

# Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



January, 2012

## President's Message



Happy New Year to everyone! I hope everyone had a very enjoyable holiday. Maybe this winter won't be so cold and damaging as last winter. I learned the hard way that Tillandsias can be pretty cold sensitive, and the big hardy-looking *Aechmea blanchetiana* is also cold sensitive as well as the beautiful *Aechmea blue danube*.

We all need to be thinking about what plants we can be getting ready for the show in April.

On a sad note, our sympathy goes out to Tom and Carol Wolfe. Tom's first cousin and her husband were killed in a tragic automobile accident

New Year's Eve.

Beverly Sisco, President

## Monthly meeting, January 16

### Speaker: Ray Lemieux

Ray Lemieux of Tropiflora Nursery in Sarasota will be our January 16, 2012 speaker. His talk will be, "How to Survive Terrestrials." Ray has been the expert terrestrial grower for Tropiflora Nursery for many years. He has hybridized terrestrials including bigenerics. Ray has been a long time member of the Sarasota Bromeliad Society and has been President and Show Chairman. He is a much sought after speaker on this subject and always does a great presentation. The meeting is open to the public. Please invite your friends and neighbors to hear this great program.

Tom Wolfe, Program Chairman



## Minutes of November 21, 2011 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Beverly Sisco.

**Visitors were welcomed:** Pam Slack, Sandy Woody, Nancy & Allan Longworthy, Janice Somerset

**Secretary's Report:** Motion to accept the minutes as published in the newsletter made by Robert Nelson, seconded by Mike Sweet.

**Treasurer's Report:** Paula Benway reported that we have a total of \$9,851.00 in our accounts.

**New Business:** State Fair will be February 9-20. Christmas Dinner and Auction was discussed. Decorations will be done by Beverly, Rhoda and Lydia. Robert Nelson volunteered to bake the ham. Sign-up sheet for side dishes and desserts was passed.

**Announcements:** Two of our members had surgery recently: Elisa Carr and Carol Wolfe

**Birthday Plant:** Won by Marilyn Byram

**Door Prize:** Won by Marcia Hunter

**Show and Tell:** Plants were shown by Eileen Hart, Mike Sweet, Dave Johnston, and Marylyne Jones

**Motion to adjourn:** made by Tom Wolfe, seconded by Dave Fulkerson

### Refreshments

**Program:** Program titled "How to Winterize Your Plants" was presented by Alton Lee  
Respectfully submitted by Steve Byram, Secretary



# Christmas Dinner and Plant Auction December 12, 2011





## IN MEMORIAM OF AL MUZZELL

I regret to inform you that Al Muzzell passed away Sunday, December 11, 2011. He died at the Gainesville VA Hospital after suffering from cancer and other complications. His interment was conducted by the VA at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida on December 14, 2011.

Al was one of our regular speakers at BGTB and always willing to share his plants and knowledge of bromeliads with anyone who would listen.

He was a founding member of the Gainesville Bromeliad Society and served as President many times. He also served as Chairman of the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies and was instrumental during the early years of the Evil Weevil research, in aiding Dr. Howard Frank in locating weevils and their pupa from the Central American forests to be used in the University of Florida research labs.

Al will be missed by all who knew him.



### UPCOMING EVENTS:

\* February 9-20 - Florida State Fair. "The Best Time of the Year" We will need volunteers to plan, set up, and "man" our booth.





## 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.

***December Birthdays:*** Mary Fulkerson, Harriet Gord, Marylynne Jones, Jim Stewart

***January Birthdays:*** Lyla Shepard, Janet Stoffels



## Sunshine Greetings

Rhoda Smith has agreed to chair our Sunshine Committee. Please notify her of any illness, surgery, birth of a child, death in the family, or other concerns you or another member may have. Thank you, Rhoda!  
Call 813-839-8344 or email at [habitat@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:habitat@tampabay.rr.com).



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Programs: Tom Wolfe  
Sunshine: Rhoda Smith



### Bromeliads Online

Bromeliad Society International— [www.bsi.org](http://www.bsi.org)  
Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies— [www.fcbs.org](http://www.fcbs.org)  
Marie Selby Botanical Gardens— [www.selby.org](http://www.selby.org)

## Any Changes?

If your mailing address or email address changes, please inform Marilyn Byram at 21535 Northwood Drive, Lutz, 33549 or [bgtbnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:bgtbnewsletter@gmail.com)





**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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