

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



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November 2013



**Meeting of the Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay
Monday, November 18, 2013, 7:30 PM**

**Speaker Alton Lee, Gulfport, Florida
Subject: Nidulariums, the Forgotten Genus**

Alton lives in Gulfport, Florida on a lot filled with all kinds of tropical plants including a sizable collection of bromeliads. Alton is truly a plant lover. Alton is a writer by trade and has written many articles for *The Journal of the Bromeliad Society International* in past years as well as for many other publications.

He will be talking about the genus *Nidulariums*, the forgotten genus. If you have any *nidulariums* in your collection that happen to be in bloom, please bring them in for “show and tell”.

Alton has been collecting plants since he was a child in Pennsylvania but during a move to Florida in 1971, he discovered bromeliads. He joined the Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society in 1972 and a short time later became President. He held every position the FWCBS except Treasurer. He was also an active member of the Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay for many years and made the monthly trips to the meetings from Gulfport. Over the years he also held several officer positions in the club.

Come and hear this never before seen program being given for the first time. As always, our meetings are open to the public and free of charge so invite your relatives, neighbors and friends to the meeting.

Tom Wolfe
Program Chairman



Minutes, October 21, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President, Anna Hartman

Visitors Heather Carr, Ed Tucker, Shari Elfont, Rusty Beazley, Tom Pride and Sabrina Pride, were welcomed.

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

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Paula Benway reported we have \$1967.29 in our checking account plus \$4564.14 in the CD. Total is \$6531.43. The report will be filed for audit.

Workshop: Presented by Tom Wolfe. Removing pups - How to remove pups and pot them up correctly. Shown were a Neoregelia, Guzmania, and Vriesea

New Business: Next board meeting was set for November 3.

Committee Reports: Publicity - Bill Carr spoke about the opportunity for featuring our gardens in the Tampa Tribune article, "How Does Your Garden Grow" - one member each month. He urged members to attend the USF Plant sales

Doorprize won by Robert Nelson.

Birthday Plant won by Ted Ledbetter

Show and Tell: Plants were shown by Ken Stokes - Cryptanthus Bahianus, green, red, and giant forms - c. colnagoi

Refreshments and Raffle

Program was presented by Ray Lemieux from Tropiflora on epiphytic bromeliads - Orthophytum, Dyckia, Hechtia, Neoglaziovia, Cryptanthus, Deuterocohnia, Encholirium.

Respectfully submitted by Ray Hernandez, Secretary

Our Hosts -

Julie Lessard and Allen Langworthy are providing greeter services at our meetings. They will be located near the door to make sure everyone feels welcome. Please sign in with them and get your name tag when you arrive at the meeting.



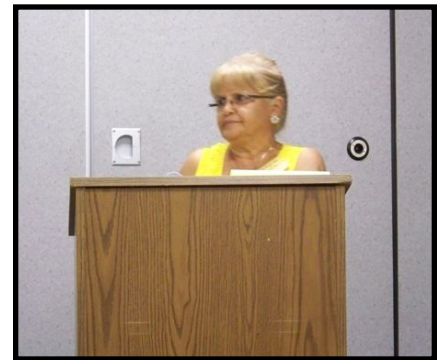
Meeting Snapshots - October 21



Pre-Meeting Shopping



Raffle Table



Call to Order



Workshop by Tom



**Cryptanthus Bahianus
Red and Green**



Speaker - Ray Lemieux



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



How Does Your Garden Grow?

The garden of BGTB member, Douglass Wells, appeared in the [Tampa Tribune](#) article, “How Does Your Garden Grow” on November 3.



Douglass Wells' garden

Who is next? This is a great opportunity for our club to receive publicity -- and it's easy. Just answer seven questions and send two or three pictures. If you would be willing to share your gardening experience in the Tribune, see Bill Carr for more information. He will be glad to help you.



November Birthdays: Marilyn Byram, Bill Carr, Marcia Hunter, Eileen Kahl. Bob Teems

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.



Officers for 2013-2014

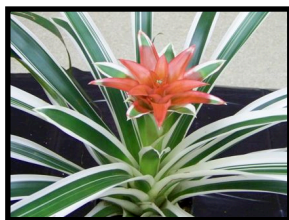
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Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies— www.fcbs.org

Marie Selby Botanical Gardens— 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





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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