

# **Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter**



April, 2011

## **BGTB MONTHLY MEETING**

**April 18, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.**

### **PROGRAM**

The video, “Flower Power” will be shown. This is a walk-through of Grant Groves’ bromeliad business called “Color Zone”. Grant is a grower and hybridizer of some of the finest neoregelias and guzmanias on the market. Included is a propagating and potting demonstration.

### **WORKSHOP**

Dave Johnston will conduct a short workshop entitled, “Taking Variegation for Granted”. Don’t miss this program.

Tom Wolfe, Program chairman



Don’t forget -

It’s time to renew your membership. Fill out the form at the end of this newsletter and bring it to the next meeting or mail it to Paula Benway, 1225 N. Riverhills Dr., Temple Terrace, FL 33617



# **Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay**

## **Minutes of Meeting**

**March 14, 2011**

**The meeting was called to order by Vice President Verna Dickey.**

**Secretary's Report:** Corrections to minutes of February 21: BGTB committee chairs are appointed, not elected. Motion to accept the minutes as corrected made by Tom Wolfe, seconded by Dottie Kellogg.

**Treasurer's Report:** Paula Benway reported that we have a total of \$1,527.88 in the checking account plus \$9,000 in CD. Motion was made by Dave Johnston to accept the treasurer's Report as read, seconded by Lyla Shepard.

**Old Business:** Paula Benway reported on the preparations for the Bromeliad Show. Staging is on March 30, entries on March 31, judging on April 1, and open to the public on April 2 and 3. Motion to accept the slate of officers and directors for the 2011-2012 year was made by Mike Sweet, seconded by Shellie Sweet. Motion carried. Officers and directors are as follows:

President: Beverly Sisco

Vice-President: Verna Dickey

Treasurer: Paula Benway

Secretary: Steve Byram

Newsletter Editor: Marilyn Byram

Directors: Bob Benway, Harriet Gord, Eileen Hart, Dave Mracek, Tom Wolfe.

**Announcements:** Membership dues are due in April.

Upcoming events:

St. Petersburg Museum of Fine Arts exhibit "Arts in Bloom" begins March 19. It includes a bromeliad display created by Janet Stoffels.

GreenFest at University of Tampa will be March 26-27

USF Plant Sale is April 9-10

St. Petersburg Green Thumb Festival is April 30-May 1

**Birthday Plant:** Won by Barbara Easton

**Door Prize:** Won by Dave Fulkerson

**Show and Tell:** Plants were shown by Verna Dickey, Tom Wolfe, Lyla Shepard, and Nancy Buckley.

**Refreshments**

**Program:** Tom Wolfe and Dave Johnston gave tips on preparing bromeliads for show

**Raffle**

Respectfully submitted by Steve Byram, Secretary



# March 21 Meeting Snapshots



**Review of Plans for the Bromeliad Show**



**Verna's Show & Tell**



**Tom's Show & Tell**



**Lyla's Show & Tell**



**Nancy's Show & Tell**



**St. Patrick's Refreshment Table**



**Dave & Tom's Tips for Show**



**Two Examples of Horticultural Displays in Show**





# “Winning With Bromeliads”



## Upcoming Bromeliad Events

**Green Thumb Festival - April 30-May 1, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Walter Fuller Park, St. Petersburg**



### 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.

***April Birthdays:*** Carl Easton, Linda Lowe, Eileen Prins, Rhoda Smith



### 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](mailto:sprins1012@earthlink.net)



## **Officers for 2011-2012**

President: Beverly Sisco 813-968-5726 [btsgarden@msn.com](mailto:btsgarden@msn.com)  
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## **Committee Chairs**

Parliamentarian: Shellie Sweet  
Librarian: Harriet Gord  
Show: Paula Benway and Verna Dickey  
Membership: Eileen Kahl and Harriet Henry  
Publicity: Mike Sweet  
Programs: Tom Wolfe  
Sunshine: Eileen Prins



## **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 [byramm@verizon.net](mailto:byramm@verizon.net)







## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to: BGTB**

Please check one:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00 Single Membership

\_\_\_\_\_ \$30.00 Family Membership

**Submit with application to a member or mail to:**

**Paula Benway**

**1225 N. Riverhills Dr.**

**Temple Terrace, FL 33617**

Referred by:

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**Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay, Inc.**

**Established 1963**

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**Where: Tampa Garden Club**

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