

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE NOVEMBER, 2019

Our thanks go to Rusty Beazley for his timely presentation on tips for entering plants at the Florida State Fair. It's always good to know the things that judges will be grading our plants on for contests like this.

Our board of directors met recently and voted to change our meeting start time to 7:00 p.m. beginning in January. This will allow us to finish earlier.

The board also decided on a new policy to give our guest speakers priority for plant sales. This means that the speaker will be the sole vendor for plants at meetings. This practice has been adopted by all other Bromeliad Societies in Florida.

In the future, when talking about your Show 'N' Tell plants, please limit your comments to the basics so our speakers and/or workshop presenters will have sufficient time for their talks.

This year's Christmas Party will feature a table centerpiece competition with a \$25.00 cash prize going to the winner. That means the winner will have extra money to spend at the auction! Please sign up with Julie Lessard if you are interested.

November might be a good time to start preparing for a possible visit from Jack Frost. Check to see if you have enough frost cloth for your growing collection.

See you at the meeting and thank you for all you do to make our club great.

Steve

P.S. Bromeliads are the designer shoes of the plant kingdom - author unknown



Next Meeting: November 18, 2019
PROGRAM SPEAKER: *Dr. Terrie Bert*

“Sun, Sand, and Sea: Bromeliads that Rise to the Occasion



We who live in Florida always look for plants that can withstand the salt air, and bright sun that bathe our homes, as well as bromeliads that can tolerate our twice-yearly dry season. Even people who live some distance from the coast can experience these conditions. In this talk, we'll learn about a number of bromeliad species that can withstand high levels of sunlight, salty air, and dry conditions. A surprising number of bromeliad species can tolerate at least two of these three challenging conditions.

Dr. Terrie Bert is a longstanding member of the Sarasota Bromeliad Society (SBS) and the Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society and has held multiple offices in the SBS. She also served the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies (FCBS) as a representative and officer for eight years and has authored articles for the FCBS Newsletter. For the Bromeliad Society International, she has been a Florida Director, chaired several international committees, judged several shows, and contributed articles to the BSI Journal. Currently she is Curator of the Wally Berg Award of Excellence and a Master Judge. Terrie has given over 150 presentations on bromeliads to numerous U.S. and international bromeliad societies and other groups and to participants at international bromeliad conferences. She cultivates more than 2,500 different bromeliads in about 35 genera. She's won multiple top awards in local bromeliad shows and BSI world conferences. Terrie has a Ph.D. in marine biology and recently retired from her positions as a research scientist for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

ELECTION AT THE NEXT MEETING

The names below were submitted by the nominating committee to be officers and directors for 2020. The voting will take place at the November 18 meeting.

President - Tom Wolfe

Vice President - Steve Byram

Secretary - Marcia Hunter

Treasurer - Rick Hunter

Newsletter Editor - Marilyn Byram

Directors - Verna Dickey, Mark Victor, and Carol Wolfe

**Minutes of Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay
October 21, 2019**

Meeting called to order by President, Steve Byram.

Verna Dickey is acting Secretary in the absence of Marcia Hunter.

No Treasurer's report in the absence of Rick Hunter.

Tom Wolfe talked about raffle plants - describing each one.

Carol Wolfe presented the nominees for the officers for the next year:

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Newsletter Editor: Marilyn Byram

Board of Directors: Verna Dickey, Carol Wolfe and Mark Victor.

No other nominations from the floor. Motion to accept the nominations made by Robert Nelson and seconded by Pam Slagg.

Motion carried.

Julie Lessard introduced our speaker, Rusty Beazley, who was a past member of our club. He spoke on "How to enter plants in the State Fair." Bromeliads are one of the biggest categories at the fair and the handbook covers all the rules. You can enter up to 10 plants and the cost is \$3.00 per plant. They prefer you to enter on line at Floridastatefair.com. and the deadline is December 13, 2019. You will receive 1 free ticket to the fair.

Marian Kennell talked about the World Bromeliad Conference 2020 in Sarasota, Florida, June 9-13. There will be great guest speakers and great plant sales. After November 1st, new members can join the BSI for only \$15.00 instead of \$45.00.

Tom Wolfe mentioned that new members to our Bromeliad Society will be getting a cultural manual in their membership packet from now on.

Break for refreshments.

Raffle

Respectfully submitted by Verna Dickey, acting Secretary.

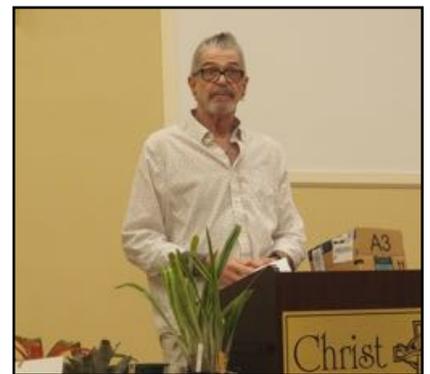
Snapshots of BGTB Meeting October 21, 2019



Admiring the Raffle Table Selections



Tom Wolfe Describing the Raffle Plants



Our Speaker, Rusty Beazley



Refreshments!



Marian's Raffle Win



Steve Byram
Call to Order

Q. How long have bromeliads been cultivated?

A. The pineapple was nurtured in the central Americas for perhaps hundreds of years before Christopher Columbus discovered the New World. Whilst the New World was being colonized there seemed little time to spend on cultivating bromeliads. However, there was a craze for exotic plants in Europe and we know that in 1776 *Guzmania lingulata* was available. This was followed by *Cryptanthus undulatus* in 1827, *Aechmea fasciata* in 1828, and *Vriesia splendens* in the 1840s. By the 1890s over 300 kinds of bromeliads were in cultivation. There was a flurry of hybridization through the turn of the 20th century but bromeliad growing remained a mainly European pastime. The formation of Bromeliad Society [which became Bromeliad Society International] in 1950 seemed to act as a catalyst for a phenomenal increase in this plant family.

Reprinted from "Questions & Answers". Conducted by Derek Butcher, **Journal of The Bromeliad Society**, Vol. 40. September-October 1990. Number 5

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



June 10-13, 2020. World Bromeliad Conference, Hyatt Regency, Sarasota, Florida





Refreshments for the November meeting will be provided by Marcia and Rick Hunter and Elaine Young.



November Birthdays: Happy Birthday to Marilyn Byram, Bill Carr, Marcia Hunter, and Elaine Young



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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Bromeliad Society International— www.bsi.org

Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies— www.fcbs.org

Marie Selby Botanical Gardens— www.selby.org

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



McKee Botanical Garden
Vero Beach, FL

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The Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay, Inc. was organized in 1963. BGTB 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.
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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