

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



March, 2013



President's Message

Greetings, All!

Our show is next month!!! We need as many entries as possible - so start beating the bushes - see y'all at the March meeting.

Eileen

Upcoming Events:

Greenfest, University of Tampa, March 23 and 24, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

2013 Spring Plant Festival, USF Botanical Gardens, Saturday, April 13, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 14, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m..

"Bromeliads in the Garden" 2013 Show, Tampa Garden Club, Show and Sale open to the public Sat., April 20, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sun., April 21, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Next Meeting - Monday, March 18, 2013

IN PREPARATION FOR THE SHOW AND BROMELIADS, PLEASE ATTEND THIS MEETING TO HELP YOU GET PREPARED. ONE MONTH TO THE COUNTDOWN!!

**BGTB ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE
TAMPA GARDEN CLUB
2629 Bayshore Boulevard, Tampa, FL
Judging: APRIL 19, 2013
Show Dates: APRIL 20 – 21, 2013**

WORKSHOP:

Ken Stokes will conduct a 15 minute workshop on mounting bromeliads to various types of materials. Hanging bromeliads enhance one's garden, pool area, trees and can be entered into the upcoming show for awards.

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION:

Dave Johnston will have a question and answer session on our April show and pass out the show schedules. He will answer any questions about how to enter your bromeliads in the show. This will be a good annual review and make it easy to do the paperwork. Dave promises to answer all your questions!

REFRESHER COURSE:

Barbara Easton will conduct a refresher session on preparing a plant for a blue ribbon. You don't want to miss what Barbara has to say as she is an expert in preparation of bromeliads for the Top Awards.

PLANTS FOR EXPERTS TO CRITIQUE: Please bring your bromeliads and our experts will critique them and guide you to winning blue ribbons. This should be fun and will give you an opportunity to learn how to prepare your plants for top awards.

SPONSORS FOR JUDGES LUNCHEON

We need some sponsors for the Judges luncheon to be held at the Colonnade Restaurant. We have one sponsor and if you are willing to help, please let me know. Thanks in advance.

Tom Wolfe

Minutes, February 25, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Eileen Hart, president.

Secretary's Report: Correction - H.T. Sisco was appointed to the nominating committee. Motion to approve report as corrected made by Steve Byram, seconded by Tom Wolfe.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Paula Benway gave the treasurer's report for January. She reported a balance of \$1945.77 in our checking account and a balance of \$5562.76 in our CD giving us a total of \$7508.53. The report will be filed for audit.

Old Business: Harriet Gord volunteered to be our new Publicity Chairman.

Show at Federation - April 18-21. Eileen Kahl reported that there are six clerks. John and Kay Miller have volunteered to help sponsor the judges' luncheon at The Colonnade Restaurant. Verna Dickey show a form for entering plants in the show and asked that it be filled out with one plant on each line and in pencil.

New Business: New slate of Nominees for officers for the 2013-2014 year was announced by Steve Byram. The nominees are:

President: Anna Hartman

Vice President: Verna Dickey

Secretary: Ray Hernandez

Treasurer: Paula Benway

Newsletter Editor: Marilyn Byram

Directors: H.T. Sisco, Tom Wolfe, Eileen Hart, Robert Nelson

Election will take place at the March 18 meeting.

Announcements: All BGTB meetings will be held in the same room - Room 201-202 through December.

We won a 4th place ribbon at the Florida State Fair.

Bromeliad Extravaganza will be September 21 at the Holiday Inn at Indian Rocks Beach.

Birthday Plant won by Tom Wolfe

Door Prize Plant won by Beverly Sisco

Show and Tell - by Ken Stokes, Tom Wolfe, and Verna Dickey.

Motion to adjourn by Steve Byram, seconded by Ray Hernandez. Meeting adjourned.

Refreshments and Raffle

Program "Collecting the World's Largest Tillandsia on a Tour Through Columbia" was presented by Dennis Cathcart.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Byram, Secretary



February 2013 Meeting



Bromeliad FAQ

How much water do bromeliads need?

Bromeliads that have a rosette of overlapping leaves that retain water (often called "tank bromeliads") should have the rosette kept full of water. Distilled water or rainwater is generally better than tap water (especially if you have hard water). It is a good idea to empty or flush the tank every couple of months and refill it with fresh water. This will clear out organic debris and lessen any chance of fungal rot. In nature, these plants have evolved to catch organic matter, which rots, fertilizing the plants. In cultivation, growers like to keep their plants tidy and debris-free and supplement them with fertilizer to make up for the nutritional loss. Keep the soil around the bromeliad moist (but not wet). This is especially important for non tank bromeliads as they draw their moisture primarily from their roots.

For "air plants" like *Tillandsias* which are grown attached to a piece of wood, cork or sometimes nothing at all, they should be misted a couple of times a week and even more frequently during the dry winter season when grown indoors. As an alternative to misting, plants grown indoors may be dunked or soaked in water for a few minutes to rehydrate the plant. Make sure to drain away any excess water caught between the leaves as this may promote rot.

From http://www.bsi.org/brom_info/FAQ.html



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.

March Birthdays: Paula Benway, Elisa Carr, Barbara Easton, Dorothy Kellogg, Terry Larm, Jason Mellica, Liz Mracek, and Robert Nelson,





Membership Application/Renewal

Memberships: May 1 to April 30 each Year

Please Print

Name _____ Birth Month _____

Second Name _____ Birth Month _____

Phone (____) _____ Email _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Date of Application _____

Please check one:

_____ \$25.00 Single Membership

_____ \$30.00 Family Membership

**Make checks payable to: BGTB
Submit with application to a
member or mail to:**

Paula Benway

1225 N. Riverhills Dr.

Temple Terrace, FL 33617

Referred by:

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay, Inc.

Established 1963

Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of every month.

Plant sales at 7:00 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Where: Christ the King Catholic Church, Rooms 201-202,

821 S. Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa

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Committee Chairs:

Parliamentarian: Mike Sweet

Librarian: Harriet Gord

Show: Paula Benway and Verna Dickey

Membership: Eileen Kahl and Harriet Henry

Programs: Tom Wolfe

Sunshine: Rhoda Smith



Sunshine Greetings

Please notify Rhoda Smith of any illness, surgery, birth of a child, death in the family, or other concerns you or another member may have.

Call 813-839-8344 or email at habitat@tampabay.rr.com.



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, email address, or phone number changes, please inform Marilyn Byram at 21535 Northwood Drive, Lutz, 33549 or bgtbnewsletter@gmail.com





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