

Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society of Tampa Newsletter



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Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society of Tampa Meeting: Monday, July 17, 2023 Speaker: Kenneth Stokes. Tampa, Florida Subject: "The Creative Mounting of Bromeliads"

Kenneth Stokes is a lifelong Floridian and plant collector. He grew up in rural Brevard County where he carried on the tradition of gardening inherited from his mother and grandmother. In 1995 he joined the Bromeliad Guild and expanded over the years to be involved in many other tropical plant societies. Today he has a large plant collection as part of the landscaping of the grounds of his home in south Tampa. He prefers to collect species plants rather than hybrids. He has Bromeliads in most of the genera that will grow in this area.



He has learned by growing the plants over many years and shares the information in programs he presents at plant society meetings. In the past, he has used actual examples as teaching aids and examples. This is not possible with all subjects, as examples cannot be transported or at least not without difficulty. The Tropical Landscape program and the Creative Mounting program are examples of two programs offered as PowerPoint presentations.

The Creative Mounting of Bromeliads will provide more creative approaches to mounting than is shown in the typical brief demonstration. Several approaches will be shown, along with the tools and materials. The benefits of mounting Bromeliads will become obvious by viewing many examples in the slideshow. Come and be inspired by the examples that illustrate the creative way you can grow your epiphytes in a natural yet artistic manner.





PRESIDENT'S COLUMN:

We had a great June program from speaker, Chip Jones from Moore Haven, Florida. After a short delay in setting up the computer/projector, Chip gave a very interesting program on Chester Skotak's hybrids. It was an informative program and Chip shared many photos of Chester's hybrids and nursery in Palmares, Costa Rica.

We want to welcome two new members that joined last month: Clark Hull and Keith Santner. We have new name tags that will be on the table as you come into the door. Please note the new members name tags and welcome them into our club!

Also on the entrance table, we will be putting out older issues of The Journal. Please feel free to take these free issues. We hope you will enjoy reading them, learn more about bromeliads, and join the Bromeliad Society International with a subscription.

The Bromeliad Society International's website is: BSI.org. You will find interesting materials at the website as well as the Bromeliad Cultivar with pictures and information on individual bromeliads.

This month, we will have our own member, Kenneth Stokes present his new power point program, "The Creative Mounting of Bromeliads". We look forward to his program so please encourage friends and relatives to come with you to the meeting.

The FCBS "Bromeliad Extravaganza" has finally arrived this month and will be held on Friday evening and Saturday, July 28-29, 2023, and hosted by the Bromeliad Society of the Palm Beaches. It will be held at the West Palm Beach Marriott, The cutoff date has been extended if you have not made reservations. If you should need help with reservations, please call Tom Ramiccio, Chairman, at 561-386-7812, or email him at tramiccio@aol.com. The Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies website is <https://www.fcbs.org> and in the center of the website's front page, you will see the 2023 Florida Bromeliad Extravaganza. Just click on it for more information on the Extravaganza.

Again, I want to thank everyone for helping with the set up prior to the meeting and the clean up afterwards. Many helping hands made the work go fast and in 10 to 15 minutes, we had the place cleaned up. It is a great meeting venue and we hope to meet there for a long time.

Just to review what is expected of us in using the clubhouse:

- 1) The closet in front of the room has folded tables to set up for our speakers, show and tell, and raffle plants.
- 2) The speaker's stand is also in the closet.
- 3) We cover the tables with plastic tablecloths provided by Marilyn Byram.
- 4) The office provides the microphone and we are responsible for delivering it to the attendant after the meeting. They will assist in setting up the computer with the overhead projector.

After the meeting:

- 5) The tables are cleaned, folded and put back into the closet, along with the speakers stand.
- 6) The kitchen is cleaned, the trash bag is put in the container outside the back door.
- 7) The chairs around the tables are neatly arranged and cleaned if needed, and
- 8) The floors swept and carpet vacuumed.

The attendant is responsible for locking up and turning off the lights.

Thank you for your help and we're looking forward to seeing you at the meeting!

Carol Wolfe



The Best Lighting for House Plants

By Tom Wolfe

A lot more people are growing houseplants because they are staying home and want a prettier house. Unfortunately, most homes don't have enough good quality light for plants that need bright light.

Not every light bulb or the quantity and quality of light it produces will work for growing plants indoors. The measurement scale of the color of light is expressed in the temperature scale of degrees Kelvin or K.

