

# Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



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January, 2018

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE JANUARY 2018



Here's hoping you will have a happy New Year filled with much prosperity and many new bromeliads for your gardens!

The Christmas party and auction was a big hit with lots of scrumptious catered food (plus a little extra from some of our members), and lots of nice plants for sale.

Thanks to Julie Lessard, Dave Johnston, Tom Wolfe, Mike Sweet, and Paula Benway for all their help for this event, and to all who donated plants.

The Florida State Fair is fast approaching in February, so keep this in mind as we will need help setting up our display on 2/5/18 at 6:30 p.m., and members to man our station by talking to people and handing out literature from Thursday, 2/8/18 to Monday, 2/19/18. The take-down will be on Tuesday 2/20/18 at 10:00 a.m. Also, try to pick out some nice plants in bloom to exhibit in our display.

Remember to renew your membership ASAP. In addition, try to locate and inspect your frost cloths/blankets/ etc. in case we get some more cold weather soon. Don't forget, January and February are 4th Monday meeting nights (due to the holidays). Many thanks to Marty Baxley for a great job on November's talk on the bromeliads of Puerto Rico.

Let's continue to remind our friends/neighbors/relatives about our great club and invite them to our meetings whenever we can.

See you at the meeting.

Steve



## **PROGRAM FOR JANUARY 22, 2018**

Master Gardener Eileen Hart will present "Bromeliads in the Winter". Find out how to care for our favorite plants during the Florida winter in central Florida.

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING, NOVEMBER 20, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by Julie Lessard, president

**Secretary's Report.** Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as published in the newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report:** Given by Paula Benway. The report will be filed for audit.

**New Business:** Party and Plant Auction will be December 18. Dinner will be catered by Boston Market. Dinner at 6:30, Auction at 7:30.

#### **Election of Officers and Directors for 2018:**

President - Steve Byram  
Vice President - Julie Lessard  
Secretary - Marcia Hunter  
Treasurer - Paula Benway  
Newsletter Editor - Marilyn Byram

**Board of Directors:** Robert Nelson, Tom Wolfe, Dottie Kellogg, Verna Dickey

**Announcements:** A new BSI Bromeliad Judge's School will be forming in January. It consists of 5 sessions about 9-12 months apart. \$25.00 a session. Required reading, blue ribbon awards, work in several bromeliad shows, final exam. After completing the course, you will be qualified to judge in any bromeliad show in the world. If you are interested, contact Betty Ann Prevatt. 239-334-0242 or email: [bprevattpcc@aol.com](mailto:bprevattpcc@aol.com)

Membership dues are due at the end of December.

Kathy Gorman is our new membership chair.

**Birthday Bromeliad** won by Marcia Hunter

**Door Prize Bromeliad** won by Marcia Hunter

**Show and Tell:** Plants shown by Tom Wolfe - *Canistrum fosteriana*, *Till x Floridana* (Florida natural hybrid), *Neo eleutheropetala*. Kenneth Stokes - display of mounted *Tillandsias*

#### **Meeting Adjourned**

**Program** was presented by Marty Baxley - "Bromeliads in Puerto Rico"

Respectfully submitted by Steve Byram, Secretary

## BGTB MEETING, NOVEMBER 20, 2017



Call to Order



Treasurer's Report



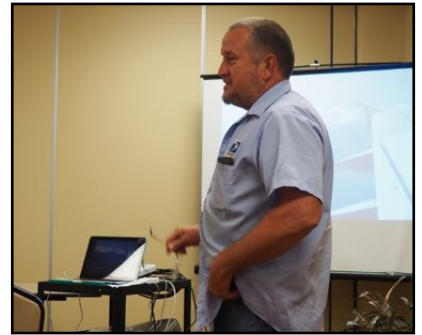
Kenneth Stokes' Tillandsias



Sale Table Selection



Till x Floridana

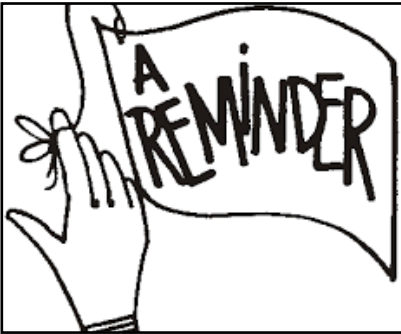


Speaker, Marty Baxley

## CHRISTMAS PARTY AND RARE PLANT AUCTION DECEMBER 18, 2017



## Membership Renewal



It's time to renew your BGTB membership this month. If you haven't done so already, please fill out the application/renewal form in this newsletter and bring it to the next meeting or mail it to our Membership Chair, Kathy Gorman, 13675 Serena Dr., Largo, FL 33774 Only \$25.00 for single membership or \$30.00 for family. What a bargain! Make checks out to BGTB to our Membership Chair, Kathy Gorman, 13675 Serena Dr., Largo, FL 33774



Happy Birthday!



**January Birthdays:** Julie Lessard, Ed Owen, Lyla Shepard, Pam Slagg, Julia West

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.



### 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)





**Florida State Fair - February 8-19.** Volunteers needed! Help us set up the display on Mon., Feb 5 and/or sign up to work at our display during the fair and receive free admission. More details at our January meeting, or call Steve Byram at 813-361-4035.

### **Bromeliad Judges School**

A new Bromeliad Society International-sponsored judges school will be forming in the near future. After completing and passing this course, you would be able to judge in bromeliad shows anywhere in the world. If you are interested, contact Betty Ann Prevatt. 239-334-0242 or email: [bprevattpcc@aol.com](mailto:bprevattpcc@aol.com)

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## **Bromeliads Online**



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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>



# BROMELIAD GUILD OF TAMPA BAY

## Membership Application/Renewal

Memberships: January 1 to December 31 each Year

### Please Print

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Month \_\_\_\_\_

Second Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Month \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Application \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00 Single Membership

\_\_\_\_\_ \$30.00 Family Membership

Make checks payable to BGTB

Submit with application to:

Kathie Gorman

13675 Serena Dr.

Largo, FL 33774

How did you hear about BGTB?

\_\_\_ Friend \_\_\_ Newspaper \_\_\_ Facebook \_\_\_ BGTB Website \_\_\_ Plant Festival or Show

\_\_\_ Other (Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay, Inc.**

**Established 1963**

**Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of every month.**

**Plant sales at 7:00 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m.**

**Where: Christ the King Catholic Church, Mary Martha Center, Rooms 201-202**

**821 S. Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa**

**Informative programs, Show & Tell, plant sales, door prizes, raffle & refreshments**

**BGTB is affiliated with Bromeliad Society International, The Cryptanthus Society, Inc., Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies, Inc., and Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, Sarasota, FL.**

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Visitors welcome!

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