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**Newsletter of the
Bromeliad Society of Central Florida**

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Next meeting: March 17, 2021

Where: Leu Gardens, 1920 N. Forest Avenue, Orlando, FL 32803

6:30 –7:00 is pre-meeting time for purchasing plants from our guest speaker

Meeting officially begins at 7:00 pm



Please bring a snack, raffle/door prize plants, and show & tell plants to the meeting. Please try to label your raffle and door prize plants, even if you can only write something such as "unknown Aechmea hybrid", every little bit helps the members who are trying to learn about different types of bromeliads! Plants should be clean and insect free.

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**Visit the Bromeliad Society of Central Florida Website at:
www.bromeliadorslando.com**

You will find an activities page that lists our speakers for upcoming meetings, downloadable copies of newsletters, plant photos, a map to Leu Gardens, and more! This is a great place for the public to find out about our Society or send us a message. Check it out!

The President's Message

A marvelous March to everyone. We have had an interesting spectrum of weather so far this month. The rain was great. Some great activities are coming up this month.

First is the Leu Gardens plant sale on Sat & Sun, March 13 and 14, 9 am - 5 pm. Check out the email Marilyn sent out this past weekend for all the details. Looks like plenty of opportunities to feed the addiction. Hope to see everyone this weekend. Please stop by our Society's area and support your members by adding to your collection. We will be setting up Friday morning.

Then we have our meeting on March 17. Tom Wolfe is a great speaker and is a valuable resource for all things bromeliad. He will have some beautiful plants for sale.

Then Sunday, March 21, drive up to Seminole County for the Oviedo Neighborhood Bromeliad Garden Tour which starts at 1 p.m. Check the email Marilyn sent out last month with the details. There will be four homes visited to see lovely bromeliad gardens. Will be a nice way to spend a Sunday afternoon.

Great bromeliad experiences coming up this March. Enjoy.

Mike



Eringo Braghmeliad

Hybrid: Green beer and
Shepard's pie

Native to South Boston

February Minutes

Meeting Minutes – February, 2021 Bromeliad Society of Central Florida

Meeting called to order approximately 8:00 pm by Mike.

The January 2021 minutes approved without amendments.

Thanks to our own members, John and Pam for tonight's presentation on preparing bromeliads for the Mother's Day Show and Sale. And the great plants for sale.

Thanks to all who brought plants for our door prize and raffle tables; and the food.

Officer Reports:

Vice President – Tom Wolfe will be our speaker for the March 17 meeting. His topic will be on Aechmeas. He will have plants for sale.

Secretary - New members and guests were asked to introduce themselves.

Treasurer - Mike indicated the status of our accounts.

President - FCBS – articles and photos, please forward, contact Carol Wolfe
Leu Gardens is happening – March 13 and 14; Set up on
Friday, March 12. Evan McCrory will be in charge of sales. All members can sell.
Please pay your 2021 dues.

World Conference, \$315 before 3/31

Wed, June 9 – Sun, June 13

Plant Sale: Fri & Sat to the public, Thur night for registrants. In addition, there will be a bromeliad show; registrants can enter bromeliads in the show. Greg spoke on the World Conference. Check www.bsi.org for any changes or updates.

Marilyn sent out an email on the Seminole Bromeliad Home Tour on Sun, March 21 at 1 pm. Check it for details.

Our Website: www.bromeliadorslando.com

Other Websites for great information: www.bsi.org and www.fcbs.org

Old Business: Leanne was re-elected Treasurer. Pam will take minutes at the March meeting. Pam suggested using members rotating taking minutes at the monthly meetings.

New Business: None

Announcements: Clean and wrap roots of any bare-root plants donated for the door prize and raffle tables.

Next meeting – Wed, March 17

Show and tell plants exhibited. Door prize and raffle tickets were drawn.

Meeting adjourned approximately 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Mike Saunders

Upcoming Events

Leu Gardens Plant Sale

March 13 & 14, 2021

9:00 am – 5:00 p.m.

