

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



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April 2020

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE APRIL, 2020

BGTB APRIL 13, 2020

MEETING IS CANCELLED



Greetings,

We are grateful for the amazing artistic program by Teresa Eddy. She demonstrated four very different ways to utilize the ready available materials in our yards.

The BGTB Board has had a phone conference and decided to cancel the April meeting in lieu of the restrictions from the County and State regarding the corona virus.

The USF Botanical Garden sale for April 11th and 12th has also been cancelled.

The BSI World Bromeliad Conference in Sarasota has been rescheduled for June 8-12, 2021.

We hope that we will be able to have our meeting in May.

Please stay safe.

Tom



BGTB Meeting March 16, 2020



Call to Order - Tom Wolfe



Workshop - Kenneth Stokes



Kenneth Stokes



Speaker - Teresa Eddy



Teresa Making a
Bromeliad Christmas Wreath



Teresa Eddy -
Victorian Bonnet?



Teresa's Bromeliad
Arrangement



Attentive Crowd



Meeting in Session

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay
Minutes of Meeting March 16, 2020

Welcome to Guests - Brad Mora

Program was presented by Teresa Eddy who has a business called Patioscapes. She specializes in patio design and container gardens. She demonstrated several floral arrangements. Her designs included plant material from the back yard, landscape, and garden. She also showed how to recycle easy containers. She created a wreath, container, statue, and a bromeliad wedding bouquet. She had many creative ideas and put a lot of effort into the program.

Refreshments

Workshop: Kenneth Stokes put on an informational workshop on the division of bromeliad plants and how to groom the plants. He said spring is a good season to trim leaves and remove the bottom leaves that are damaged. Use long tweezers and mulch or gravel to top dress the plants.

Business Meeting Called to Order by President, Tom Wolfe

Minutes: Minutes of the January 27 meeting were approved by all members.

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept the minutes as published in the newsletter made by Robert Nelson. Seconded by Verna Dickey.

Treasurer's report: by Rick Hunter. Will be filed for audit.

Committee Reports: Tom Wolfe reported that the club will receive \$350.00 for entering a booth at the fair. The check has not arrived at this time.

Tom and Carol Wolfe announced the birthdays and Robert Nelson won the birthday basket.

Old Business: At this date, the USF plant show will still be held on April 11-12, 2020. (Note - this sale was later cancelled due to the coronavirus.)

Club dues should be paid by the end of March. Carol Wolfe is collecting the dues.

Announcements: The World BSI Conference has been cancelled. It will be postponed at least a year. Members can get a refund or hold their registration for next year. More information will be given at a later date.

Show and Tell: Plants were shown by Verna Dickey - *Aechmea lueddemanniana*; Eileen Hart - *Canistropsis seidelii*, *Aechmea caudata*

Meeting adjourned

Raffle drawing by Tom and Carol Wolfe

Respectfully submitted, Marcia Hunter

“An Island in the Sun”
Landscaped by Tom Wolfe
Story & Photos by Carol Wolfe

Since we are all restricted to “Home” by the government in these days of Coronavirus, I thought I would share this landscaped island in the front yard and hope your visit brings you some of the pleasure we enjoy from it!

“Island in the Sun” is an example of various landscaping plants that can be planted in the summer sun which also compliments each other and are environmentally compatible. Also for a more natural appearance one can incorporate limestone boulders, driftwood, railroad ties and cut up telephone poles.

Tom’s talent for landscaping is evident all over the yard. I admire his handiwork and often



Foreground: Neoregelia Sheba

Left: Cycad coontie: Florida Native

Center: Aechmea blanchetiana

Background: Crinum lily, red form



**The Strelitzia alba
(white bird of paradise)**

**The birds and the
foliage are widely used
in artistic
arrangements.**





**Dyckia
'Cherry Coke'**



Dyckia 'Cherry Coke'

Ananas lucidus variegated



**Cycad revolute
(King Sago)**





The owl watching over the island!



Neoregelia 'Caribbean Sunset'



Sunshine Greetings

Please notify Verna Dickey of any illness, surgery, birth of a child, death in the family, or other concerns you or another member may have.
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When: Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of every month.
Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Where: Christ the King Catholic Church, McLoughlin Center Room C, 821 South Dale Mabry Highway, Tampa

Informative programs, workshops, Show & Tell, plant sales, door prizes, raffle & refreshments
Visitors welcome!

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