

Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society of Tampa Newsletter



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October 2025

MEETING PLACE:

**Bill Castens Gymnasium Conference Room
Northdale Park and Recreation**

15510 Hooting Owls Place, Tampa, FL 33624

Sunday, OCTOBER 19, DOORS OPEN at 2:00 p.m.

SPEAKER: 2:15 TO 3:00 p.m.

MEETING IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OFF THE GYM

Speaker: Peter Wan



Peter Wan, our own member, will provide a colorful and informative experience about the 2025 Florida Bromeliads Extravaganza held in Kissimmee, FL this September. He will discuss the many, many beautiful bromeliads available for sale, topics from several insightful speakers, the good sources to acquire bromeliads and the dos and don'ts of attending a bromeliads conference.

Peter has been involved in the bromeliads hobby for over 35 years. He was an environmental engineer before he retired. He visited multiple countries in Central and South America to photograph bromeliads. When he is not traveling, he loves to go to plant shows and sales to look for treasures to add to his collection.

Please come October 19, Sunday 2 PM at 15501 Hooting Owls Place to attend this fun and informative presentation.



Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society of Tampa Minutes of Meeting - Date 9/21/25

Meeting was called to order by Kenneth Stokes.

Kenneth asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes as they appeared in the newsletter. There were no changes.

Door Prize Plant - Won by Peter

Birthday Plant - Won by Rosemary

Program was presented by Kenneth Stokes. Title - "Orthophytums" We learned that they are terrestrials, they are similar to cryptanthus in appearance and DNA.

Announcements - Extravaganza is next weekend.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Byram, Secretary

SNAPSHOTS OF THE SEPTEMBER 21 MEETING



Photos by Bryon Provencher



BROMELIAD & TROPICAL PLANT SOCIETY OF TAMPA

Membership Application/Renewal

Memberships: January 1 to December 31 each Year

Please Print

Date of Application _____
Name _____ Birth Month _____
Second Name _____ Birth Month _____
Phone (____) _____ Email _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Please check one:

_____ \$25.00 Single Membership
_____ \$30.00 Family Membership

Make checks payable to BGTB
Submit with application to:
Carol Wolfe
5211 Lake LeClare Rd
Lutz, FL 33558

FOR FIRST-TIME MEMBERS: How did you hear about BTPST?

____ Friend ____ Newspaper ____ Facebook ____ BGTB Website
____ Plant Festival or Show ____ Other (Please specify)

Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society of Tampa

Established 1963 as Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay

Meetings are held on the 3rd Sunday of every month.

Meeting 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Bill Castens Gymnasium Conference Room, Northdale
Park and Recreation. 15510 Hooting Owls Place, Tampa, FL 33624

Informative programs, Show & Tell, plant sales, door prizes, and raffle

BTPST is affiliated with Bromeliad Society International, The Cryptanthus Society, Inc.,
Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies, Inc., and Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, Sarasota, FL.



October Birthdays - Happy Birthday to Rick Hunter



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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Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies— www.fcbs.org

Marie Selby Botanical Gardens— www.selby.org

Bromeliads Online - <http://www.bromeliads.co.nz/index.html>



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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.

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