

# Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



June, 2012



## President's Message

Greetings all,

This is my first month to play this game. June is a great month for bromeliad blooms. The wildest one in my garden is *V. inferno*. It's kind of like a preview of the 4th of July. Keep an eye out for the weevil and I will see you all on the 18th.

Eileen

## June 18, 2012, Meeting

Speaker: Alton Lee

Missing in Action: "The Forgotten Bromeliads"

Alton lives in Gulfport, Florida and has an extensive collection of not only bromeliads but many other plants as well. He is truly a plant lover of many kinds of plants. However, Alton admits his favorites are *Guzmanias* and *Vrieseas*. But due to the lack of *Guzmanias* and *Vrieseas* in bloom at this time of the year, Alton will turn his attention to many of the old species and hybrids. Over the years, these species and hybrids common in collections seemed to have disappeared. If you have some of the old standbys in your collection, please bring them to the meeting to share with the membership during Show & Tell.

Alton has been collecting plants since he was a child in Pennsylvania and during a move to Florida in 1971, he discovered bromeliads. He joined the Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society in 1972 and a short time later became President. He held every position in the FWCBS except Treasurer. Over the years, he also held two or three officer positions in the Bromeliad Guild of Tampa.

This should be an unusual and as always from Alton an interesting program. Please join us for the fun and fellowship.



# Snapshots

## May Picnic and Plant Auction



### Upcoming Events

July 14-15 - Tropical Plant Fair. USF Botanical Gardens. 10:00-4:00 Sat., 10:00-3:00 Sun.





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

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](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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**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 2012-2013

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### Committee Chairs

Parliamentarian: Mike Sweet

Librarian: Harriet Gord

Show: Paula Benway and Verna Dickey

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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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**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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