

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



February, 2012

President's Message



It is time to start thinking about officers and directors for the Bromeliad Guild's new year. Steve Byram, Dave Mracek, and Tom Wolfe are serving as the nominating committee. They will present the nominees at our next meeting on February 16, but nominations will also be taken from the floor. If there is someone that you would like to be considered as an officer or director, please feel free to nominate them. We will vote on them at our March meeting, They will be installed at our April meeting, and take office at our May meeting.

Beverly Sisco, President

BGTB MONTHLY MEETING

Monday, February 20, 2012

7:30 PM

This month's speaker is Alan Herndon from Miami Florida. Alan is a trained botanist graduating from Florida International University. Alan is a true native having been born in Miami. Alan is currently the Treasurer of the Bromeliad Society of South Florida (Miami) and serves on the Board of Directors of the Bromeliad Society International.

His program is entitled "The Aechmea Orlandiana Complex." This will be a great program and opportunity to hear Alan speak. This will be his first time at our club and he is driving five hours from Miami to speak with us. Let's have a good attendance, make him feel welcome and invite someone to come with you. Our programs are always open to the public.

Alan has been growing bromeliads since the Mid 1970's; however, he became a real serious collector and grower in 1999. He and his wife, Rhonda, now operate a bromeliad nursery in Miami.





Alan Herndon

Alan is heading up a project of the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies (FCBS) called the “Clone Preservation Project.” This project to preserve hybrids and species cultivars began with the Bromeliad Society of South Florida and they proposed the project to the FCBS so that it would be statewide. This project is to try and preserve the older species and hybrids that were in the trade at one time but are now considered lost or endangered. If you are interested in supporting this project, talk to Alan at the meeting.

Tom Wolfe, Program Chairman

Minutes of January 16, 2012 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Beverly Sisco.

New members were welcomed: Susan Weeks and Pamela Slagg

Visitor was welcomed: Katrina Shung

Secretary’s Report: Motion to accept the minutes as published in the newsletter made by Beverly Millar, seconded by Verna Dickey

Treasurer’s Report: Paula Benway reported that we have a total of \$9,172.52 in our accounts.

New Business: State Fair will be February 9-20. A waterfall was purchased for our fair display. Picture was shown. Volunteers are needed to man our display - 2 shifts each day: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.; 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Display set-up will be at the fairgrounds Feb. 6 at 6:30 p.m. Volunteers will receive free passes to the fair.

Announcements: Nominating committee was announced: Steve Byram, Dave Mracek, and Tom Wolfe

Camellia Show is Feb. 11 at the Tampa Women’s Club.

Riverview Garden Club is sponsoring a trip to the Kumquat Festival Jan. 28.

Verna Dickey and Paula Benway are co-chairs of the upcoming Bromeliad Show and Sale, April 20-22. Theme will be Bromeliad Express. They will be asking for volunteers.

The World Conference will be in Orlando Sept. 24-30. Registration fee will go up on Feb. 28.

Birthday Plant: Won by Janet Stoffels

Door Prize: Won by Barret Bassick

Show and Tell: Plants were shown by Rhoda Smith, Dave Johnston, Eileen Hart, Tom Wolfe

Refreshments

Program: Ray Lemieux of Tropiflora nursery presented a program titled “How to Survive Terrestrials.”

Respectfully submitted by Steve Byram, Secretary



Snapshots

January Meeting



Plant Sales



Dave's Show & Tell



Eileen's Show & Tell



Tom's Show & Tell



Refreshment Time



Speaker, Ray Lemieux

State Fair Display



Beginning to Set Up



**Waiting to be Tagged
& Placed**



Placing the Plants



Assembling the Fountain



Our New Fountain



Finished Display



UPCOMING EVENTS:



* "Bromeliad Express" Show and Sale. April 20-22, 2012, Tampa Garden Club



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, Herb & June Hill, Livia Popovich, Roland Schnabel, Tom Wolfe



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.





September 26 - 30, 2012

Caribe Royal

8101 World Center, Orlando, Florida 888-258-7501

A link to hotel reservations is at fcbs.org

Rooms starting at \$119 US

This world-class event includes outstanding sales, a Rare Plant Auction, seminars, tours, and an opportunity to meet bromeliad collectors and growers from all over the world!

Speakers include:

Harry Luther

Francisco Oliva-Esteve

Paul Isley

Dennis Cathcart

Tours include:

Color Zone Tropicals

McCrorry's Sunny Hill

Russell's Bromeliads

Home Tours

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Check bsi.org for a schedule of activities and events.

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**20th World Bromeliad Conference
Hosted by BSI & FCBS
(The Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies)**

Caribe Royale Hotel

Orlando, FL USA

September 24 – October 1, 2012

Registration Fee (in United States Dollars)

\$US 160 if postmarked on or before February 28, 2012

\$US 175 if paid between March 1, 2012 and August 24, 2012

\$US 200 if paid August 25, 2012 thru On-Site Registration

If you are not currently a BSI member, you need to pay for an annual membership in addition to the above registration fee for the Conference as follows:

USA residents add \$45 single and \$60 dual membership (add \$5 for 1st class delivery) Other countries add \$50 single and \$65 dual membership (includes airmail delivery) You will automatically become BSI members with the added fee.

Please Print or Type (we want to be able to reach you).

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Country: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Name on Badges (membership will be verified) _____

BSI affiliate (if any) _____ Amount due: _____

Payment by check in U.S. \$ to WBC 2012 – or - Credit Card: Visa or Mastercard

Credit Card # _____/_____/_____/_____ Exp. Date:_____/_____(mm/yy)

Name as it appears on credit card (print): _____

Signature: _____ Today's date: _____

Registrations paid before Feb. 28, 2012 are 100% refundable. Registrations paid March 1 – August 24, 2012 are 70% refundable. After August 25, 2012 no refund. You may also pay at the Conference.

Remit Registration & Payment to:

Dan Kinnard
BSI Membership Secretary
6901 Kellyn Ln. Vista CA 92084-1243,
USA

Contact your local affiliate to receive a \$10 discount on registrations received on or before August 24, 2012.

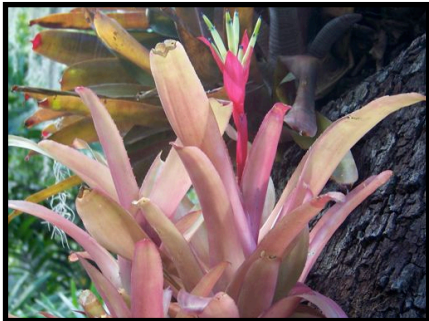
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Membership: Eileen Kahl and Harriet Henry
Publicity: Shellie Sweet
Programs: Tom Wolfe
Sunshine: Rhoda Smith



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 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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