

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



September, 2009

President's Message



Dennis Cathcart presented a great program on lithophytic bromeliads. He took us to almost every country in South America via a power

point presentation. It's amazing how many places Dennis has been and some of the places were previously unexplored. In addition to being a great explorer, he is also a great photographer. Dennis is able to give a detailed travel log of his trips. When it was over, you had the benefit of being there minus the ant bites, the mosquitoes, the snakes, the mud slides, the rain, flooded rivers, the washed out roads, and the foreign vehicles. Great job, Dennis!

We have been having a great raffle table for the past few months. You are to be commended for your generosity in sharing your plants. It gives the new members a chance to go away with an arm full of bromeliads to build their collection. Now let's beef up our Show and Tell Table. I know most of you have nice plants that you could bring in either in bloom or are rare, or unusual. Some of our most fun times have been when someone brought in a plant that didn't grow like it should. We have all had that to happen and we can really relate when things seem to go wrong!

When you bring in your plants for raffle, show & tell or sales, always make sure that they have the proper tag, are free of disease and have clean pots. Please be sure and help us keep the Federation building clean by taking a wet cloth and clean all the dirt off the pots. We have a really nice building to meet in so let's keep it clean. After all, it is our own members that do the cleaning when the meeting is finished. Thanks for your help in doing your part.

SAVE THE DATES: Please put April 16-18, 2010 on your calendar so you can assist us with our 2010 Show. The Show will be in conjunction with the Tampa Federation of Garden Clubs and will be held at the building where we meet monthly.

Start selecting some bromeliads that you think will be Blue Ribbon winners and give them lots of TLC and care over the coming months as you get them ready to enter the spring show. We are beginning to organize our committees so that we will be well prepared for the Show. Please be willing to say yes if asked to help with a committee. Shows are always a lot of fun, a great learning experience, and a chance to get to know some really neat BGTB members by working together on projects for the Show. We will be bringing you more information in the coming months as we plan the Show events.





2008 Show Stage with theme, "What a Beautiful World"

Exciting Upcoming Fall Meetings: Our Speaker for September is Jay Thurott, Chemist; October is Bruce Holst, Director of Plant Collections & Research Library of Marie Selby Botanical Gardens; November speaker is Dr. Terrie Bert, Marine Biologist for the State of Florida; and December will be the grand finale for the year with our Christmas Party and auction.

You don't want to miss any of these programs!

Visitors are always welcome so invite your friends, neighbors, and relatives.

See you at the meeting,
Tom Wolfe, President

BGTB MEETING

Monday, September 21, 2009

Doors open 6:30 P. M. Meeting at 7:30 P. M.

Tampa Garden Center

2629 Bayshore Boulevard, Tampa, FL 33609

Workshop by Eileen Kahl

Curator of Bromeliads at USF Botanical Gardens

Eileen Kahl will conduct a workshop on sun and shade tolerant broms.

Eileen is the curator of bromeliads at the USF Botanical Gardens in Tampa. She volunteers her time, all day every Friday to groom and propagate the bromeliads at the Gardens. We are blessed to have members that are knowledgeable and are willing to give of their time and talents for the betterment of bromeliad lovers everywhere.

PROGRAM SPEAKER: JAY THUROT, Daytona, Florida

Jay Thurott will present a program on frost protection and winterizing your bromeliad collection. This is a timely topic with cooler weather only three months away.

Jay is a chemist specializing in water quality. He retired as Chief Chemist for the Daytona Beach Water Department.

He and His wife, Calandra have been collecting bromeliads for twenty or more years. He is presently the Vice President of the Bromeliad Society International and is very active in the Florida East Cost Bromeliad Society.

Please welcome Jay as our Speaker this month.





Photos at Longwood Gardens in Philadelphia by Carol Wolfe



Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Minutes of Meeting

August 17, 2009

President Tom Wolfe called the meeting to order.

Eileen Kahl welcomed our visitors – we had 5 - and new members.

Secretary's Report: Steve Byram made a motion to accept the July Minutes as written in the Newsletter and it was seconded by Bob Benway. All approved.

Treasurer's Report: Paula Benway reported for July and August. There is a total of \$3,436.53 in our checking account. Motion made by Verna Dickey to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Steve Byram and all approved.

Old Business: Tom reported on the Bromeliad Bash at USF. He said they had record sales and he and Eileen Kahl did workshops. Also the Extravaganza is November 13-15 in Orlando. Send in your reservations. A form was included in the Newsletter.

New Business: We have received an invitation to the Federation of Garden Club's Spring Show to be held April 16-18, 2010, at the Tampa Garden Club. The title is "Florida Friendly". We will have our own show with our own judges and will have half of the room and the stage. It will be a lot of work and we will need everyone's help.

Tom reported on the Board Meeting held at his house on August 10. He said we have the best board members we have ever had and they are doing a good job for our club. We are planning a Yearbook and will be putting pictures of every member in it, so don't miss the meetings where we will be taking pictures.

There will be a Parliamentary Procedures Seminar held on September 19th from 9:00 to 11:30 am. If you are interested in learning how to conduct a meeting, you can attend.

