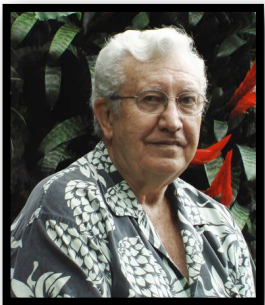


Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay



November, 2009

President's Message



If you missed the October meeting, you missed a great program presented with gusto and enthusiasm by Terrie Bert. She did a great job as usual! She had

previously given us a program on the ABC's of bromeliads and followed up with D to G on the unusual genera. Thanks, Terrie for sharing your knowledge with us.

Also, Verna Dickey showed us some interesting power point pictures from her trip to the Orlando Gaylord Hotel. Our thanks to Verna for sharing with us.

John Paloscio generously brought the members some free rain gauges and information on Rain Barrel Workshops at the Hillsborough Extension Service in Seffner; Phone 813-744-5519. We hope

you have a chance to take advantage of the workshops and John, thanks for thinking of us!

By the time we have our November meeting, the Extravaganza will be history. Remember, if you cannot go for two days, perhaps you can plan to go on Saturday for the sales and seminar events starting at 9:00 a.m. and going until 6:00 p.m. There is no charge for the one day admission. However, if you want to go to the banquet in the evening there is a charge for the meal. The bus trip to the homes on Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. has a cost of \$12.00 per person. I hope that most of you attend and have a good time visiting with other "bromeliad people!"

Please sign up at this meeting to bring your favorite dish to the Christmas Party. Also, bring a nice plant for the exchange and the auction.



As you hang your new calendars for 2010, be sure to mark April 16-18, 2010 as a very special date for our Bromeliad Show. We are excited to be working with Kay Miller in putting on two shows in one building. Kay is Show Chairman for the Federation of Garden Club Circles and I will be Chairman of the Bromeliad Show with Paula Benway and Verna Dickey coming along side of me to assist. I am sure it will be a great show with all the talent that we have in our Club!

I picked up a helpful hint regarding the scale attacking King Sago's at the Master Gardeners convention: Dump the grounds from regular coffee right into the center of the plant. For some reason, the plant responds to this and scale disappears. It may not work with decaffeinated as it has not been determined at this time why the plant responds to the coffee grounds.

Hope to see you at the meeting and invite a friend or neighbor to come with you. Visitors are always welcome!

Tom Wolfe

**BGTB Meeting
Monday, November 16, 2009**

**“Tips and Tricks”
Workshop by Eileen Kahl**

Internet Addresses for Eileen's workshop:

Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies <http://www.fcbs.org/>

Bromeliad Society International <http://bsi.org/>

Indigo Instruments www.indigo.com
12"thumb dressing forceps \$9.00 + shipping

New Zealand <http://www.bromeliads.co.nz/>

Tropiflora <http://www.tropiflora.com/>
Cargo Report to Loading Dock

Michaels' Bromeliads <http://www.michaelsbromeliads.com/>

PJS Bromeliads (Brevard County) <http://www.psplants.com/index.htm>

Bromeliad Encyclopedia (Wiki) http://ephedra.hip.uni-heidelberg.de/bromwiki/en/index.php/Main_Page



BGTB Speaker, Tom Wolfe Program: Longwood Gardens

Due to the cancellation of the planned speaker, Tom Wolfe will present a power point program on Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania which is about 30 miles south of Philadelphia. This Garden is on 1,050 acres with a conservatory which houses a bromeliad house, Cascade Garden, designed by the world renowned landscape architect, the late Roberta Burle Marx of Rio De Janeiro, Brazil. He was a Brazilian landscape designer, painter, ecologist and naturalist whose designs of parks and gardens made him world famous. Several bromeliad species have been named for him and his work has been awarded worldwide. If you have a plant named after him, bring it this month to Show and Tell along with your other plants. Some of you may remember him as being the keynote speaker at the World Bromeliad Conference held in Tampa in 1992.

Since our first introduction to Longwood Gardens in 1999, Carol and I have really been in love with the Gardens and have made several trips to visit. Here are a few of the facts about the Gardens:

Pierre S. duPont, (1870–1954) the famous Industrialist, purchased the property in 1906 to save the arboretum from being sold for lumber. From 1906 until the 1930s, du Pont added extensively to the property. A world traveler from an early age, duPont was often inspired to add features to the garden after attending world's fairs, the most notable additions being the massive conservatory, complete with a massive pipe organ and the extensive system of fountains. The fountains are certainly an engineering feat, even by today's standards.



