

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



August, 2011

Program for August 15 Meeting



TOM WOLFE

This month's program will be "All About Shows" which covers everything from horticultural displays in multiples to decorative containers and artistic arrangements. As we prepare for the 2012 World Bromeliad Conference, Orlandiana '12, which will be the 20th World Bromeliad Conference to be held in Orlando, Florida at the Carib Royal Hotel, September 24 to October 1, 2012, this program will help you prepare for entering plants in the Show. Tom recently gave this program for student judges at the Judges School in Daytona and to the Bromeliad Society of Sarasota. Come see this program and you may see some of your bromeliads in this show.

The Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies wants all of our members to enter plants for one of the biggest and best World Conference ever held. We believe this is possible because of the great growers in Florida and because of the love and enthusiasm for their bromeliads.

Tom joined the Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay in 1965. Over the years he has held many positions in the Guild including serving as President seven times. Tom has always been instrumental in encouraging and working with the BGTB members to present annual bromeliad shows, participating in community shows and sales to promote bromeliads, refurbishing bromeliad beds at Lowry Park Zoo, Eureka Springs Park, and Ybor City Museum State Park. Tom helps create displays at the Florida State Fair annually promoting bromeliads and club members pass out literature to thousands of attendees. Tom has served as Chairman of the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies several times.

Tom was General Chairman of the successful 1992 World Bromeliad Conference, "Bromeliad Safari", hosted by the Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay at Saddlebrook Golf & Tennis Resort. Because of Tom's leadership, the Club was able to make contributions to the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies, the Evil Weevil Fund, funding for local parks, improvements to the Guild's meeting & library facilities as well as secure the financial future of the club.



Tom became an accredited BSI Bromeliad Judge in 1982 and is now a Bromeliad Society International Accredited Master Judge as well as an Instructor. He served on the BSI Board of Directors for 14 years serving as Director, Secretary, and 6 years as Vice President and 6 years as President. Tom served two consecutive terms as President. Under Tom's leadership, the Board operated effectively and efficiently to serve its members. Tom is presently Chair of the World Headquarters Committee which is an effort to try and establish a permanent home for the Bromeliad Society International at The Marie Selby Botanical Gardens in Sarasota, Florida.

Tom has designed and installed many residential and commercial landscapes featuring bromeliads. He is in demand as a speaker throughout Florida and the United States presenting programs on bromeliads to Garden Clubs, Bromeliad Clubs, and the University of South Florida Botanical Gardens. Tom has worked tirelessly through the years, providing leadership when needed, and promoting bromeliads on the local, state, national and international levels. He is presently serving as the Chairman of the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies and serving on the Board of the Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay.

Tom and Carol live in Lutz and grow their bromeliads on their 2.5 acres of land and greenhouses. Carol photographs blooming bromeliads in their yard and greenhouses each month and has a collection of 15,000 plus bromeliad pictures. Some of her bromeliad photos were recently published in the *Tampa Bay Magazine (May 2010)*, *The BSI Journal*, and *The Florida Gardener*. Tom uses her photos in a power point program as he shares his knowledge about them.

Minutes of July 18, 2011 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Beverly Sisco.

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept the minutes as published in the newsletter made by Tom Wolfe, seconded by Shirley Perez.

Treasurer's Report: Paula Benway reported that we have a total of \$1,860.34 in our account.

New Business: Shellie Sweet is now taking over as Publicity Chair and Mike Sweet is the new Parliamentarian.

Announcements: Tom Wolfe gave us information about the Bromeliad Extravaganza. It will be held at the Plaza Resort and Spa in Daytona Beach, November 4-6. Hotel is \$99.00 per night, registration is \$60.00. We are also being asked to donate five plants for the auction. See Florida Council website for registration information (fcbs.org)

Start making plans now to attend The World Conference, which will be hosted by the Florida Council. It will be in Orlando, September 24-30, 2012.

Harriet Gord announced the Caladium field trip which will be on Friday, Aug. 26. Cost is \$45.00 including breakfast and bus trip.

Birthday Plant: Won by H.T. Sisco

Door Prize: Won by Eileen Hart

Show and Tell: Plants were shown by Verna Dickey, Mike O'Leary, and Tom Wolfe

Motion to adjourn made by Tom Wolfe, seconded by Steve Byram

Refreshments

Program: Program titled "More Than You Want to Know About Bilbergias" was presented by Dr. Jose (Pepe) Donayre.

Raffle

Respectfully submitted by Steve Byram, Secretary





Welcome to The Art of Bromeliads 2011 Extravaganza

The Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society is pleased to host their **3rd Bromeliad Extravaganza** in Daytona Beach as sponsored by [The Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies](#).

This November we are pleased to be joined by the [International Cryptanthus Society Show](#) and as a wonderful addition to the event there will be a morning reception at the nearby [Peabody Auditorium](#) for **The Art of Bromeliads Exhibition**.

