

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



September, 2011



Dennis Cathcart

**BROMELIAD GUILD OF TAMPA BAY, INC.
2629 BAYSHORE BOULEVARD
TAMPA GARDEN CLUB
Meeting Monday, September 19, 2011,
7:30 PM; DOORS OPEN AT 7:00 PM
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

SPEAKER: Dennis Cathcart, world traveler, explorer, hybridizer, grower, collector, author and owner/operator of Tropiflora Nursery in Sarasota, Florida will be our guest speaker.

He and his wife, Linda, own and operate Tropiflora, established in 1976, which remains one of the largest collector-oriented exotic plant nurseries in the United States.

Dennis is the author of Cargo Report which is full of interesting collecting stories and information on bromeliads, orchids, succulents and other exotics.

Dennis has made over 100 collecting trips to more than twenty-seven countries, sometimes accompanied at times by Linda and other collectors.

His program will be on “Remembering Wally Berg”. He will talk about the many trips that Dennis and Wally made and about Wally’s landscape, etc.

You should not miss this exciting program.

Tom Wolfe, Program Chairman



Minutes of August 15, 2011 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Beverly Sisco.

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept the minutes as published in the newsletter made by Steve Byram, seconded by Dave Fulkerson.

Treasurer's Report: Paula Benway reported that we have a total of \$10,711.75 in our accounts.

Old Business: Extravaganza, November 4-6 at Plaza Resort & Spa Hotel in Daytona Beach. Registration is \$60.00 per person. Hotel room is \$99.00 per night. Theme is "The Art of Bromeliads".

New Business: Two of our future meeting dates have been changed from the 3rd Monday of the month: The December meeting (party) is 12/12 and the April meeting is 4/23.

Announcements: Rhoda Smith's garden was featured on Channel 8 News. (tbo.com/Island Paradise)

Birthday Plant: Carol Wolfe

Door Prize: Marilyn Byram

Show and Tell: Plants were shown by Lyla Shepard and Janet Stoffels.

Motion to adjourn made by Tom Wolfe, seconded by Verna Dickey

Refreshments

Program: Program titled "It's All About Shows" was presented by Tom Wolfe. He explained the differences between judged show categories such as horticultural displays vs. decorative containers.

Raffle

Respectfully submitted by Steve Byram, Secretary

The beautiful garden of our friend, Bill Carr, was featured on News Channel 8. The official title is "The Garden Today: Growing Knowledge", but Bill calls it "The old man in the garden - My 2 minutes of fame". Click on the link below to view the video segment.

<http://www2.tbo.com/news/2011/sep/08/the-garden-today-growing-knowledge-36144-vi-24040/>





Welcome to The Art of Bromeliads 2011 Extravaganza

The Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society is pleased to host their **3rd Bromeliad Extravaganza** in Daytona Beach as sponsored by [The Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies](#).

This November we are pleased to be joined by the [International Cryptanthus Society Show](#) and as a wonderful addition to the event there will be a morning reception at the nearby [Peabody Auditorium](#) for **The Art of Bromeliads Exhibition**.

Take advantage of **plant sales** by bromeliad vendors from all over the United States.

Enjoy seminars, raffles, and silent auctions.

Take part in our Saturday evening banquet followed by the **Bromeliad Rare Plant Auction**.

Enjoy a Sunday morning reception in the Rose Room Gallery at Peabody Auditorium viewing the bromeliad art from an open call to artists. Works may be purchased and taken with you. Smaller works will be available at the Saturday sale.

Please join us for this rare “artful bromeliad” opportunity!





The Art of Bromeliads 2011 Extravaganza



Hosted by

Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society

Free Parking for the weekend!

November 4-6, 2011

The Plaza Resort & Spa Daytona Beach

Sponsored by The Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies

Enjoy your stay at The Plaza Resort & Spa - located right on the beach, central to all popular Daytona Beach attractions. 600 N. Atlantic Avenue Daytona Beach, FL 32118.

