

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



April, 2009

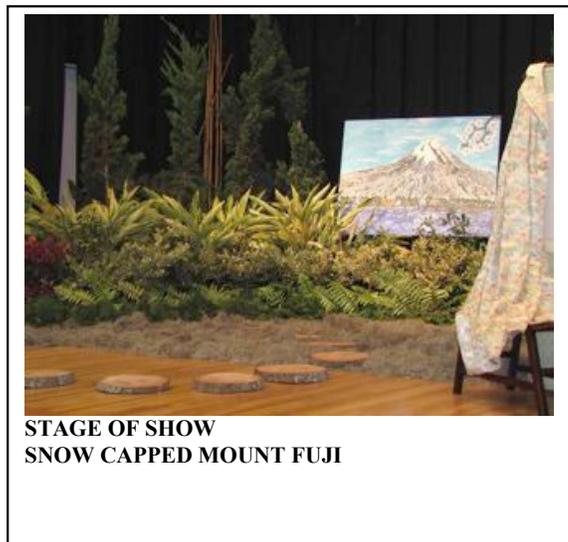
President's Message



We had an excellent meeting last month with our own longtime member, Mike O'Leary, presenting the program. Mike brought a variety of his plants to share with us. In spite of the cold damage, Mike, who is a superb grower, was able to share some of his excellently grown bromeliads. After Mike's program, the bromeliads were quickly snapped up by the members! We can all relate to the various problems with growing bromeliads and thanks to Mike for his humor with dealing with the weather and with the "Rabbits." Thanks, Mike for your excellent program.

It was a pleasure to welcome back Jim Stewart after his extensive surgery and recovery for months; welcome back Jim, we missed you. Also, Dave Johnston was with us again after knee surgery. We are glad that Dave and Jim are doing so well.

Thanks to Kay and John Miller for all their hard work and expertise; we had a great show of bromeliads in The Federation of Garden Club's show. The Judged show consisted of bromeliads, hanging and on tables. Thanks to all of you for bringing in your best bromeliads to make the show beautiful and to share with the public.



STAGE OF SHOW
SNOW CAPPED MOUNT FUJI



Educational Exhibit



The whole conservatory was donated to bromeliads. On one end of the conservatory, the green wreaths

Dickey took first place! Congratulations, Verna. Verna's bromeliad quilt was also on display.



Bromeliad Garden & Globe

with bromeliads were hung on the wall with a bromeliad garden beneath it. Dave and Mary Fulkerson arranged the bromeliad garden. John Miller provided a lighted world globe under the wreaths to carry out the theme, "What a beautiful world!"



Marilyn Byram's Design

The Best of Section in the bromeliads went to Barbara Easton for her blooming Dyckia. Sweepstakes in the Bromeliad section was won by Tom Wolfe.



Design by Carol Wolfe

Carol Wolfe made four bromeliad educational displays carrying out the theme of the show with bromeliad pictures, a listing of the bromeliad family, and other interesting information on bromeliads. The other side of the room contained pedestals with Designs by our members. Each design was judged for: Balance,

Contrast, Dominance, Proportion, Rhythm, and

Scale, in relation to the plants, vases, and spaces. This section of the show was live materials and only bromeliads. The blooms, leaves, and all plant materials used had to be bromeliads. The blooms were truly outstanding. In the design section, Verna

Outside under the oak trees, Dave Johnston, Randy Garcia and Tom Wolfe sold bromeliads. Many people went away happy with bromeliads and we hope they will come to our meeting to learn more about bromeliads.



Janet Stoffels' Design





"IT'S A BEAUTIFUL WORLD"



This was one of the best Federation shows that I have ever experienced. To start with, the theme, "It's a wonderful world," by Louis Armstrong played all through the show. After hearing it for hours at the time, it will play in your head afterwards for days.

The displays with various items depicting various continents of the world such as Africa, Asia, Europe, carrying out the show theme, were awesome. The props: natives, blankets, elephants, maps, globes, baskets, spears, tools, plates, animals, and etc., carried the "world" theme throughout the show.



