

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



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March, 2016



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE MARCH 2016

Thank you Steve Byram for presenting Bromeliads 101; I heard that the presentation had a lot of good basic information and lots of good personal stories.

This month's program will be presented by Dr. Terri Bert; she is a former Director of the Bromeliad Society International, a Master Judge, and speaker of many different bromeliad topics. She has presented many other world wide programs to our club in the past and we welcome her back.

Coming up is the USF Botanical Gardens Spring Sale Sat and Sun April 8 - 9. It is a great festival to go to to see the gardens and check out the many tropical plant vendors from around center Florida. Our club sponsors a booth at the festival and Dave Johnston and Tom Wolfe sell their plants. Last year Dave and Tom were unable to participate, probably for the 1st time in over 20 years, and Douglass Wells organized our club members for help to man the booth, promote our club, and sell member donated plants, and earned \$2,900 for our club! So, I ask each member to gather a plant from your collection, pretty it up in a pot, add a label, and donate it to the club for sale at our booth. Sign up sheet for the festival will be circulated at the meeting.

Julie Lessard, President



April 2-3 Plant Park University of Tampa. GreenFest. Sat. 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Sun. 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

April 9-10 USF Botanical Gardens Spring Plant Festival. Sat. 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sun. 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

April 23-24 St. Petersburg. Green Thumb Festival. Walter Fuller Recreation Center. Sat. and Sun. 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



March 21, 2016 Meeting
Program Presented by Dr. Terrie Bert

"Surveying the Ultimate Wonders-the S through W Uncommon Bromeliad Genera"

The last in my series of talks familiarizing bromeliad lovers with the many bromeliad genera that are not widely cultivated. We'll look at one genus that was discovered using bromeliad DNA, two genera composed of just one or two species, another composed of big, beautiful species, and another with species that seem to have little in common. As usual, there will be a short game at the end.

Dr. Terrie Bert is a longstanding member of the Sarasota Bromeliad Society (SBS) and the Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society and has held multiple offices in the SBS. She also served the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies (FCBS) as a representative and officer for eight years and has authored articles for the FCBS Newsletter. For the Bromeliad Society International, she has been a Florida Director, chaired several international committees, and contributed articles to the BSI Journal. Currently, she is Librarian, Curator of the Wally Berg Award of Excellence, and a Master Judge. Terrie has given over 150 presentations on bromeliads to numerous U.S. and international groups. She cultivates more than 2,000 different bromeliads in 30 genera. She's won multiple top awards in local bromeliad shows and BSI world conferences. Terrie has a Ph.D. in marine biology and is a research scientist for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Minutes, February 22, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Tom Wolfe.

Visitors were introduced: Mark Darby, Chris and Diane Robinson, Sue Miller and Vilma Rastom

Motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as written in the Newsletter was made by Steve Byram. Seconded by Paula Beway. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Paula Benway reported we have a total of \$5,210.66 in our checking account plus \$3007.49 CD for a total of \$8,218.15. The report will be filed for audit.

Old Business: Our display for the Florida State Fair placed 3rd. We will receive \$250.00 for entering the display and \$150.00 for winning 3rd place.

Tom Wolfe and Paula Benway have started looking at venues for the Extravaganza next year.

New Business: Florida Council meeting is this Saturday, Feb. 22, at Tampa Palms Country Club at 1:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Birthday Plants: were given to Selma Sappenfeld, Annette Williams, and Livia Popovich

Show and Tell: Tom Wolfe - Aechmea Recurvata Bronze Age

Motion to Adjourn by Eileen Hart, seconded by Alan Langworthy

Program was presented by Steve Byram: "Bromeliads 101"

Respectfully submitted by Steve Byram

BGTB Meeting January 25, 2016



Plant Sale Table



Call to Order



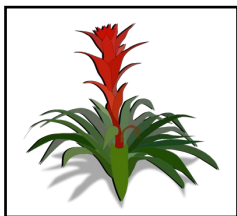
Refreshment Time



Speaker, Steve Byram



Raffle Table



Blooming Most cultivated bromeliads bloom only once in their lifetime. Plants mature and bloom at different ages, depending on species and growing conditions. To encourage blooming of mature plants, try Peter's 10-30-20 fertilizer diluted to half strength. Some blooms, notably the billbergias, last only a few days, while others stay attractive for many months. Those plants that require lower light levels are easier to bring into bloom in the house than those requiring higher light levels.

Many bromeliads have such beautiful foliage that their bloom is regarded as a bonus, rather than an essential. A strong change in growing conditions, such as light or excessive dryness, may trigger a mature plant to bloom. There are chemicals that force bloom, but these are usually tricky to regulate, and often interfere with pup development. It is usually best to be patient, and allow nature to take its course.





Dues are Due!

It's time to renew your BGTB membership. Your membership expires at the end of next month. Please fill out the application/renewal form in this newsletter and bring it to the next meeting or mail it to our Membership Chair, Julie Lessard, 807 Knight Street, Seffner, FL 33584.

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



Happy Birthday!



March Birthdays: Paula Benway, Elisa Carr, Robert Dickey, Dorothy Kellogg, Robert Nelson, Beverly Owen,

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.



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Bromeliad Society International— www.bsi.org

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!

**NEWSLETTER OF THE
BROMELIAD GUILD OF
TAMPA BAY, INC. 21535
Northwood Dr. Lutz,
Florida 33549**



BROMELIAD GUILD OF TAMPA BAY

Membership Application/Renewal

Memberships: Jan. 1 to Dec. 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:**

**Julie Lessard
807 Knight St.
Seffner, FL 33584**

How did you hear about BGTB?

___ Friend ___ Newspaper ___ Facebook ___ BGTB Website ___ Plant Festival or Show

___ Other (Please specify) _____

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