Ask for Bromeliad Extravaganza \$99 room rate

Website: www.plazaresortandspa.com/

Toll Free: 1.800.DAYTONA

Phone: 386-255-4471

Fax: 386-253-9935

Email: cres@innercircledaytona.com



Conference Registration \$60 Make checks payable to FECBS

Detach at dotted line and mail to:

*Eve Krauth, Treasurer
Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society
1904 Poppy Lane
Port Orange, Fl. 32128*

Name (s) _____

Address _____

Email _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

Banquet Dinner: Chicken Tuscany *Salmon with Dill-Cucumber* Eggplant Napoleon

Do you plan to attend Friday night reception? yes no maybe

Will you attend the Sunday morning reception for the Art of Bromeliads Exhibition?

yes no maybe

September 1, 2011

Fellow Bromeliad Enthusiasts:

The Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies is hosting the 2012 World Conference in Orlando, Florida. The conference "Orlandiana 2012" runs from September 24th until September 30th. We are hoping you will join us at The Caribe Royal, 8101 World Center Drive, Orlando, FL 32821.

As Raffle and Silent Auction Chairpersons, we are requesting that your Society help support this endeavor. We are planning on creating baskets and special gifts and can use your help. Any donations of local items or bromeliad related items would be most appreciated. We realize that due to the rising costs of bagging and shipping items to Florida, it might be more convenient to send a check or money order.

All donations should be mailed to John and Janet Bankhead, 1367 Summerlin Drive, Clearwater, FL 33764. Checks or money orders should be made payable to Orlandiana 2012.

If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail us at JBankhead@tampabay.rr.com We are looking forward to hearing from you and seeing you at the Conference.

Sincerely,
John Bankhead and Janet Bankhead
Raffle and Silent Auction Chairs

August 15 BGTB Meeting Snapshots



Pre-Meeting Conversation



Plant Sales



Any New Business?



Lyla's Plant Matches her Outfit



Janet's Show & Tell



Program on Shows



Speaker: Tom Wolfe



Ready for Raffle



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- * Plant City Garden Club's Annual Garden Fest. Flowers, herbs, garden art & speakers. Plant City Train Depot, 102 Palmer St. September 24.
- * Bromeliad Extravaganza. "The Art of Bromeliads". Plaza Resort and Spa in Daytona Beach, November 4-6, 2011
- * BSI World Conference, Orlando FL, September 24-30, 2012.



Happy Birthday!

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, deviled 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.

September Birthdays: Verna Dickey, Kay Miller, Beverly Sisco, Walter Stahl, Shellie Sweet



Sunshine Greetings

Please notify Eileen Prins of any illness, surgery, birth of a child, death in the family, or other concerns you or another member may have. Call 727-546-9590 or email at sprins1012@earthlink.net



Officers for 2011-2012

President: Beverly Sisco 813-968-5726 btsgarden@msn.com
Vice President: Verna Dickey 813-685-1055 vernald@verizon.net
Treasurer: Paula Benway 813-985-3584 paulabenway@aol.com
Secretary: Steve Byram 813-949-0503 byramsteve@gmail.com
Newsletter Editor: Marilyn Byram 813-949-0503 byramm@verizon.net

Directors: Bob Benway 813-985-3584 paulabenway@aol.com
Harriet Gord 813-727-6567 lrcq@tampabay.rr.com
Eileen Hart 813-920-2987
Dave Mracek 813-968-3666 VENFLDJM@hotmail.com
Tom Wolfe 813-961-1475 BromeliadSociety@juno.com

Committee Chairs

Parliamentarian: Mike Sweet
Librarian: Harriet Gord
Show: Paula Benway and Verna Dickey
Membership: Eileen Kahl and Harriet Henry
Publicity: Shellie Sweet
Programs: Tom Wolfe
Sunshine: Eileen Prins



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 or email address changes, please inform Marilyn Byram at 21535 Northwood Drive, Lutz, 33549 or byramm@verizon.net





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!

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