

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



July, 2013

BGTB Program
Monday, July 15, 2013
Christ the King Catholic Church
Mary Martha Center, Room 201-202, 821 South Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa
Our Speaker: James (Jay) Thurrott
Program: "Broms from Seed to Seed"

Jay is an environmental chemist and recently retired after working for the City of Daytona Beach for 30 years. Jay's main responsibility there was being responsible for the potable water quality.

He and his wife, Calandra, are both bromeliad judges and grow over 700 varieties of bromeliads at their home in Port Orange, Florida. Jay has been growing broms since the 1970's and is a longtime member of the Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society (FECBS). Jay has served in all positions of that society and is currently their newsletter editor.

Jay has also chaired the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies (FCBS) and has been a representative of that organization for many years.

He is the current President of the Bromeliad Society International (BSI) after having served as a director and Vice President of the organization.

The title of Jay's program will be "Broms from Seed to Seed (in lieu of the 4th of July title could read "Broms from Seed to Shinning Seed!")"

As always, the meetings are open to the public and you are welcome and encouraged to invite friends, relatives, co-workers and others to attend the meeting with you. Jay's program will inspire and motivate you. Bring a note pad and pencil for this informative program as Jay always shares new and interesting information.

Tom Wolfe
Program Chairman



Minutes, June 17, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President, Anna Hartman

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept the minutes as written in the newsletter made by Steve Byram, seconded by Tom Wolfe.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Paula Benway reported we have \$2343.52 in our checking account plus \$5564.14 in the CD. Total is \$7907.66. The report will be filed for audit.

New Business: Florida Council meeting will be on July 13 at the home of Bill Carr. Two volunteers are needed to serve food.

Announcements: Needed: Volunteer to be the Sunshine Chairperson
Membership dues are now due!!

Doorprize won by Bob Scheible

Birthday Plant won by Alan Langworthy

Show and Tell: Plants were shown by Ken Stokes, Bill Carr, Tom Wolfe, Eileen Hart, Robert Nelson, and Anna Hartman

Motion to Close by Steve Byram, seconded by Tom Wolfe

Refreshments and Raffle

Program Don Beadle presented a program titled "Billbergia is Beautiful."

Respectfully submitted by Ray Hernandez, Secretary

Do you know the purpose of the Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay?

As stated in our bylaws, there are three objectives:

1. To unite for their mutual interest people who are interested in bromeliads.
2. To serve the mutual interest of its members by promoting an educational program through activities and the study of all aspects of the Bromeliaceae family.
3. To promote wider public appreciation of the Bromeliaceae family by participating periodically in public displays and shows, conservation and preservation of the species and their natural habitat, or by other means of promotion."



June 17, 2013 Meeting



Upcoming Events:

September 21, 2013

Bromeliad Extravaganza

Hosted by Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society

Holiday Inn Harborside, 401 2nd Street, Indian Rocks Beach 33785, 727-595-9484

Info contacts: Susan Sousa (susansousa1@yahoo.com) and Judy Lund

(glund@tampabay.rr.com)

Bromeliad FAQ

What is causing the leaf tips to turn brown?

Usually, this is a sign that the plant is too dry. Bromeliads, in general, are very hardy plants capable of surviving much abuse and neglect. To keep them looking their best (and avoid browning leaf tips), you should always keep some water in the central cup (for tank bromeliads) and keep the potting medium evenly moist (but not overly wet)

From http://www.bsi.org/brom_info/FAQ.html



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.

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



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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.

When: Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of every month. Plant sale at 7:00 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Where: Christ the King Catholic Church, Mary Martha Center, Room 201-202, 821 South Dale Mabry Highway, Tampa

Informative programs, workshops, Show & Tell, plant sales, door prizes, raffle & refreshments
Visitors welcome!

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