

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A hearty thanks to Dr. John Utley and Dr. Kathleen Burt-Utley for their program, "Mexican/Mesoamerican Bromeliads and their Habitats." It was a very informative power point presentation. We saw photos of plants that we would never see otherwise; most of them would not adapt to the climate conditions in the U.S. and probably will never be under cultivation in the U.S. We appreciate their generosity of time and talents to the club. It was an

honor to have them visit with us.

We are blessed to have as many species and hybrids available to us to enjoy and cultivate.

Jay Thurrott, President of the Bromeliad Society International and our speaker this month, will be showing us what plants are available in the Bahamas to grow and enjoy. Don't miss it. Invite your neighbors to attend. Meeting are always open to the public.

Tom Wolfe,
President



BGTB MEETING: Monday, August 18, 2014, 7:30 PM

SPEAKER: Jay Thurrott

Program: “Bromeliads – Are they better in the Bahamas?”

Jay is an environmental chemist now retired from the City of Daytona Beach where his main responsibilities were controlling potable water quality.

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

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

He is currently serving as President of the Bromeliad Society International after having served as director and Vice President.

In Jay's program, “Bromeliads – are they better in the Bahamas?” he will show some classic collections as well as a judged show.

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.



DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY!

The Bromeliad Guild is planning a day trip to Central Florida in the fall when the weather cools a bit - on a Saturday in late October or early November. We will travel by bus to three destinations: the beautiful Harry P. Leu Gardens and world-class nurseries, Russell's Bromeliads and Color Zone Tropicals. These are all places that you will thoroughly enjoy visiting! (See descriptions below.) We will leave Tampa at 8:00 a.m. and return at 5:00 p.m. We will eat a picnic lunch at Leu Gardens and also have a chance to buy plants at the two nurseries. Admission to Leu Gardens is \$10.00. Bus fare will be determined by the number of people going (estimate is \$20.00 to \$30.00). We need to get an estimate of how many are interested in going so we can calculate the exact cost per person and set a date. Sign up at the next meeting or, if you will miss the next meeting but are interested in the trip, please email Steve and Marilyn Byram at bgtbnewsletter@gmail.com or leave a message at 813-949-0503.



Harry P. Leu Gardens



Russells Bromeliads



Color Zone Tropicals



Minutes, July 21, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President, Tom Wolfe

Visitors welcomed: Tina, Allison, Pat and Doug

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

Workshop: Presented by Tom Wolfe. Variegation Issues. Stripes/striations should be the same throughout the plant or points will be taken off in a judged show.

Old Business: Annual dues are past due. See Julie Lessard.

New Business: Field Trip to Leu Gardens, Russell's Bromeliads, and Color Zone
Tropicals

Birthday Plant: won by H.T. Sisco

Door Prize Plant: won by Dave Johnston

Show and Tell: Plants were shown by Eileen Hart: Alcaevriesias Inferno, Guzmania Torch
Claunformis; Dave Johnston: Vriesia splendens, splenriet; Tom Wolfe: Aechmea
cuckoolata, Annas hybrid, Tillandsia

Refreshments and Raffle

Program: presented by Dr. John and Kathleen Utley. Program title: "Tropical Habitats
and Their Plants.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Byram, Acting Secretary.

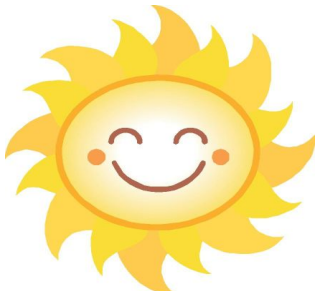
Meeting Snapshots - July 21, 2014



MEMBERS ATTENTION:

Please make sure your pots and plants are clean with no dirt on the outside of pots and label with nametags.

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: Jason Beck, Steve Byram, Deborah Farrel, Herb Hill, June Hill, 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.



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Bromeliad Society International— www.bsi.org

Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies— www.fcbs.org

Marie Selby Botanical Gardens— www.selby.org

Bromeliads Online - <http://www.bromeliads.co.nz/index.html>

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,

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