

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



April, 2013

APRIL 15, 2013 MEETING BROMELIAD GUILD OF TAMPA BAY, INC.

Doors Open: April 15, 2013 at 6:30 PM; Sales & workshops 7:00 PM; Program 7:30 PM

Location of Meeting:

Christ the King Catholic Church
821 South Dale Mabry Highway, Tampa, Florida 33609

This month's program...will be??? You guessed it! **PREPARATION FOR OUR UPCOMING SHOW**
ALL facets of the show will be covered in this program led by Tom Wolfe. Tom will demonstrate removal of pups and potting techniques. Bring your plants, bring your questions, bring your containers or mounting materials and we will have a great time preparing for the Show and doing hands-on projects. It will be perfect timing as the meeting will be on Monday evening and the show will follow on Friday. **PLAN TO ATTEND AND VOLUNTEER** to help us.

THE ANNUAL BROMELIAD SHOW AND SALES

April 19, 20, & 21, 2013

**Location of the Show: Tampa Garden Club
2629 Bayshore Boulevard, Tampa, Florida 33629**

Hours of Operation:

April 19, Friday open to public 1pm-5pm

April 20, Saturday open 9am-5pm

April 21, Sunday open 9am-3pm

VOLUNTEERS: There are many volunteer jobs to put on a show starting with the first person that greets guests to the last person that helps with the dismantling and clean up when the show is over. A lot of volunteers make the work go faster and all members can have more time to view and enjoy the show. Look inside your show schedule on Page 20 and see the different committees listed. If you would like to help in any of the areas listed, contact the Committee Chair and volunteer. Thanks to everyone that has volunteered to date to help make this a great show.



We need volunteers to help with set-up on Wednesday, cook food and bring to the Garden Club to feed the volunteers during the show. If you can help, please contact Beverly Sisco (813) 968-5726. Set-up will occur on Wednesday, April 17 with Steve Byram (813) 949-0503, Robert Nelson and Dave Mracek in charge. If you can assist them, please call Steve and let them know you will volunteer.

This will be an exciting BSI standard judged show in conjunction with the Tampa Garden Club. It will be a **"Show within a Show"** as our judged show and the judged show of the Federation will be held at the same time.

The theme of the show is "Birds in the Garden" and will include many interesting categories, Birds We Love; Songbirds, Blackbirds, Birds that love Gardens, and etc. The stage will be arranged with a wide screen PowerPoint slideshow, "Birds and Bromeliads" that will run throughout the day.

We have judges coming from as far away as Texas and Louisiana, as well as around the State of Florida, at their own expense, to judge your bromeliads. Let's give them some great bromeliads to judge!

The show is open to the public, no admission charge and free parking. Please plan to volunteer and help us put on a great show for the public. Educating and sharing with the public is part of our privilege of being a Non-Profit Corporation. It is vital to our corporation that we maintain this privilege.

Interesting vendors will be on the property for the hours that the show is open, including Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay sales on the grounds. Bring your extras bromeliads to sell to the public. See Dave Johnston if you would like to participate in sales.

APPRECIATION TO VOLUNTEERS: Our thanks for Co-chairs **Verna Dickey and Paula Benway** for all their planning and hard work preparing the schedule and doing the background work to get the Show approved for the third year; thanks to **Marilyn Byram** for the schedule/design and production; thanks to **Eileen Kahl** for getting the clerks we will need to serve the Judges; thanks to **Beverly Sisco and Nancy Buckley** for heading up the food and hospitality committee; to **Dave Johnston** for classification; thanks to **Carol Wolfe** for the PowerPoint program; to **Steve Byram, Robert Nelson, Dave Mracek** for set up for the show; thanks to **Harriet Gord** for publicity and raffle.

Tom Wolfe, Program Chairman

Minutes, March 18, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Eileen Hart, president.

Visitors, Brenda Pitisci and Carol Grant were welcomed.

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept the minutes as written in the newsletter made by Steve Byram, seconded by Shirley Perez.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Paula Benway reported we have \$1150.31 in our checking account plus \$5,56276 in the CD. Total is \$6,713.07. The report will be filed for audit.

Old Business: Harriet Gord asked for donations for baskets that will be raffled at the bromeliad show. Themes will include "Zebra, Vera Bradley, Birds in the Garden"

Bromeliad Show Report - April 18-21. Notices will be in "Florida Gardening" Magazine, Tampa Tribune, and Tampa Bay Times.