Face Coverings Required to attend the event.

FREE Admission all Weekend!



Plants, Plants & more Plants! Shop directly from the growers and best of all, Leu Gardens is free all weekend, donations are gratefully accepted at all entrances to help offset costs of this event. Make sure you bring a wagon or plant cart for your purchases.

Leu Members shop early on Saturday, March 13 at 8:00 a.m. Please bring your **valid membership card and photo ID**. Guests of members will not be allowed in until 9:00 a.m., this is exclusive for Leu Gardens' Members. Not applicable to AHS or any Reciprocal Garden. Our annual Plant Sale is always popular with visitors, we've slightly reduced the number of vendors and spaced them out more to help provide a safe environment for everyone. **Face coverings (must cover nose and mouth) and physical distancing are required to attend this event.** Only children 2 years and younger will not be required to wear a face covering/mask. Please be aware of your surroundings to keep 6 feet away from other guests. Hand sanitizing stations will be at all entrances/exits, restrooms and food court area. Due to high attendance, the gardens will be monitoring all entrances and may need to temporarily halt entry periodically to keep all safe. Thank you for understanding.

No Pets.

No Bicycles in the gardens.

Free Parking: is available at Leu Gardens, first come first serve, or Leu Gardens property on Nebraska Street. Free parking is available at Audubon Park School at 1500 Falcon Drive. Please note that Audubon Park School is roughly a half (.5) mile away from Leu Gardens and there are no shuttles. Please park anywhere that is legal and not in the neighborhoods.

[2021 Plant Sale Map](#)

[2021 Plant Sale Vendor Selling List](#) (This is not a complete list of what each vendor is selling, just an overview.)

Rain or shine.

Oviedo Neighborhood Bromeliad Garden Tour

Sunday, March 21, 2021

Begins at 1:00 p.m.

Ample parking on the street. Please no parking on the grass of any property to avoid damage to any sprinkler systems. Please proceed to the active tour site if you arrive late as the property owners will also be joining the tour to the other properties. Please do not post publicly. Thank you.

This is a tour of four properties located within a half mile within the Fox Chase subdivision of unincorporated Oviedo off McCulloch and Dean Roads. Total tour time 2 hours.

First Property LAKE HOME (1:00 p.m., 30 minutes) Gwen & Chris, 2039 Kimberwicke Cir., Beautifully landscaped property with palms, oaks and cypress trees, bromeliads, and other tropical plants that are located in the front of the property around through the back yard

along the side property with broms nestled around in the pool area and then down steps and travel a pathway to clusters of bromeliads in the Cypress trees lake area. Three blocks to second property.

Second property. SEMI-CIRCULAR RAISED BROMELIAD GARDEN HOME (1:40 p.m. 15 minutes) Beth & Jerry, 2278 Kimberwicke Cir., A multi collection of various bromeliads in a raised plant bed located on the front of this corner lot under mature oak trees. There are also a few large bromeliads in the back yard area by the pool. Diagonally across the street to third property.

Third Property. FRONT WALK WAY OF SUN LOVING BROMS HOME (2:00 p.m., 20 minutes) Gladys & Rene, SBTPS Members. 2267 Kimberwicke Cir. Multi sun-loving broms along the front walkway with a splash of bromeliads in the front border and a garden pathway of broms along the back side yard. This property includes various Asian fruit and tropical trees and an herb garden and other exotic fruit plants including coffee trees. Adjacent home to fourth property.

Fourth Property. BROMELIAD BACK YARD ROCK GARDEN HOME. (2:25 p.m., 30 minutes) Cathy & Dave, SBTPS/BSCF Members. 2279 Kimberwicke Cir. Unassuming basic front yard shaded by oak trees. Bromeliads are all in the back and side yards with a small nursery of bromeliads. Completely relandscaped back yard with bromeliads and small plants and bushes. Come see the 50-inch Neoregelia Moby Dick, gigantic xAndrolaechmea 'Dean', black bamboo, and collection of Billbergias. Just started collecting tillandsias a year ago.