Sunlight at noon on a slightly overcast day is around 6,500 K; a normal incandescent light is much cooler, around 2,800 K; while a cool, white-blue fluorescent light is a warm 4,000 K.

Some light bulbs are sold as "daylight, sunlight, natural, balanced, or wide spectrum." These terms mean the bulb is producing a color of around 5,000 to 6,000 K. Plants grown by a mix of cool and warm fluorescent lights, and the plants grown by full spectrum bulbs will outgrow other plants.

High-output full-spectrum fluorescent lamps are a great choice for indoor plant growth. They are 3 to 7 times more efficient than incandescent bulbs, but they need to be placed close to the plant.

LED'S - Led's or light-emitting diodes used to be expensive but now are very competitive in price with other bulbs. They use very little electricity, produce very little heat and last much longer than all other bulbs. So in the long run, they are cheaper, cooler, and produce a very good quality of light. The light quality can vary. Check the package to see what color range the bulb will produce.

LED bulbs in the 5,000 to 6,000K color range will be best for plants. Otherwise you may need a pair of bulbs one in the blue range and one in the red range to get a good quality color for your plants.

Excerpts from the Epoch Times

Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society of Tampa
Woodmont Clubhouse, 415 Woodmont Ave., Temple Terrace, FL 33617
Date: 6/19/2022, 7:00 pm

1. Call to order: Due to the delay in getting the projector to accept the computer program for the speaker, the meeting started at 7:10 PM.
 - a. As a courtesy to everyone, please silence your cell phone, if you need to take a call, feel free to go back to the kitchen or outside
 - b. Welcome to guest and new members

New Members Names: Clark Hull, Keith Santner

Visitors Names: Leslie Donovan, Mark Randall, Dale A. Edminster, Clark Hull's daughter and a friend
 - a. Welcome a beautiful new baby, Darla Louise Hoopes, and congratulations to Taira Hoopes. Carol Wolfe, President, presented Taira with a baby gift from the club.
 - b. Introduce speaker: Tom Wolfe introduced the speaker, Chip Jones.
 - c. Chip Jones, Program: Chester Skotak hybrids
 - d. BREAK: Refreshments
 - e. Show and Tell - EVERYONE
 - f. Birthday wishes & drawing: Phil Elting, Alessandra Thor, Ken Stokes, Larissa Bursa, Jill Zakaroff
- Birthday plant donated by Tom Wolfe and won in the drawing by Larissa Bursa
- Are there any changes or corrections to the March minutes as they appeared in the newsletter? If not, is there a motion to approve:
- Motion: Tom Wolfe; Second: Verna Dickey; All in favor? Yes, Motion Passed.
- a. Treasurer's report: Rick Hunter provided and read by Carol Wolfe
– *filed for audit*
 - a. Show & Tell by Tom Wolfe
 - b. Raffle table review: Tom Wolfe
 - c. Raffle drawing by Robert Nelson
 - d. No New Business and no old business
 - e. Meeting adjourned

Capitalization and Punctuation

By Marilyn Howser



Have you ever wondered when to use a capital letter or a single quotation mark when writing out your bromeliad tags?

The genus is capitalized. Examples of genera are *Aechmea*, *Billbergia*, *Cryptanthus*, *Dyckia* etc. The plural form of genus is genera.

The species is not capitalized. An example of a species is *nudicaulis*. A species grows naturally. It is not a cultivar. It is not a hybrid. (I'm not sure what the difference between cultivar and hybrid is but the FCBS doesn't seem to differentiate.)

The hybrid has a single quotation mark and a capital letter. Examples are 'Frosty the Snowman', 'Parati', 'Flavomarginata' etc. *Flavomarginata* also means yellow margin.

When in doubt check fcbs.org/photo index. It will give you the name of every registered genera, species and cultivar.

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Refreshments

Refreshments for the July meeting will be provided by Verna Dickey and Carol Wolfe.



July Birthdays: Happy Birthday to Beverly Millar and Guido Zakaroff



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. Call 813-244-3637 or email vernadickey@aol.com

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The Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society of Tampa was established in 1963 as the Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay. In July, 2022, it expanded its focus to include other tropical plants. BTPST is affiliated with the following: Bromeliad Society International, The Cryptanthus Society, 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.

Where: Woodmont Clubhouse, 415 Woodmont Ave., Temple Terrace, FL 33617

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

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