

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE OCTOBER, 2019

Thank You, The Membership, for sharing about your wonderful plants at last month's meeting. Special kudos to Perry Searcy for his presentation on how he displays his bromeliads on different plant stands he has constructed for his yard.

In addition, thanks go to Rick and Marcia Hunter, Verna Dickey, Tom and Carol Wolfe, Julie Lessard and Marilyn Byram for their help at the Fall Plant Festival.

Our nominating committee is preparing a slate of officers for the upcoming year. If you are asked to serve, please give it some serious consideration. Also, any member may also nominate another member if they have solicited their permission in advance. Thanks for all you do.

See you at the meeting!

Steve

P.S. Play in the dirt, because life is too short to always have clean fingernails!



Next Meeting: October 21, 2019 PROGRAM SPEAKER: *Rusty Beazley*

"Be a Blue Ribbon Winner at the Florida State Fair"

Rusty will show how to navigate the Florida State Fair show rules, what the judges look for, and how to enter blue ribbon worthy plants.

Rusty is a native of Tampa and is a Florida State Fair judge. He has won many blue ribbons for his tropical plants over several years. He lives on 3/4 acre and has an extensive collection of bromeliads and other tropical plants.



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Minutes of Meeting September 16, 2019

President Steve Byram welcomed members and guests to the meeting.

Program: Program was introduced by Julie Lessard. It was called "You, The Membership." Various members from our club presented their favorites. Steve Byram - Neoregelia Cherry crush; Verna Dickey - Neoregelia Purple Star, Nidularium innocentii, Aechmea Fulgens x Ramosa; Kenneth Stokes - Puya laxa; Pam Slagg - Quesnelia 'Tim Plowman'; Julie Lessard - Neoregelia 'Margaret'. New Member, Perry Searcy, showed a great slide show of his garden and yard. He had many creative ideas and designed wooden structures to display his bromeliads and other plants. Members voted on their choice to win a Home Depot gift card. Congratulations go to Perry Searcy for his efforts.

Break for Refreshments

Business Meeting Called to order by Steve Byram

Secretary's Report. Motion to accept the minutes as published in the newsletter made by Rick Hunter. Seconded by Paula Benway.

Treasurer's Report by Rick Hunter. The report will be filed for audit.

New Business: Election of Officers. Steve Byram announced that the nominating committee for next year's officers will be Eileen Hart, Carol Wolfe, and Rick Hunter. Verna Dickey made a motion to accept the nominating committee and Pam Slagg seconded the motion. Please consider being an officer or director if asked to serve.

Announcements: 2019 USF Fall Plant Festival - October 12-13, 2019. A sign-up sheet was passed around for workers at the event.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Kenneth Stokes. Seconded by Robert Nelson.

Raffle: Kenneth Stokes explained the names and a brief description of the plants donated for the raffle. Julie Lessard called the winning tickets.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Hunter

Snapshots of BGTB Meeting September 16, 2019



Pam Slagg
Quesnelia 'Tim Plowman'



Kenneth Stokes
Puya laxa



Julie Lessard
Neoregelia 'Margaret'



Perry Searcy
Receiving Gift Card



Kenneth Stokes introducing
the raffle plants



Steve Byram
Call to Order

USF Fall Plant Festival



Neoglaziovia variegata: Fiber Used to Make Cloth and Ropes

by Tom Wolfe

The area around Jacobina in North Eastern Brazil is an obscure plant called *Neoglaziovia variegata*. The terrain is mostly granite with very little top soil to support any plant life. This is the home of *Neoglaziovia* which may be botanically interesting but ugly to most hobbyists. Cactus are plentiful but lush looking bromeliads are not.

In this part of Brazil, they extract the fiber to make cloth and ropes which is found to be much stronger than the best sisal (fiber). They make cloth which has long-wearing qualities for men's suits - yet very suitable for tropical climates.

In cultivation, this plant grows top heavy and tends to topple over or produce stolons which push their way through the holes in the bottom of the pot, or climb over the edge. The inflorescence is very colorful with bright red bracts and blue flower petals. The colorful inflorescence is outstanding but not long lasting, only 8 to 10 days.

Excerpts from BSI Journal Vol. 45, #6.



Raffle Plants

We would like every member, when possible, to donate one plant for our monthly raffle. It can be a bare root pup, a potted plant, mounted on driftwood or in a hanging basket.

This project helps cover our monthly expenses and our members take home beautiful bromeliads.

Thanks for your cooperation in this project.

Tom Wolfe



October Birthdays: Happy Birthday to Rick Hunter and Ted Ledbetter



June 9-13, 2020. World Bromeliad Conference, Sarasota, Florida



Sunshine Greetings

Please notify Julie Lessard of any illness, surgery, birth of a child, death in the family, or other concerns you or another member may have.
Call 813-600-9771 or email at taxxmaam@gmail.com

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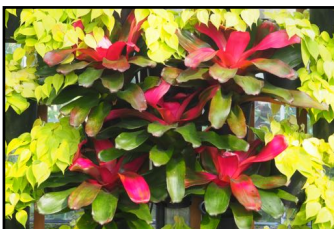
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Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies— www.fcbs.org

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When: Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of every month.
Plant sale at 7:00 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 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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