The participation of entries for Design were elaborate with some two sided designs. The designs were judged from each side of the vase or container. It was truly amazing to view them from either side. This is one of the designs by our own Kay Miller and as you can see, the two facet design does not distract from the design on the other side. There



DESIGN KAY MILLER - CONGO 0



2 Sided Designs: Egypt by Kay Miller



Beautifully set table with arrangement and African theme.



were many award winning designs in the show.

We certainly have a great group of talented people that make up the Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay.

I would like to especially thank Marilyn Byram for the excellent newsletter and she always gets it out on time. Thanks, Marilyn.

Kay Miller was the Chairman of the Federation Show and deserves a round of applause for all her hard work in the show and for the workshops she presented to the Guild. Kay spent the week at the Federation building helping everyone get their plants and designs entered. Thanks Kay and John.

I want to thank each of you for helping with the show, making a design, entering plants, helping with breakdown, sales, education, and anything else that you might have done to help Kay with the Bromeliad Section of the Federation's show. You did great!

May is a fun month and our annual picnic by the bay and auction. Start thinking about potential members for the Guild and who you would like to invite to this picnic. Did you know that BGTB is now 45 years old? We need to share the love and care of bromeliads with others so the club will continue for many years into the future.

See you at the meeting.
Tom

April 21 Meeting Speaker Tom Wolfe

Tom's program will be cultural information from soup to nuts - a discussion on water quality, PH, fertilizer, charcoal and a few other things of interest. There will be a handout for note taking. This will be

a hands-on demonstration so bring your questions to ask the expert.

Workshop April 21 Jason Mellica

BGTB Minutes March 16, 2009

President Tom Wolfe called the meeting to order. Visitors were welcomed.

Steve Byram made a motion to accept the minutes as published in the newsletter. Barret Bassick seconded it.

Paula Benway gave the treasurer's report. We have total assets of \$12,803.

Verna showed our third place ribbon we won at the fair.

Old business: It was announced that the USF plant sale will be April 11-12.

Our officers for 2009 are:

President: Tom Wolfe

Vice President: Ed Konczeski

Treasurer: Paula Benway

Secretary: Verna Dickey

Directors: Barret Bassick, Kathleen Ledbetter, Bob Teems, Eileen Hart, and H.T. Sisco

Marilyn Byram won the door prize plant. Paula Benway won the birthday plant.

Show 'n' Tell: Verna Dickey

Green Fest at Plant park will be March 28-29

Break for Refreshments.

Program: Mike O'Leary

Raffle

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Sisco, Secretary



Dues are Due!

Don't forget to renew your membership to The Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay. Your membership expires on May 1. Please fill out the membership application on the following page and bring it to the next meeting or mail it to Paula Benway at 1225 N. Riverhills Dr., Temple Terrace, FL 33617.

Upcoming Events:

April 25-26 - Annual Sarasota Bromeliad Society Show and Sale at Marie Selby Botanical Gardens

Happy Birthday!



Every month, club members celebrating their birthdays provide the refreshments at our meeting. 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. Suggestions: chips & dip, veggies of any kind, salsa, crackers, cheese, chicken wings, popcorn, favorite recipes, pies, pizza, cookies, cakes, candies, deviled eggs, sandwiches and beverages.

We will have a special drawing for one of the lucky birthday people to take home a nice bromeliad as a Birthday gift from the club.

April Birthdays: Virginia Barthelememy, Joe Curd, Carl Easton, Linda Lowe, Eileen Prins, Rhoda Smith,



Sunshine Greetings

Please notify Eileen Prins of any illness, surgery, birth of a child, death in the family, or other concerns you or another member may have.

Call 727-546-9590 or email at sprins1012@earthlink.net





Membership Application/Renewal

Memberships: May 1 to April 30 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 a member or
mail to:**

**Paula Benway
1225 N. Riverhills Dr.
Temple Terrace, FL 33617**

Referred by:

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: Tampa Garden Club

2629 Bayshore Blvd, Tampa

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

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National Council of Bromeliad Societies, Inc., Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies, Inc.,
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Bromeliads Online

Bromeliad Society International— www.bsi.org
Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies— www.fcbs.org
Marie Selby Botanical Gardens— www.selby.org

Any Changes?

If your mailing address or email address changes, please inform Marilyn Byram at 21535 Northwood Drive, Lutz, 33549 or byramm@verizon.net





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