

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



www.bromeliadguildoftampabay.org

August 2013

**BGTB Program
Monday, August 19, 2013
Our Speaker: Terrie Bert, Ph.D.
Program Part II**

Terrie Bert is a longstanding member of the Sarasota Bromeliad Society (SBS) and has held almost every office in the organization including Show Chair and President. She also served on the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies (FCBS) and served as Florida Director on the Board of the Bromeliad Society International (BSI) and chaired two committees for these organizations.

She has given many presentations around the U.S. as well as in foreign countries. She has authored articles for *The BSI Journal* and the *FCBS Newsletter*.

Terrie has a PH.D in marine biology and is a research scientist for the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. She also makes quilts and scuba dives.

Terrie's program will be Part II of her program called "Outstandingly ostentatious and particularly picturesque of the O to P bromeliad genera". She gave us Part I last fall.

She will explore the work of Pitcarnia species all the way to Africa. She will also take a close look at the Portea genera with unusual habitat preferences; then to the Andes to see some Puya species, including some of the oddest looking plants in the Andes.

As always, the meetings are open to the public and you are welcomed and encouraged to invite friends, relatives, co-workers and others to attend the meeting with you.

Look for a surprise ending!

**Tom Wolfe
Program Chairman**



Minutes, July 15, 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 Lisa Robinette.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Paula Benway reported we have \$2227.80 in our checking account plus \$5564.14 in the CD. Total is \$7910.94. The report will be filed for audit.

New Business: The monthly hall rent is going from \$50.00 to \$75.00 next month.

Announcements: September 21 - Bromeliad Extravaganza at the Holiday Inn Harborside in Indian Rocks Beach.

Doorprize won by Bill Carr

Birthday Plant won by Ray Hernandez

Show and Tell: Plants were shown by Verna Dickey - Nidulariums, Eileen Hart - Aechmea Lueddemanniana, Bill Carr - Aechmea Mexicana "Albo Marginated", Tom Wolfe - Tillandsia "Ty", and Ken Stokes - Aechmea Tocantina, Alcantarea Imperialis

Refreshments and Raffle

Program Jay Thurrott presented a program titled "Broms from Seed to Seed."

Respectfully submitted by Ray Hernandez, Secretary

We are excited to announce that the Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay now has an internet presence!

We have both a website and a facebook page. The website is designed especially to attract bromeliad enthusiasts who are new to our area. It was designed and set up by Marybeth Rosentrater Byram, Marcus Rosentrater, Jeanell Douglas and Marilyn Byram. Check it out at www.bromeliadguildoftampabay.org.



Thank you, Ray Hernandez, for setting up our Facebook page. Join the group to ask questions, share your knowledge, post photos of your favorite bromeliads, or just keep up with the latest BGTB news.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/562988247096958/>



Julie Lessard and Alan Langworthy have volunteered to provide greeter services at our meetings. They will be located near the door to make sure everyone feels welcome. Please sign in with them and get your name tag when you arrive at the meeting.

July 15 Meeting Snapshots



Clever things to do with broken pots:



From Far North Bromeliad Group - Australia

Bromeliad FAQ

My plant is dying. What can I do?

If your plant has flowered already, not much. Bromeliads, in general, only bloom a single time and then produce vegetative offsets (called pups) which grow, taking nourishment from the mother plant, and then bloom themselves. The way bromeliads grow is by adding new leaves from the growing point in the center of the plant's rosette of leaves. When the plant flowers, it switches from adding new leaves to growing sending up a flower spike from the center of the plant. Once this happens, the plant can no longer add new leaves to the center so it instead shifts its growth laterally to producing new growing buds, usually inside the base of the leaves for protection. Sometimes the mother plant can hang around for quite some time producing many pups (and even grand-pups) before running out of energy.

If your plant has not yet bloomed, check to see that its conditions are right for this plant. Is the plant too dry? Is the central cup filled with water? Is the soil evenly moist? Is the soil too wet and soggy? Is the plant near a heating or air conditioning vent that is roasting/chilling the plant? Is the plant too cold? Remember, these are TROPICAL plants. Is the light level appropriate for this type of bromeliad?

If you can determine what is making the plant unhappy and correct the problem, the plant has a good chance of making a spectacular (although gradual) comeback. Bromeliads are resilient, slow growing plants. If the plant does not recover it will probably still put its energy into producing some pups which gives you a fresh chance to start over again.

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



Upcoming Events:

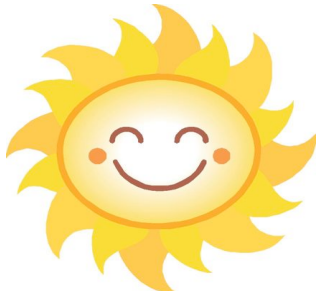
September 21, 2013

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)



Sunshine Greetings

Please notify Julie Lessard of any illness, surgery, birth of a child, death in the family, or other concerns you or another member may have.

Call 813-662-7972 or email at taxxmaam@tampabay.rr.com



August Birthdays: Steve Byram, David Fulkerson, Randy Garcia, Herb & June Hill, Becky Houston, Dave Mracek, Shirley Perez, Mary Louise Wojahn, Carol Wolfe

We will have a drawing at the meeting for one of the lucky birthday people to take home a nice bromeliad as a Birthday gift from the club.

Club members celebrating their birthdays also provide the refreshments at our meeting each month. 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 those months. Suggestions: chips & dip, veggies, salsa, crackers, cheese, chicken wings, popcorn, favorite recipes, pies, pizza, brownies, fudge, cookies, cakes, candies, deviled eggs, sandwiches and beverages.



Officers for 2013-2014

President: Anna Hartman 813-831-5297wildmustanggt40@yahoo.com
Vice President: Verna Dickey 813-685-1055 vernaled@verizon.net
Treasurer: Paula Benway 813-985-3584 paulabenway@aol.com
Secretary: Ray Hernandez 813-832-3561 subtropicofcancer@hotmail.com
Newsletter Editor: Marilyn Byram 813-949-0503 bgtbnewsletter@gmail.com

Directors:

Eileen Hart 813-920-2987 eplants@hotmail.com
Robert Nelson 813-717-9224 CRBackfive@aol.com
Beverly Sisco 813-968-5726 btsgarden@msn.com
H.T. Sisco 813-968-5726 siscofl1@msn.com
Tom Wolfe 813-961-1475 BromeliadSociety@juno.com

Committee Chairs:

Publicity: Bill Carr 813-752-8485 wcarr1@tampabay.rr.com
Show: Verna Dickey 813-685-1055 vernaled@verizon.net
and Paula Benway 813-985-3584 paulabenway@aol.com
Sunshine/Membership: Julie Lessard 813-662-7972 Taxxmaam@tampabay.rr.com
Telephone: Beverly Sisco 813-968-5726 btsgarden@msn.com
Raffle: Shirley Perez 813-920-5595 shirleyp2@yahoo.com
Program: Tom Wolfe 813-961-1475 BromeliadSociety@juno.com

Bromeliads Online



Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay--www.bromeliadguildoftampabay.org



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/562988247096958/>

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!

**NEWSLETTER OF THE
BROMELIAD GUILD
OF TAMPA BAY, INC.
21535 Northwood Dr.
Lutz, Florida 33549**