can hold 47 passengers, is air conditioned, has reclining seats and a bathroom.

The cost is \$33.00 per person and to confirm your attendance, send your check to Dorothy or see her at the next meeting with your check:

Dorothy Kellog  
[\(813\) 920-3598](tel:8139203598)  
18705 Jiretz Road  
Odessa, Florida 33556



Coolers with cold drinks will be provided. Lew Gardens has a picnic area so please bring a “bag lunch” with you and we will eat at the picnic area and then on to Russell’s Bromeliads in Clermont. Our final stop will be with Grant Groves at Color Zone Tropicals in Winter Garden and then return home. Bring food, pillow, or anything that makes you comfortable while riding the bus and it will be a great day to see bromeliads, flora and fauna and a good day for fun and fellowship! We still have seats available, so please invite anyone else that might want to go to join us.

Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Tom Wolfe,  
President

### **Next Meeting October 20, 2014**

#### **Program Speaker: Dennis Cathcart Title “New Explorations and Discoveries in Brazil, Part I”**

Dennis Cathcart is known around the world as: Explorer, Collector, Grower, Hybridizer, Writer and Speaker. He is an excellent speaker and it is a privilege to have him visit us.

For many years herpetology was Dennis’s avocation. While in pursuit of this interest, he spent many happy days on field trips to the Caribbean and Latin America. It was here that he became acquainted with exotic plants, sparking a new interest that has spanned over forty years.

Dennis and his wife, Linda, own and operate Tropiflora, established in 1976. It is located on Tallevast Road in northern Sarasota and remains one of the largest collector-oriented exotic plant nurseries in the United States.

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



## Minutes, September 15, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President, Tom Wolfe

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Paula Benway reported we have a total of \$3864.78 in our checking account plus \$3000.27 CD for a total of \$6865.05. The report will be filed for audit.

**Old Business:** Bus trip on November 8 dependent on number of individuals who sign up. Payment due in advance.

**New Business:** Christmas Party: The Byrams, Ken Stokes, Susan and Jeff, The Wolfes, Maria Warner, Dave Johnston, Robert Nelson, Susan Weekes, Rusty Beasley, Paula Benway volunteered to decorate tables for the Christmas party.

State Fair: Members decided to upgrade last year's display a bit.

Bromeliad Show on 3/27 - 3/29, 2015 at Bayshore Garden Club.

**Door Prize Plant:** won by Carol Wolfe.

**Birthday Plant:** won by Jeff Donnelly.

### **Refreshments and Raffle**

**Program:** Members' best, worst & ugliest plants and their stories - Ken Stokes, BSI Journals to share, Rusty Beasley - vriesea Racinea, Steve Byram - pyramidalis, Ken Stokes, Vriesea; Verna Dickey - Fireball; Carol Wolfe - photo of Ursula; Dave Johnston neo species, tallest plant, Billbergia species; Douglass Wells - superball; Tom Wolfe - photo of gray fox with bromeliads, tillandsia, ananas, Neo purple star; Robert Nelson - ananas.

Prizes:

Ugliest plant - Verna Dickey

Most Neglected - Robert Nelson

Best plant - Dave Johnston

Best Story - Dave Johnston

Respectfully submitted by Ray Hernandez, Secretary



## Meeting Snapshots - September 15, 2014



## **Upcoming Events:**

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



**October Birthdays:** Ted Ledbetter, Nancy Stamm

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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### **Bromeliads Online**

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay - [www.bromeliadguildoftampabay.org](http://www.bromeliadguildoftampabay.org)



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/562988247096958/>

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

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

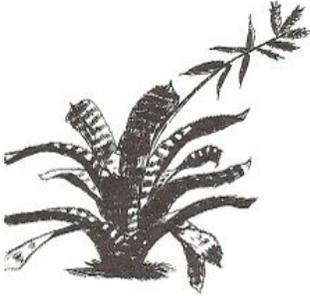
Marie Selby Botanical Gardens— [www.selby.org](http://www.selby.org)

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

### **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](mailto: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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