There are 20 indoor and 20 outdoor gardens with 4 acres of heated gardens under the glass. It is so large that you almost forget that you are inside. We have lots of beautiful pictures of bromeliads that are in the heated greenhouses to share with you.

After the completion of the fountains, du Pont began planning for the sustained life of Longwood Gardens after his death. He founded the Longwood Foundation in 1937, and in 1946 the foundation was chartered with running Longwood Gardens for the general education and enjoyment of the public.

In the summer months, the lights, the water fountains, the music, and the fireworks are synchronized for a beautiful and dazzling evening show from the outdoor theatre.



**Bromeliad Guild of
Tampa Bay
Minutes of Meeting
October 19, 2009**

President Tom Wolfe called the meeting to order.

Eileen Kahl welcomed visitors.

Secretary's Report: Steve Byram made a motion to accept the September Minutes as written in the Newsletter and it was seconded by Carol Wolfe. All approved.

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of Paula Benway, Verna Dickey gave the Treasurer's Report for October that was done by Paula. There is a total of \$3,319.95 in our checking account.

Motion made by Lyla Shepard to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Harold Sisco and all approved.

Workshop: Verna Dickey did the workshop – showing pictures of Bromeliads at the Flower and Garden Show at Epcot and also at the Gaylord Palms Resort in Orlando.

Old Business: Tom reported that he has Australian Culture Bromeliad Books for sale for \$20.00. He also mentioned the Extravaganza which is November 13-15 in Orlando. They have extended the hotel rates until the end of October. On Sunday morning there are bus tours planned for \$12.00 that will go to Russell's Bromeliads, Grant Groves place and several homes in the area. Those who have already registered for the Extravaganza will receive a packet in the mail.

Harold Sisco mentioned that each club is asked to donate 5 plants to the Rare Plant Auction held Saturday night at the Extravaganza. Please donate a plant for that.

Dave Johnston talked about the Fall Sale at USF – he said the economy took its toll and that sale was not the best.

New Business: Tom mentioned that we need to start thinking about the display to put in the Florida State Fair. We receive \$250.00 for putting in a display and more if we win a prize. The theme this year is: Super Fair – Super Fun – Super Value. John Paloscia from the Water Resources Department brought rain gauges for anyone who wants one. He also mentioned the Rain Barrel Workshops they have at the Extension Office in Seffner. Bill Carr said he has an oak tree that is dying and is giving away bromeliads.

Door Prize: Won by David Scales.

Birthday Plant: Won by Ted Ledbetter.

Show and Tell: Plants were shown by Verna Dickey, Tom Wolfe, Barret Bassick, Dave Johnston and Barbara Easton.

A motion to adjourn the business meeting was made by Bob Teems and seconded by Carol Wolfe. All approved.

Break for refreshments.

Program: Tom Introduced Terrie Bert who did a presentation on "Diving Even Further into Unusual Bromeliad Genera".

Raffle: Thanks to all who brought plants for the Raffle Table.

Respectfully submitted by Verna L. Dickey, Secretary



October 19 Meeting Snapshots



Plant Sales



Should I get this one or that one?



Compare & Contrast



Time to Eat!



Our Guest Speaker, Dr. Terrie Bert



Program: Diving Even Further . . .



Down Memory Lane . . .

This is what a meeting looked like in 2002 with Show & Tell and former president Jerry Griffin presiding. Our own Herb Hill is giving us a program on his hybrids. Alton Lee is admiring and probably trying to purchase this beautiful hybrid.



Show & Tell



Show & Tell



Jerry Griffin



Herb Hill



Herb Hill



Alton Lee



Upcoming Bromeliad Events

Bromeliad Extravaganza, Orlando, FL - November 13-15 - For more information, go online to <http://fcbs.org/>

BGTB Christmas Party - December 14

Florida State Fair - February 4-15

2010 Bromeliad Judged Show and Sale - April 16-18

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.

November Birthdays: Marilyn Byram, Bill Carr, Bob Jackson, Eileen Kahl, Bob Teems,

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.

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Publicity: Bob Teems
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Sunshine: Eileen Prins
Photographers: Jim Stewart and Carol Wolfe



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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