Welcome and we are looking forward to seeing you!

Bromeliad Society of Central Florida Annual Mother's Day Show and Sale

May 7th to 9th, 2021

10 AM to 9 PM, Friday and Saturday

11 AM to 6 PM, Sunday

[Fashion Square Mall](#)

3201 E. Colonial Dr.

Orlando, FL 32803

The **Bromeliad Society of Central Florida** has had a plant show and sale for many years on Mother's Day weekend.

World Bromeliad Conference 2020

June 9–12, 2021 - Sarasota, Florida

For more information check here:

<https://www.bsi.org/new/world-bromeliad-conference-registration/>



Signup for BSI
Membership
& Register for
WBC 2021

Vice Presidents Comments

Hi all

Just a reminder the next Bromeliad Society of Central FL meeting will be March 17th, Please bring clean bromeliads for the door prize table and for the raffle table. If you're a new member and don't have broms to bring that is fine. We'll help you build your collection. If you have a special brom please feel free to bring it for the show and tell table. Also bring a snack to share for the food table.

Tom Wolfe will be the speaker for March. Tom will be speaking on "Aechmeas are Easy, Full Sun and Cold Hardy".

Hope to see you all then.

Marilyn Howser 🍍



Guest Speaker



Tom Wolfe

Tom joined the Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay in 1965. Holding many positions including serving as President a number of times. Tom has always been instrumental in encouraging and working with the BGTB members to present annual shows, participating in community shows and sales to promote bromeliads, refurbishing bromeliad beds at Lowry Park Zoo, Eureka Springs Park, and Ybor City Museum State Park. Tom helps create displays at the Florida State Fair annually promoting bromeliads and club members pass out literature to thousands of attendees. Tom has represented the Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay for many years on the FCBS as well as serving as Chairman.

Tom has designed and installed many residential and commercial landscapes featuring bromeliads. He is in demand as a speaker throughout the United States presenting programs on bromeliads to garden clubs, botanical gardens, horticultural clubs and bromeliad societies.

Tom was General Chairman of the successful World Bromeliad Conference "Bromeliad Safari", held at Saddlebook Golf & Tennis Resort and hosted by the Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay. Because of Tom's leadership, the Club was able to make financial contributions to the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies, the Evil Weevil Fund, funding for local parks, improvements to the Guild's meeting & library facilities as well as secure the financial future of the club.

Tom became an accredited BSI Bromeliad Judge in 1982 and is now a Master Judge. He served on the BSI Board of Directors for 14 years serving as Director, Secretary, and 6 years as Vice President and 6 years as President. Tom is the first BSI President to serve two consecutive terms. Under Tom's leadership, the Board operated effectively and efficiently to serve its members. He has worked tirelessly through the years, providing leadership when needed and promoting bromeliads on the local, state, national and international levels.

Tom and his wife Carol live in Lutz and grow their bromeliads on their 2.5 acres of land and greenhouses. Their family includes two children and their mates and six grandchildren, three boys and three girls.

February Pictures









2021 Bromeliad Society of Central Florida MEMBERSHIP FORM

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

_____ NEW MEMBER _____ RENEWAL

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City, State Zip +4 _____

Phone /Email _____

\$15 for first member, plus \$5 per each additional family member at the same address. Name Badges \$7 per member, if desired. Please check _____ if you would like a name badge ordered for you.

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____ Make checks payable to BSCF MAIL TO: **Bromeliad Society of Central Florida, PO Box 536961 Orlando, FL 32853-6961. Or bring to the January meeting.**

Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of every month, from 6:30-9:00 pm (buy plants from the speaker between 6:30-7pm) at Leu Gardens, 1920 N Forest Ave, Orlando, FL 32803. You'll enjoy informative programs, Show & Tell, plant sales, refreshments, and door prizes. Members also receive a newsletter. Please come join us!

Treasurer: Date _____ Check # _____ Cash _____

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