Door Prize: Won by Dottie Catalog.

Birthday Plant: Won by Dave Fulkerson and since today was his birthday, we sang "Happy Birthday" to him.

Show and Tell: Plants were shown by Verna Dickey, Beverly Sisco and Mike Gimco. Lyla Shepard showed a book with pictures of her grand oak tree that had to be removed and all the bromeliads around it had to be moved to a shadier spot.

Tom talked about a new book by Harry Luther titled "Native Bromeliads of Florida" which is for sale. We have purchased one for our library. Also, the Australian book on "Bromeliads" is still available for \$20.00.

A motion to adjourn the business meeting was made by Bob Teems and seconded by Randy Wojahn. All approved.

Break for refreshments.

Program: Tom introduced Dennis Cathcart. He is an explorer and collector as well as the owner of Tropiflora Nursery in Sarasota where he has 6 acres under roof with many plants. His program was titled: "Natural Habitats of Lithophytic Bromeliads". They are bromeliads which grow on rocks. He showed many pictures from Central and South America with bromeliads growing on rock faces of cliffs.

Raffle: We had many plants for the raffle table – thanks to everyone who brought them.

Respectfully submitted by Verna L. Dickey,
Secretary



August 17 Meeting Snapshots



Bob's New Bromeliad



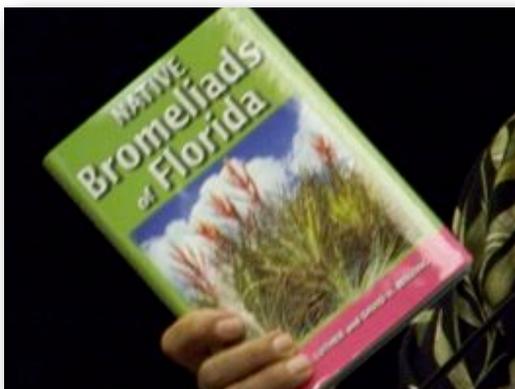
Kathleen's New Bromeliad



Mike's Show & Tell



Verna's Unique Planter



New Book by Harry Luther



Our Speaker, Dennis Cathcart



Upcoming Bromeliad Events

Southwest Bromeliad Guild Show and Sale, Baton Rouge, LA - Sept. 25-27

USF Botanical Gardens Fall Plant Festival, Oct. 10-11

Bromeliad Extravaganza, Orlando, FL - November 13-15

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.

September Birthdays: George Aldrich, Verna Dickey, Ed Konczeski, Kay Miller, David Paloscio, Beverly Sisco, Bill Spradlin, Walter Stahl, and Douglass Wells



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

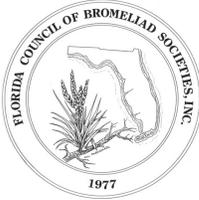


2009 Orlandiana Extravaganza

Sponsored by the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies

Hosted by Bromeliad Society of Central Florida Inc

November 13-15



RENAISSANCE ORLANDO HOTEL-AIRPORT
5445 Forbes Place, Orlando 32812

Just north of the Orlando International Airport off SR 436/Semorán Blvd.

(407) 240-1000 Toll Free : 1-800-545-1985 Fax (407) 240-3602

www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/mcora Group code: bsobsoa

24 hour Airport Shuttle Service

Friday

8:00-9:00 Dessert Social

9:00-10:00 Plant sales

Open to Conference Registrants Only

Saturday

9:00-6:00 Plant Sales, Seminars, Raffles,
Silent Auctions, Saturday Evening Banquet
Followed by Rare Plant Auction

Sunday Morning

9:00-12:00 Home bus tours

**PULL OUT YOUR
BEST PINEAPPLE SHIRTS
an award will be given**

Extravaganza Rate \$109.00 per room
Be sure to ask for rooms for *Bromeliad CF*
Group rates available until
October 14, 2009

REGISTRATION: \$60 for Reception, Banquet and *Early plants sales*.
\$50 for Saturday Sales and Banquet.

Checks payable to: BSCF.

Send to: **Bromeliad Society of Central Florida**

Any questions please contact:

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Joanne or Rick Rector (407) 886-8441 or rector@cfl.rr.com

Name/s _____ Email _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Society _____

Each entree will be served with Tossed garden salad with choice of dressing,
Chef's selection of starch, vegetables and dessert, Rolls and butter,
Coffee/tea service, iced tea/water
Please list any diet concerns

_____ 1) Citrus Chicken with a Cilantro, Pineapple & Cucumber Salsa

_____ 2) Rum-Glazed Pork Loin with Mango Chutney

_____ 3) Penne Pasta with Seasonal Vegetables and Marinara

Total Number Dinners _____ Total amount enclosed _____

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Sunshine: Eileen Prins
Photographers: Jim Stewart and Carol Wolfe

**BGTB will be participating in the October 10 & 11
USF Botanical Gardens Fall Plant Festival
Saturday 10 am-4 p.m. Sunday 10 am-3 p.m.**



*They're blooming
everywhere!*

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

