

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



September, 2012

President's Message



Hi, all,

Well here we are with new problems to solve. The board met on the 26th and discussed the logistical and financial problems and some solutions. The results will be brought before the membership for discussion and action on Sept. 10th (which is our meeting date for Sept. because of Labor Day). I won't be there because vacation was

already scheduled 9 months ago. Beverly will preside as Dave is not back yet. Hope all is well with everyone.

Eileen

September 10, 2012, Meeting

SPEAKER: JAY THURROTT, PRESIDENT OF THE BROMELIAD SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL

Jay Thurrott will present our September 10, 2012 program entitled **"WHY YOUR PLANTS DIDN'T WIN A BLUE RIBBON."**

Jay and his wife, Calandra, live in Port Orange, Florida and have been growing bromeliads for many years. They are both BSI accredited judges and Jay is the current President of the BSI.

Jay always presents a program that appeals to the novice grower as well as the seasoned grower.

Please plan to hear Jay's program on September 10th. Remember that is the following Monday after Labor Day and one week earlier than usual.

Tom Wolfe
Program Chairman



Minutes, August 20, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President Eileen Hart.

Visitors were welcomed as well as returning member, Eileen Kahl.

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept the minutes as written in the newsletter was made by Tom Wolfe and seconded by Beverly Sisco.

Treasurer's Report: No treasurer's report due to Paula Benway's absence.

Announcements: There will be a Board of Directors meeting at Eileen Hart's house Sunday, August 26, at 2:00 p.m.

New Business: Our meeting date was changed by the Garden Club. The next meeting will be September 10. After that the meetings will be on the first Monday of each month. The rent has also been raised from \$175.00 to \$250.00 per month. There was a discussion regarding searching for a new location for meetings. Tom Wolfe made a motion to table the discussion till after the next board meeting.

Birthday Plant: Won by Dave Fulkerson

Door Prize: Won by Susan Weeks

Show and Tell: Verna Dickey, Tom Wolfe, and Dave Johnston

Meeting Adjourned

Program "Into the Lost World" was presented by Bruce Holst

Refreshments

Raffle

Respectfully submitted by Steve Byram, Secretary



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.

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



Bromeliad FAQ

Will my bromeliad bloom again?

Most of the bromeliads that people grow only bloom a single time. As the plants grow by adding new leaves from the center, it becomes impossible to continue growth after flowering since the inflorescence blocks new leaf growth. The plants direct their energy into growing new vegetative offsets (pups) from growing buds at the base of the leaves. Some species of *Dyckia* and *Hechtia* grow lateral inflorescences (from the side rather than the center of the plant). These plants are free to add leaves from the center of original plant continuing its growth (they also pup freely). Some plants in the uncommonly grown genus *Deuterocohnia* can actually re-bloom on an existing inflorescence. Some can bloom for up to six years on one of these perennial flower spikes.

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



Upcoming Events

Sept. 22: Garden Fest in the Park by the Plant City Garden Club. Train Depot, 102 N. Palmer St., Plant City. 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sept. 26-30: Orlandiana World Bromeliad Conference, Caribe Royale, 80101 World Center Dr., Orlando, FL



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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 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.



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





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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fcbs.org

**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,
USA

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



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.

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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