

# Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



March, 2012

## President's Message

Happy spring to everyone. I have several species of Billbergias blooming in my garden as do many of you, I'm sure. They add a lot of color.

I want to thank the people that helped set up the display at the fair and also brought plants. Many thanks to Dave Johnson, Tom Wolfe, Robert Nelson, Steve and Marilyn Byram, Verna and Robert Dickey, Livia Popovich and her husband, Anna Hartman, and myself. In addition, Dave and Mary Fulkerson brought plants and also provided food for the workers.

The date is quickly approaching for our show. Spread the word to your friends about our show.

Respectfully yours,  
Beverly Sisco, President

## BGTB PROGRAM - March 19, 2012

Workshop: Tom Wolfe, Neo Corcharodon its varieties and cultivars

Program: Panel of experts to answer "all" your bromeliad questions.

Bring a plant in to be groomed and/or critiqued for the 2012 show next month by one of our expert panel members.

This will be an informal fun program as we critique some bromeliads!

If you can, bring a list of the plants you plan to enter and we will have the schedule, cards and entry sheets and we will have members help you complete them so you will be ready to bring your bromeliads and entry materials in on Thursday, April 19th.



## SHOW SCHEDULE:

1:00 to 9:00 PM Thursday, April 19

Set up and bring Bromeliad entries to the show

(Refreshment provided)

9:00 Friday Judging begins

April 21 and 22, 2012

9:00 – 5:00 PM Saturday, April 21

9:00 – 3:00 PM Sunday, April 22

3:00 PM Removal of bromeliads and cleanup

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## Minutes of February 20, 2012 Meeting

**The meeting was called to order by President Beverly Sisco.**

**Secretary's Report:** Motion to accept the minutes as published in the newsletter made by Paula Benway, seconded by Harriet Gord

**Treasurer's Report:** Paula Benway reported that we have a total of \$9,155.74 in our accounts.

**Workshop:** Tom Wolf and Dave Johnson gave a workshop on getting plants ready for show.

**Committee Report:** Nominating Committee Report: The following were nominated to serve as officers and directors for the 2012-2013 year:

President - Eileen Hart

Vice President - Dave Mracek

Secretary - Steve Byram

Treasurer - Paula Benway

Newsletter Editor - Marilyn Byram

Directors - Harriet Gord, Robert Nelson, Livia Popovich, Beverly Sisco, Tom Wolfe

Election will take place at the March 19 meeting.

**New Business:** The 2011 Distinguished Service Medal and Plaque was presented to Harriet Gord.

**Old Business:** Our exhibit at the State Fair won 4th place and we received \$350.00.

World Bromeliad Conference will be held in Orlando September 24-October 1 at the Caribe Royale Hotel.

**Announcements:** Steve Byram passed the Master Gardener course.

**Birthday Plant:** Won by Harriet Henry

**Door Prize:** Won by Marylynne Jones

**Show and Tell:** Plants were shown by Lyla Shepard, Robert Nelson, and Dave Johnson

**Motion to Adjourn** by Tom Wolfe, seconded by Barret Bassick

### **Refreshments**

**Program:** Alan Herndon presented a program titled "The Aehmea orlandiana complex".

Respectfully submitted by Steve Byram, Secretary



# Snapshots

## February Meeting



**Shopping**



**Questions for Alan**



**Meeting Called to Order**



**Robert's Show & Tell**



**Workshop Presented by Tom and Dave**



**Distinguished Service Award, Harriet Gord**



**Speaker, Alan Herndon**



**Raffle Time**



## UPCOMING EVENTS:



- \* GreenFest. March 24-25, Plant Park, University of Tampa
- \* Tropiflora's Spring Festival. March 30-April 1, 3530 Tallevast Rd., Sarasota
- \* 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, devilled 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.

**March Birthdays:** Paula Benway, Robert Dickey, Barbara Easton, Dorothy Kellogg, Terry Larm, Liz Mracek, Robert Nelson



## 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).





**September 26 - 30, 2012**

**Caribe Royal**

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

**A link to hotel reservations is at [fcbs.org](http://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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**Jay Thurrott**

**President, BSI**

**[President@bsi.org](mailto:President@bsi.org)**

**Check [bsi.org](http://bsi.org) for a schedule of activities and events.**

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**[fcbs.org](http://fcbs.org)**

**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.

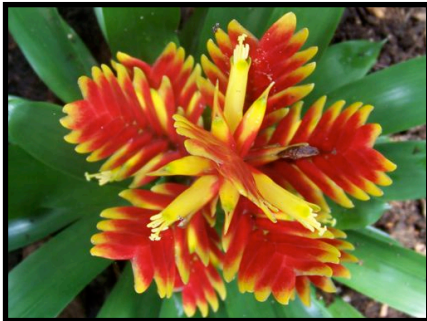
## **Officers for 2011-2012**

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## **Committee Chairs**

Parliamentarian: Mike Sweet  
Librarian: Harriet Gord  
Show: Paula Benway and Verna Dickey  
Membership: Eileen Kahl and Harriet Henry  
Publicity: Shellie Sweet  
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, email address, or phone number 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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