Take advantage of **plant sales** by bromeliad vendors from all over the United States.

Enjoy seminars, raffles, and silent auctions.

Take part in our Saturday evening banquet followed by the **Bromeliad Rare Plant Auction**.

Enjoy a Sunday morning reception in the Rose Room Gallery at Peabody Auditorium viewing the bromeliad art from an open call to artists. Works may be purchased and taken with you. Smaller works will be available at the Saturday sale.

Please join us for this rare “artful bromeliad” opportunity!





The Art of Bromeliads 2011 Extravaganza



Hosted by

Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society

Free Parking for the weekend!

November 4-6, 2011

The Plaza Resort & Spa Daytona Beach

Sponsored by The Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies

Enjoy your stay at The Plaza Resort & Spa - located right on the beach, central to all popular Daytona Beach attractions. 600 N. Atlantic Avenue Daytona Beach, FL 32118.

Ask for Bromeliad Extravaganza \$99 room rate

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Conference Registration \$60 Make checks payable to FECBS

Detach at dotted line and mail to:

*Eve Krauth, Treasurer
Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society
1904 Poppy Lane
Port Orange, Fl. 32128*

Name (s) _____

Address _____

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City/State _____ Zip _____

Banquet Dinner: Chicken Tuscany *Salmon with Dill-Cucumber* Eggplant Napoleon

Do you plan to attend Friday night reception? yes no maybe

Will you attend the Sunday morning reception for the Art of Bromeliads Exhibition?

yes no maybe

Mexican Bromeliad Weevil Report

April – June 2011



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The colony of *Lixadmontia franki* continues to slowly rebound after a severe decrease in the previous trimester. Environmental conditions are optimal for fly reproduction

and development and no mechanical malfunctions have caused problems. In April, 22 pupae were produced, 111 pupae in May, and 27 pupae in June. During this colony rebuilding stage, wide variation between monthly harvests is expected but hopefully will stabilize soon. The trimestral total harvest was 160 pupae.

Tests of the weevil's temperature tolerance and developmental rate and survival rate at a range of temperatures are still in progress. Initial data show that the weevil egg, 3rd instar, pupa, and adult can tolerate freezing temperatures for short periods. Longevity seriously declines at higher temperatures (35° C). The weevil will develop at temperatures ranging from 18 to 30° C, with decreasing developmental time as temperature increases. Data collection for the temperature studies should be completed by the end of the next quarter.

We acquired four Florida forms of *Tillandsia utriculata* and seven Honduran forms of *T. utriculata*. We will begin testing the weevil's oviposition rate and egg and larval development on these two forms of *T. utriculata*.

During a field trip to the Enchanted Forest Sanctuary (26 April), a count of the bromeliad population and search for weevils was conducted. There were 45 mid-size to large bromeliads (down from 53 counted in the summer of 2009). One dead weevil was found in a fallen bromeliad.

Field trips were made to the Fakahatchee Strand State Preserve on 6 April, 4 May, 18 May, 31 May, and 15 June to monitor the developing weevil infestation. On 18 May, 14 weevils were collected from a large *T. utriculata*. Otherwise, there has been minimal weevil activity. Adult *L. franki* flies have been emerging since early May and were available for a release, but there was not enough of a weevil infestation at the Fakahatchee to warrant a release.

A field trip was made to Miami to meet with student Rene Cerezo who is surveying the arthropods inhabiting the water held in the leaf axils of *T. utriculata* plants. We visited Deering Estate, Matheson Park, and A.D. "Doug" Barnes Park as potential research sites. The first two sites had large, healthy *T. utriculata* populations suitable for his project. The weevil was not found at any of the sites.

Field trips have been made locally on several occasions to the Oxbow Eco Center, the Savannas Preserve State Park, White City Park, and the Florida Medical Entomology Laboratory. Weevil specimens and damaged plants were found on several of the trips.

Six people are actively involved in weevil and fly colony maintenance and research projects. Miscellaneous supplies were purchased with a minigrant of \$1,403 from the FCBS Weevil Fund.



July 18 BGTB Meeting Snapshots



Call to Order



Treasurer's Report



**4th Place Ribbon From
State Fair**



Mike Show & Tell



Tom Show & Tell



Refreshment Time



**Speaker: Dr. Jose
"Pepe" Donayre**



Raffle



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Bromeliad Extravaganza. Plaza Resort and Spa in Daytona Beach, November 4-6, 2011
BSI World Conference, Orlando FL, September 24-30, 2012.



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, salsa, crackers, cheese, chicken wings, popcorn, favorite recipes, pies, pizza, brownies, fudge, 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.

August Birthdays: Steve Byram, Dave Fulkerson, Randy Garcia, Becky Houston, David Mracek, Jean Schnabel, Mary Louise Wojahn, Carol Wolfe



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



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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





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.

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, workshops, Show & Tell, plant sales,
door prizes, raffle & refreshments**

Visitors welcome!

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