Verna Dickey and Dave Johnston gave instructions for filling out entry sheets and entry tags. Everyone was encouraged to bring plants you are concerned about and want help with to the next meeting.

New Business: Harriet Gord presented Robert Nelson with the Volunteer of the Year Award for 2012-2013.

New for officers for the 2013-2014 year were elected. The officers are:

President: Anna Hartman

Vice President: Verna Dickey

Secretary: Ray Hernandez

Treasurer: Paula Benway

Newsletter Editor: Marilyn Byram

Directors: H.T. Sisco, Tom Wolfe, Eileen Hart, Robert Nelson

Officers will be installed at the April meeting.

Announcements: Our May meeting will be our annual "picnic" and plant auction.

Bromeliad Extravaganza will be September 21 at the Holiday Inn at Indian Rocks Beach.

Birthday Plant won by Dottie Kellogg

Door Prize Plant won by Marcia Hunter

Motion to adjourn by Steve Byram, seconded by Ray Hernandez. Meeting adjourned.

Refreshments and Raffle

Program "Preparing Plants for Show" was presented by Barbara Easton.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Byram, Secretary



March, 2013 Meeting



Upcoming Events:

2013 Spring Plant Festival, USF Botanical Gardens, Saturday, April 13, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 14, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m..

“Bromeliads in the Garden” 2013 Show, Tampa Garden Club, Show and Sale open to the public Sat., April 20, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sun., April 21, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00



Don't forget -

It's time to renew your membership. Fill out the form at the end of this newsletter and bring it to the next meeting or mail it to Paula Benway, 1225 N. Riverhills Dr., Temple Terrace, FL 33617. Your membership expires April 30.



Bromeliad FAQ

How much light do bromeliads need?

That depends a lot on the type of bromeliad. Knowing the genus that the plant belongs to within the bromeliad family can tell you a lot about its requirements. A simple rule of thumb that works for most cases is: "Soft leaf - soft light, hard leaf - hard light." If the leaves of your plant are soft and flexible and especially if they are spineless (like *Guzmanias* and *Vrieseas*), they probably grow in the shady understory in the wild and would do best in a lower light area. Those plants with stiffer (usually spiny) leaves (like *Aechmeas* and *Neoregelias*) or "airplants" like *Tillandsias* enjoy bright, filtered light. There are some plants that will tolerate full sun but most like a little protection.

Pay attention to your plants and they will tell you if they are unhappy. If a plant is being grown in too little light, it will often lose the bright colors that it had when you bought it. In addition to turning greener (adding chlorophyll) to make the most of the lower light level, many plants will start growing much longer leaves increasing their surface area to compensate. If your plant starts getting "leggy", try moving it (gradually) to a brighter area. The plant will respond by regaining its color and "tightening up" to form a dense rosette with shorter leaves.

On the other extreme, too much light can be the culprit if the plant's color starts fading or "bleaching". If brown, sunburned spots start appearing on the portions of the leaves, it is a clear indication that the plant is getting too much light. Sometimes a plant that should be able to take more light fades or burns when placed in a sunny area. The plant might have been living in dimly lit conditions before you obtained it. You can work it out into brighter conditions in stages to acclimate the plant.

From http://www.bsi.org/brom_info/FAQ.html



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, salsa, crackers, cheese, chicken wings, popcorn, favorite recipes, pies, pizza, brownies, fudge, cookies, cakes, candies, devilled eggs, sandwiches and beverages.

April Birthdays: Virginia Barthelemy, Carl Easton, Anna Hartman, Eileen Prins, Rhoda Smith





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: Christ the King Catholic Church, Rooms 201-202,

821 S. Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa

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Committee Chairs:

Parliamentarian: Mike Sweet

Librarian: Harriet Gord

Show: Paula Benway and Verna Dickey

Membership: Eileen Kahl and Harriet Henry

Programs: Tom Wolfe

Sunshine: Rhoda Smith



Sunshine Greetings

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

Call 813-839-8344 or email at habitat@tampabay.rr.com.



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, email address, or phone number changes, please inform Marilyn Byram at 21535 Northwood Drive, Lutz, 33549 or bgtbnewsletter@gmail.com





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