



Come on out for great food, fellowship, and a chance to acquire fabulous new bromeliads and other plants! The club will furnish the meat, drinks, condiments, cups, plates and eating utensils. Just a reminder to all of you who signed up to bring food; please bring the proper serving utensils. If you didn't sign up for a dish, just bring your favorite casserole, salad, or dessert. Don't forget to bring plants for the auction!



Minutes of April 23, 2012 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Beverly Sisco.

Visitor Betty Gordon and new member Kenneth Stokes were welcomed.

<u>Secretary's Report</u>: Motion to accept the minutes as written in the newsletter was made by Dave Fulkerson and seconded by Lyla Shepard.

<u>**Treasurer's Report</u>**: Paula Benway reported that we currently have a total of \$9037.39 in our accounts.</u>

<u>Old Business</u>: Silver coins were presented to head table winners of the Bromeliad Express Show. Thank you to John Miller who donated money for the show awards.

Beverly thanked everyone who worked so hard to make the show a success.

Robert Nelson, who was a first-time clerk at the show reported some of the comments from the judges and there was an open discussion of high and low points of our show.

New Business: The 2012-2013 Officers and Directors were installed.

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

Beverly Sisco thanked everyone for their help during her presidency.

<u>Announcements</u>: Our annual picnic and plant auction will be May 21. Everyone was encouraged to bring food (a sign-up list was passed around) and plants for the auction.

Birthday Plant: Won by Anna Hartman

Door Prize: Won by Dottie Kellogg

Show and Tell: Ken Stokes, Tom Wolfe, Verna Dickey

Motion to Adjourn by Tom Wolfe, seconded by Beverly Millar

<u>Refreshments</u>

Respectfully submitted by Steve Byram, Secretary



Barbara Easton, who won head table in multiple categories at our show, has discovered a product that has made a big difference in her plants. Here's the information:

Spray-N-Grow, Inc. 227 Hwy 35 Bypass Rockport, TX 78382 1-800-323-2363 (361)790-9033 www.spray-n-grow.com

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Snapshots Bromeliad Show & April Meeting





















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



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.

May Birthdays: Judith Pope-Champagne, Lisa Robinette, Randy Wojahn *June Birthdays:* Phil Elting, Eileen Hart, Kathleen Ledbetter



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 <u>habitat@tampabay.rr.com</u>.





20TH WORLD BROMELIAD CONFERENCE ORLANDO, FLORIDA

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 McCrory's Sunny Hill Russell's Bromeliads Home Tours

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

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.

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

Officers for 2012-2013

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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— <u>www.bsi.org</u> Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies— <u>www.fcbs.org</u> Marie Selby Botanical Gardens— <u>www.selby.org</u>

Any Changes?

If your mailing address, email address, or phone number changes, please inform Marilyn Byram at 21535 Northwood Drive, Lutz, 33549 or <u>bgtbnewsletter@gmail.com</u>





Membership Application/Renewal

Memberships: May 1 to April 30 each Year

Please Print

Name	Bi	rth Month	
Second Name	Birth Month		
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\$25.00 Single Membership			
\$30.00 Family Membership			
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	Paula Benway 1225 N. Riverhills	Dr	
	Temple Terrace, Fl		

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: Tampa Garden Club 2629 Bayshore Blvd, Tampa Informative programs, Show & Tell, plant sales, door prizes, raffle & refreshments



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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