

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



November, 2012



President's Message

Hi, all,

Winter is coming - get ready - frost cloth is a good thing!. See you at the meeting this time, I promise!!

Eileen

**Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay will hold its regularly
scheduled meeting on**

Monday, November 19, 2012

Speaker will be Dr. Terrie Bert from Sarasota, Florida.

She will be discussing bromeliad family genus Orthophytums to Pergas.



In this talk, Dr. Bert will discuss groups of bromeliad genera according to the habitat (s) they inhabit in nature. We'll journey through the many beautiful New World habitats where bromeliads live and learn about some adaptations bromeliad genera have made to enable them to thrive in those habitats. This journey will take us from the ocean's edge and seasonally flooded lowlands to the highest and driest desert in the world. In this overview, we'll see ways in which bromeliads enrich ecosystems while adding beauty to the surroundings.

Background: Dr. Terrie Bert is a longstanding member of the Sarasota Bromeliad Society (SBS) and the Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society and has held multiple offices in the SBS. She also served the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies (FCBS) as a representative and officer for eight years. For the Bromeliad Society International, she has been a Florida Director and chaired several international committees. She currently is Librarian, Curator of the Wally Berg Award of Excellence, and an internationally accredited Master Judge. She's given over 100 presentations on bromeliads to numerous U.S. and international bromeliad societies and other groups. She has authored articles for the BSI Journal and the FCBS newsletter. She cultivates approximately 2,000 different bromeliads in 24 genera. She's won multiple top awards in local bromeliad shows and BSI world conferences and is a volunteer for and contributor to the BSI Bromeliad Identification Center.

Terrie has a Ph.D. in marine biology and is a research scientist for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Her hobbies also include SCUBA diving.

Tom Wolfe
Program Chair

Upcoming Events

November 23 - January 1. Holiday Lights in the Garden. Florida Botanical Gardens with over 500,000 LEDs. 12520 Ulmerton Rd., Largo. www.fbg.org



Minutes, October 15, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Dave Mracek.

Returning member, Bob Teems, was welcomed.

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

Announcements: Harriet Gord announced that a "wingspan" raffle tickets will be given to members with birthdays each month. She and Shirley Perez are in charge of the raffle table. Harriet asked that everyone please donate to the raffle table. It does not have to be bromeliads.

Tom Wolfe gave a Florida Council Meeting Report. The next Extravaganza will be September 21, 2013 at Indian Rocks Beach Harborside. Room rates are \$109.00.

We received a ribbon for the displays at the recent World Conference. The Kaleidoscope and the Florida Map of Botanical Gardens were both creations by Dave Fulkerson. Robert Nelson was thanked for setting up the displays. The profit for the raffle at the World Conference was \$7,760.00.

The 2014 World Conference will be in Hawaii.

Harriet Gord will bring our library books for silent auction at our meetings and then bring the rest to next year's Extravaganza at Indian Rocks.

New Business: We received an invitation to participate in the show with the Federation next spring. The dates are April 20-22.

We voted to enter a display in the State Fair which will be Feb. 7-18, 2013.

There was a discussion about using some of our own members to give talks occasionally. A sign-up sheet for volunteers was passed among members.

Everyone in attendance received free Tillandsias which were a gift from Bill Tims.

Show and Tell - by Tom Wolfe.

Meeting adjourned.

Refreshments

Program Program "The Other Neoregelia: Subgenus Hylaeaicum" was presented by Charlie Birdsong.

Raffle

Respectfully submitted by Steve Byram, secretary



October Meeting Snapshots



Directions to Meeting Location

Christ the King Catholic Church
821 South Dale Mabry Highway
Tampa, Florida

The church parking lot entrance is approximately .6 of a mile south of Kennedy Blvd., and 1.2 miles south of Interstate 275.

The entrance is directly across the street from the I Hop restaurant.

Someone will be in the parking lot to guide you.



Bromeliad FAQ

When should I remove the new plants forming around the original?

Bromeliads can start forming pups at any time, but most start pupping after they bloom. These pups are ready to be separated when they reach about 1/3 to 1/2 the size of the parent plant. If the pup is starting to form roots, that's a good indication that the plant can survive on its own. Pups may be removed by cutting with a sharp knife or clippers as close to the mother plant as possible.

The longer you leave the pups on the mother plant the quicker they will reach maturity (taking nourishment from mom). Feel free to trim back the leaves of the parent plant if they start interfering with the growth of a pup. Alternatively, taking the pups a bit smaller will encourage the mother plant to throw more pups sooner. It depends on whether you want a bunch of plants (for bedding or to share with friends) or if you just want a few that will mature quicker. If you are in a colder climate you may want to wait until spring time to remove pups that would otherwise be ready to remove in the winter as pups don't usually root well when it's cold. Alternatively, if you have a number of evenly spaced pups around the mother, you may opt to cut away the mother plant and let the pups form a clump.

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



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.

November Birthdays: Marilyn Byram, Bill Carr, Marcia Hunter, Eileen Kahl



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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





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, 821 South Dale Mabry Highway, Tampa

Informative programs, workshops, Show & Tell, plant sales,
door prizes, raffle & refreshments
Visitors welcome!

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