



GAINESVILLE BROMELIAD SOCIETY

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September Meeting Details

September 2013

TIME: Sunday, September 22nd - 2:00 PM

PLACE: UF Entomology/Nemotology Building, Natural Area Drive east of the Performing Arts Center on Hull Road, U of F. **OR** the 5th left turn on Archer Road coming East from 34th Street.

PROGRAM: From the President, David Silverman

Please join us for our next meeting at 2:00 pm on Sunday, September 22nd. David Silverman will give a two-part presentation.

The first will be a report on the **2013 Bromeliad Extravaganza**. The second will be a not-so-technical talk about how bromeliads are interesting from a biochemical point of view. See the summaries below. David will also bring a few interesting bromeliads for sale.

Report on the 2013 Bromeliad Extravaganza. This will be a review of activities at the 2013 Extravaganza at Indian Rocks Beach near St. Petersburg. David will show slides of some award winning plants, report on the seminars, and describe other activities like the banquet, rare plant auction, and exhibitions. The Extravaganza will be the day before our GBS meeting of September 22 – come to see if David can pull this off.

How does your Garden Grow? David will describe how bromeliads are interesting to a biochemist. He will describe how photosynthesis and leaf structure in many bromeliads conserve water and allow certain species to thrive in arid climates, in tree tops, and on telephone wires. Learn how these plants store carbon dioxide at night for use in photosynthesis during the day. Learn how many species of bromeliads absorb nutrients through their leaves rather than roots.

On October 27th our speaker will be **Tom Wolfe** from Tampa. Tom is a prominent bromeliad grower, a past president of Bromeliad Society International, and has a species of bromeliad named for him. We look forward to a very interesting presentation.