

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



July, 2012

President's Message



Well, did everyone get enough rain? The bromeliads love it and pupping is rampant in my garden. It'll be fun in a month or so dividing and sharing.

See y'all on the 16th.

Eileen

July 16, 2012, Meeting "Neo's for Everyone" by Tom Wolfe

"Neo's for Everyone" by Tom Wolfe will be the July program. This program will be part hands-on and part power point program.

Tom and his wife, Carol, are longtime members of the BGTB and live on 2.5 acres of land in northwest Hillsborough County. They were given "Lifetime Members" status for their many years of contributions to the Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay. Tom is a frequent speaker throughout Florida and has given many programs in other parts of the U. S.

Please join us for the information, food, and fellowship. Our meetings are always open to visitors; so invite someone to come with and if you have out-of-town guests, please feel free to bring them with you to the meeting.

World Conference

John and Kay Miller have graciously rented a community room during the upcoming Orlandiana World Conference for BGTB members to use as a break room. We will be able to go there to relax and have refreshments. We will have the room Thurs., Fri. and Sat. and we need volunteers to "man" the room when it is open. Please think about covering a shift or two.



Snapshots

BGTB Meeting - June 18, 2012



Member Sales



Call to Order



Verna's Show & Tell



Ken's Show & Tell



Dave's Favorite - Medallion



Eileen's Show & Tell



Tom's Show & Tell



Refreshment Time



Speaker, Alton Lee





Aechmea Pectinata

Here is an inflorescence rarely seen. This photo is from Bill Carr's garden. He bought the original plant from Whitt Merrin over thirty years ago. Thank you for sharing with us, Bill.

Minutes, June 18, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President Eileen Hart.

Visitors, Mike Gemino, Rachel & Bill Hebert, Tim Tear, Trish Hart, Janice Somerset, and Allen Longworthy were welcomed. New member Ray Hernandez was introduced.

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept the minutes as written in the newsletter was made by Robert Nelson and seconded by Steve Byram.

Treasurer's Report: Paula Benway reported that we currently have a total of \$2,896.33 in our checking account plus \$7,022.19 in our CD. Motion to accept the treasurer's report as read was made by Steve Byram, seconded by Dottie Kellogg.

Old Business: Plaque for Best of Show in our April Bromeliad Express Show was awarded to Barbara Easton.

Announcements: Tom Wolfe announced that there were booklets on native Florida bromeliads published by University of Florida for sale for \$5.00.

Birthday Plant: Won by Eileen Hart

Door Prize: Won by H.T. Sisco

Show and Tell: Verna Dickey, Ken Stokes, Dave Fulkerson, Eileen Hart

Meeting Adjourned by Eileen Hart

Refreshments

Program "Missing in Action: The Forgotten Bromeliads" was presented by Alton Lee of Gulfport.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Byram, Secretary



Notes on Specific Genera

Generally available genera are listed below with some guidelines for their cultivation. There are exceptions for every rule, and whatever growing method that works for you is the best.

Aechmea and Billbergia

Easily grown, dependable bloomers, and an interesting array of colors, form and foliage, these genera are very popular. These are tank-type bromeliads, and attention should be given to flushing the tanks. Give them moderate to bright light, protect from wind damage and feed monthly with 20-20-20 fertilizer at half strength. They may be either potted or mounted.

Neoregelia

These tank-type bromeliads are some of the most spectacular foliage plants in cultivation. For the best color: place the plants in bright light to full sun; water less frequently; and use a low-nitrogen fertilizer (e.g., 5-59-10) at quarter strength weekly in the pot only. Under-pot in a loose mix with little organic matter.

Cryptanthus

These truly terrestrial plants, also known as "earth stars", naturally grow on the rainforest floor in the rich humus. Bright but diffused light, a lot of water and regular feeding with 20-20-20 fertilizer will bring out all their color and enhance their interesting shape. Over-pot since the root system is spreading and shallow. They are not usually suitable for mounting.

Dyckia and Hechtia

Contrary to their appearance (being often mistaken for some kind of cactus or succulent) these thorny plants love big pots, water and fertilizer. Over-pot in clay pots for best results.

Tillandsia

There are two types of this genus: those with green or soft leaves, and those with grey or hard leaves. The rule of thumb is to mount the hard-leaved types, and to pot the soft-leaved types. The hard-leaved types like bright light and to receive water and fertilizer by spraying or occasionally soaking. They must drain and dry quickly. The soft-leaved types are tank-type bromeliads and should be potted and grown similarly to Neoregelias with less light.

Guzmania, Nidularium and Vriesea

Being sensitive to heat, wet roots, mineral salts, and stagnant water, this group of bromeliads is a little more difficult to grow than others, but the rewards of having some of the most beautiful bromeliads are worth the extra effort. To insure success: pot, place in moderate light, maintain high humidity and good air movement. Take care with their soft leaves that are subject to wind and chewing-insect damage.

(From: http://www.bsi.org/brom_info/growing/gencult.html)



Upcoming Events

Sept. 26-30: World Bromeliad Conference, Orlando, FL



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.

July Birthdays: Gwen Bassick, Dorothy Crossley, Ray Hernandez, Dave Johnston, Mudra Kumar, Beverly Millar, John Miller, H.T. Sisco



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.





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

McCrorry's Sunny Hill

Russell's Bromeliads

Home Tours

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

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

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Neoregelia Medallion

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





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.

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, workshops, Show & Tell, plant sales,
door prizes, raffle & refreshments**

Visitors welcome!

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