

# Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



April, 2012

## President's Message



Dear Members,

This will be my last message to you as president of BGTB. I want to thank everyone for their help and support the last two years. My, how time flies. I could not have done my job as your president without the help of the members and the board of directors. Let's all welcome and support our new president, Eileen Hart.

We just have 9 more days until our show. Let's all get our plants cleaned and ready for the show. You may bring your plants to be entered Thursday, April 19th from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. It looks like the weather will be good this year. That's a plus. There will be pizza and drinks for a snack on Thursday afternoon in the kitchen. On Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at noon there will be "fixings" for sandwiches, etc. and drinks in the kitchen for all the workers helping from our club. Our food will be on the right side of the serving table since we have to share the space with the Federation members.

Respectfully yours,

Beverly Sisco, President



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



# **Next Meeting**

## **April 23, 2012**

The program will consist of:

1. Installation of officers
2. Workshop by Tom Wolfe
3. Awards ceremony. Prize money will be awarded in the form of silver coins. Awards will be presented to all the Best of Show winners, Best of Section winners and Best of Division winners. Also, awards will be given to sweepstakes and members choice winner.

See you at the meeting.

Tom Wolfe

Program Chairman

## **Do you own a Bromeliad Nursery?**

A list of bromeliad nurseries is published in the May issue of the newsletter of the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies. The only requirement is that the nursery be state inspected.

There is no charge for being listed in the Bromeliad Sources, both in the newsletter and on the Council site at [fcbs.org](http://fcbs.org).

If you own a state registered and inspected nursery and would like to be listed, email Karen Andreas at [karen@digital.net](mailto:karen@digital.net) by April 25. Please include the name of the nursery, name of the owner, address, contact information (including web address, email and phone number), hours of operation, and if an appointment is needed. A brief description is also welcome.



## **Minutes of March 19, 2012 Meeting**

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

**Visitors were welcomed:** Linda from Lakeland and Linda from Auburndale

**Secretary's Report:** Correction to minutes: Dave Johnston's name was misspelled. Motion to accept the minutes as corrected in the newsletter made by Dave Johnston, seconded by Eileen Hart

**Treasurer's Report:** Paula Benway reported that we have a total of \$9,412.21 in our accounts.

**Old Business:** Steve Byram has been secretary for two years already. After discussion, Barret Bassick made the motion to suspend the bylaws to allow him to serve another year as secretary. Motion was seconded by Lyla Shepard. Motion carried.

Barret Bassick moved to accept the slate of officers by acclamation. Dave Fulkerson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Officers for 2012-2013:

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

### **Announcements:**

1. Next meeting will not be on the third Monday of the month due to the show. Meeting will be on the fourth Monday - April 23.
2. Harriet Gord will create baskets for raffle at the show, but she will not be here. We need a volunteer to conduct the raffles on Saturday, April 21.
3. Eileen Hart made an announcement for the show clerks. Be at the garden club before 8:00 a.m. on Friday, April 20, for breakfast and instructions. Plan to stay all day until judging is done.
4. Meeting for officers, directors, and committee chairs will be on Monday, April 2, 7:00 p.m. at Harold and Beverly Sisco's home
5. Elisa Carr had open heart surgery and is doing well.
6. Bill Carr is giving away bromeliads. Call if you would like some of them. (813) 752-8485

**Birthday Plant:** Won by Robert Nelson

**Door Prize:** Won by Verna Dickey

**Show and Tell:** Ken Stokes, Lyla Shepard, Tom Wolfe, Dorothy Kellogg, Nancy Buckley, Beverly Sisco

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

**Program:** Tom Wolfe, Barbara Easton, and Dave Johnston presented a panel discussion on getting plants ready for show.

### **Refreshments**

Respectfully submitted by Steve Byram, Secretary



# Snapshots March Meeting



Member Sales



Show & Tell - Ken Stokes



Show & Tell - Tom Wolfe



Show & Tell - Dottie Kellogg



Show & Tell - Beverly Sisco



Tips for Show



Tom's DIY Tool



Raffle Time



Refreshments



## UPCOMING EVENTS:



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



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.

**April Birthdays:** Virginia Barthelemy, Carl Easton, Anna Hartman, Linda Lowe, Eileen Prins, and Rhoda Smith



## 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-Estevé**

**Paul Isley**

**Dennis Cathcart**

**Tours include:**

**Color Zone Tropicals**

**McCrorry's Sunny Hill**

**Russell's Bromeliads**

**Home Tours**

**Sponsored by**



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**WBC Chairman**

**[Betsymccrorry@aol.com](mailto:Betsymccrorry@aol.com)**

**Jay Thurrott**

**President, BSI**

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

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

**Hosted By**



**[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**

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







**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:

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**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.**

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