

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



February, 2011

President's Message

Hello, Everyone,

It's that time of year again - the Florida State Fair. Thanks to everyone who came to help set up the display for our booth and brought plants and props. Many thanks to Tom Wolfe, Dave Johnston, Steve and Marilyn Byram, Mike Sweet, and Verna Dickey. A special thanks to Dave Fulkerson for loaning us 24 Guzmanias and Neos, and he also brought homemade chicken wings, french fries and drinks for us to enjoy. We came in fourth place. Thanks to those who volunteered to sit in the booth, and to Tom Wolfe, who was there every day. We need to start choosing and grooming our plants for our show in April. Hopefully our cold weather is coming to an end and spring will be very welcome.

Happy Gardening,
Your President, Beverly Sisco



BGTB MONTHLY MEETING

February 21, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

Speaker: **DR. HOWARD FRANK, PROFESSOR OF NEMATOLOGY AND ENTOMOLOGY
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA IN GAINESVILLE.**

Dr. Frank's topic will be collecting weevil (*metamasius callizona*) specimens as well as the pupae on his collecting trip in Belize.

He has been instrumental in spearheading an extensive research project over the past 15 years to determine a safe natural predator for the weevil which likes to dine on bromeliads.

A fly has now been found (*Lixadmontia franki*) that attacks the larvae of the weevil. This fly is now in the process of being released throughout Florida.

See you at the meeting,
Tom Wolfe, Program chairman

Workshop: Dave Johnston and Tom Wolfe will be conducting a workshop on how to prepare a plant for show and Kay Miller will demonstrate flower arranging techniques.



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Minutes of Meeting

January 17, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Beverly Sisco.

Secretary's Report: It was announced at the November meeting that our club would host the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies on January 8 at the Sheraton Suites. The location was changed to the Tampa Palms Country Club. Motion made by Jason Mellica to accept the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Verna Dickey.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Paula Benway reported that we have a total of \$1,630.50 in our checking account plus \$10,405.69 in our CD. Motion made by Steve Byram to accept the Treasurer's Report as read, seconded by Jason Mellica.

Program: Dr. Teresa Cooper presented an update on the "Evil Weevil" invasion in Florida.

Break for refreshments

Old Business: Florida State Fair will be February 10-21. We need volunteers to work setting up our booth on Mon., Feb. 7. We also need volunteers to man the booth each day of the fair.

New Business: Nominating committee for new officers was recommended: Harriet Gord, Eileen Hart, and Steve Byram (Chair). Motion made by Paula Benway to accept the committee, seconded by Tom Wolfe.

Beverly read a letter from the Tampa Garden Club stating their approval of allowing our Bromeliad books to be housed in the library at the Garden Club. There were questions about the details of the agreement, but our librarian, Harriet Gord, was not present to answer questions so Paula Benway made the motion to table the discussion until Harriet returns.

Announcements: Beverly read an announcement from MOSI regarding the "Bugging Out" exhibit which will run through May.

Verna Dickey and Paula Benway are co-chairs of our Bromeliad Show the first weekend in April. Paula asked for volunteers.

Door Prize: The door prize was won by Beverly Millar.

Birthday Plant: The birthday plant was won by Janet Stoffels.

Show and Tell: Plants were shown by Lyla Shepard, Dave Johnston, Eileen Hart, and Nancy Buckley.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Paula Benway and seconded by Marylynne Jones.

Raffle

Respectfully submitted by
Steve Byram, Secretary



January Meeting Snapshots



Program Set-up



Sales



Birthday Gift for Janet



Nancy's Show & Tell



Eileen's Show & Tell



Lyla's Show & Tell



Tom' and Dave's Tips for Showing Plants - Part I



Speaker: Dr. Teresa Cooper



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



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.

February Birthdays: Nancy Buckley, Harriet Henry, June Hill, Livia Popovich, Roland Schnabel, Tom Wolfe



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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Librarian: Harriet Gord
Show: Paula Benway and Verna Dickey
Membership: Eileen Kahl
Publicity: H.T. Sisco
Programs: Tom Wolfe
Sunshine: Eileen Prins



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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