

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



January, 2011

President's Message



I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas Holiday and a Happy New Year to everyone. Thanks to all who helped to make our Christmas dinner, gift exchange and plant auction a great success -- and thanks again to Herb Hill for his generous donation of beautiful vrieseas for centerpieces and auction plants. Thanks again to Kay Miller for her contribution of gorgeous arrangements. She always does a beautiful job. Our club is hosting the upcoming Florida Council meeting on January 8. See you all at our next meeting on January 17.

Your President,
Beverly Sisco

BGTB MONTHLY MEETING

January 17, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

Speaker: Dr. Teresa Cooper

Professor of Entomology and Nematology at the University of Florida

Ever since she was a student and intern at University of Florida, Dr. Cooper has been heavily involved in finding a natural predator for the "Evil Weevil" which destroys bromeliads. She is a very interesting speaker and will catch us up on the progress of her research and the subsequent release of the fly that will hopefully control the Weevil destruction.

See you at the meeting.

Workshop: Dave Johnston and Tom Wolfe will be conducting a workshop on how to prepare a plant for show.



Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Minutes of Meeting

November 15, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Beverly Sisco.

Visitors, Robert Nelson and Linda Lindquist were welcomed.

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept the minutes as written in the newsletter was made by Paula Benway and seconded by Tom Wolfe.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Paula Benway reported that we have a total of \$1,238.41 in our checking account plus \$10,405.69 in our CD. Motion made by Dottie Kellogg to accept the Treasurer's Report as read, seconded by Verna Dickey.

Old Business: Passed around food list for Christmas Party. Plant Exchange - bring a plant worth at least \$10.00. We will eat at 7:00 p.m. and auction will follow.

New Business: Florida State Fair will be February 10-21. We need volunteers to work on our booth. We will include samples of soil and printed materials.

Announcements: We will host the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies meeting on January 8 at the Sheraton Suites.

Door Prize: The door prize was won by Marcia Hunter.

Birthday Plant: The birthday plant was won by Marilyn Byram.

Show and Tell: Plants were shown by Verna Dickey and Tom Wolfe.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tom Wolfe and seconded by Livia Popovich.

Break for refreshments.

Program: Terrie Bert presented a program titled "Here's Lookin at More Novel Bromeliad Genera"

Raffle

Respectfully submitted by
Steve Byram, Secretary

Upcoming Bromeliad Events

Bromeliad Show at Tampa Garden Club in conjunction with the Federation of Garden Clubs Annual Flower Show. Set-up - March 30, Entries - March 31, Judging - April 1, Open to Public - April 2-3



November Meeting Snapshots



Pre-Meeting Sales



Treasurer's Report



Tom's Show & Tell



Verna's Show & Tell



Refreshment Time



Our Speaker, Terri Bert

Christmas Dinner & Plant Auction



Good Food



Good Fellowship



Exchange Plants



Beverly Sisco Received Distinguished Service Award



Who'll Give me \$15?



Sold!

Everyone who attended the Christmas Party received a nice *Tillandsia stricta*, *Tillandsia abdita*, or *Tillandsia Honduras ionantha*.



The Bromeliad Society International Marked its 60th Anniversary in 2010

Before the existence of the Bromeliad Society in 1950, the late Victoria Pagulla was director of the first Bromeliad Round Robin. This consisted of a letter circulated from person to person in a group, often with individual comments being added. From this Round Robin group the Bromeliad Society began in 1950.

In 1953 it was incorporated with Mulford B. Foster as its first president. The society included 20 countries with a total of about 60 members.

The principal purpose of this corporation was to promote and maintain public and scientific interest and research development, preservation and distribution of Bromelaceae, both natural and hybrid throughout the world.

The Journal of the Bromeliad Society International was edited by Mulford B. Foster from 1953-1953. He also designed the logo for the Journal.

The first World Conference was held in 1972 at Houston, Texas.



Our Bromeliad Insignia used on the stationary, membership cards, etc., was designed by our President. This design is made up of significant parts of bromeliads. The outside circle with jagged edges represents the spiny margins found on the leaves of most of the genera of the two sub-families called Pitcairnioideae and Bromelioideae, such as the genera Billbergia, Ananas, Dyckia, Puya, etc. The plain inner circle represents the smooth-edged leaves found in the sub-family Tillandsioideae such as the genera Vriesea, Tillandsia, Guzmania, etc. Two heavily inked spots on either side of the words "organized 1950" represent the microscopic peltate scales formed on the leaves of all bromeliads. In the center the epiphytic Vriesea growing on a tree limb represents one of the most recurring types of inflorescence formation throughout the two largest genera of the family, Vriesea, and Tillandsia.

Information provided by Robert and Janet LaRoe, the Archives and Historical Chairs



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.

January Birthdays: Lyla Shepard and Janet Stoffels



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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