

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



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September 2013

**BGTB Program
Monday, September 16, 2013
Our Speaker: Tom Wolfe**

Unique Ways to Use Bromeliads



Our program this month will be presented by Tom Wolfe who will illustrate growing bromeliads in baskets, on driftwood and more.

Tom joined the Bromeliad Guild in 1965. Over the years he has held many positions in the Guild including serving as president seven times.

He became an accredited Bromeliad Society International Judge in 1982 and is now a BSI Accredited Master Judge as well as an instructor. He also served on the BSI Board of Directors for 14 years serving as Director, Secretary, six years as Vice President and served two consecutive terms as President.

Tom has designed and installed many residential and commercial landscapes featuring bromeliads. He is in demand as a speaker throughout Florida and the United States. Tom has worked many years promoting bromeliads on the local, state, national, and international levels.

Tom and his wife, Carol live in Lutz and grow their bromeliads on their 2.5 acres of land and greenhouses.

Our Hosts -

Julie Lessard and Allen Langworthy are providing 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.



Minutes, August 19, 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 Allen Langworthy.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Paula Benway reported we have \$2668.10 in our checking account plus \$4564.14 in the CD. Total is \$7232.24. The report will be filed for audit.

Workshop: Tom Wolfe gave a workshop on variegated Neoregelia crosses that are similar and easily confused.

Committee Reports: Publicity - Bill Carr talked about the importance of calling attention to our club. Media outlets, i.e. Facebook, Website, Newspapers, etc.

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

Doorprize won by Beverly Millar

Birthday Plant won by Steve Byram

Show and Tell: Tom Wolfe - Tillandsia brachycaulos, Cr Fasciculata
Steve Byram - Neoregelia spectabilis, Billbergia pyramidalis

Refreshments and Raffle

Program Terrie Bert presented a program titled "Pitcairnia, Portea, & Puya."

Respectfully submitted by Ray Hernandez, Secretary

Bromeliad FAQ

Are there any insect pests?

The main pests of bromeliads are scale and mealy bugs. Scale will look like little round dots covering the top or bottom of the leaves. Mealy bug will look like a white cottony patch. For small outbreaks, these can both be treated by wiping over them with a cotton swab dipped in rubbing alcohol. For more wide spread infestations, try mixing a little mild dishwashing detergent or baby shampoo with water and spraying the infected plants. The soap will coat and suffocate the insects. It is recommended to rinse the plants off with clean water to make sure the pores on the leaves are open so the plant can breathe. DO NOT use heavy oil based insecticides as these are likely to choke the plant as well.

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



August 19 Meeting Snapshots



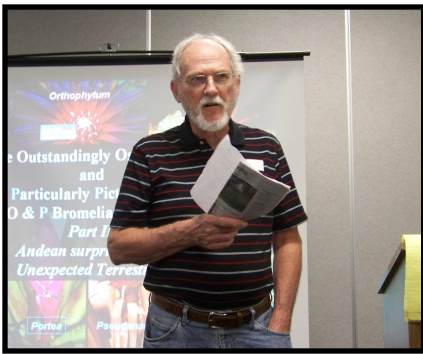
Shopping



Call to Order



Workshop by Tom Wolfe



Publicity Report



Tom Wolfe - Show 'n' Tell



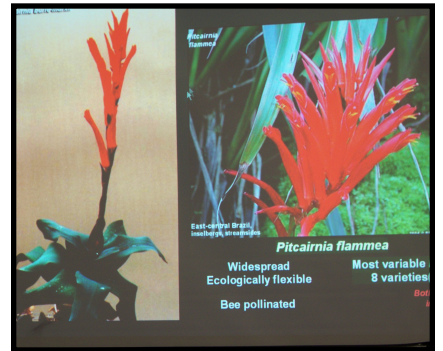
Steve Byram - Show 'n' Tell



Refreshment Time



Program by Terrie Bert



Pitcairnia flammea



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)

September 28-29, 2013

Sarasota Bromeliad Society Show and Sale

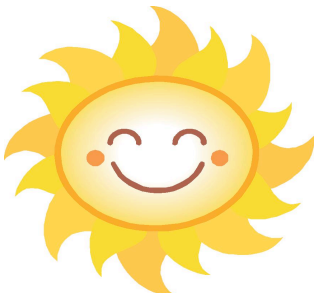
Marie Selby Botanical Gardens

811 S. Palm Avenue

Sarasota, FL 34236

<http://sarasotabromeliadsociety.org/index.php>

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



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

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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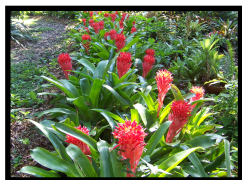
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Bromeliad Society International— www.bsi.org

Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies— www.fcbs.org

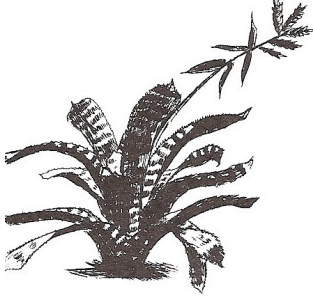
Marie Selby Botanical Gardens— www.selby.org

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, door prizes, raffle & refreshments
Visitors welcome!

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