

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



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November, 2015

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE NOVEMBER 2015



A big thanks to Mike O'Leary for an informative and fun program. Genus *Aechmea* won as King of Bromeliad genus.

The field trip to Rob Branch's property is **Saturday, November 14th**, for those who need a ride, meet at the church at 8:00 AM. Let Ray Hernandez know if you need a ride. Rob's address is 1315 38th Street, Sarasota, FL.

At the meeting this month, **Monday, November 16, 2015**, Ken Stokes will conduct a workshop and Robert Nelson will present the program.

Mark your calendars for **December 14, 2015 for the BGTB Christmas Party** will be the second Monday of December at 6:30 PM at our normal meeting room. There will be no meeting but we will share a Christmas dinner and hold our semi-annual auction. Eileen Hart will be circulating a sign-up sheet for food.

Set up for the Florida State Fair will be the first week of February – exact date provided later. Fair opens **February 4th through the 14th**.

March 5 & 6, 2016 will be the Spring Show BGTB with the Tampa Federation of Garden Clubs located at Tampa Garden Club, 2629 Bayshore Boulevard, Tampa, FL 33629. Please start now to sort, prune, and groom your best bromeliads for our Spring Show. Please block out March 5 & 6th so you will be available to help with our show as we will be doing preparation all that week setting up and preparing for the show.

See you at the meeting!

Tom Wolfe, President



BGTB MEETING

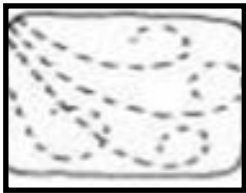
NOVEMBER 16, 2015

SPEAKER: Robert Nelson, "Out of the Box"

Our speaker for BGTB's NOVEMBER 16, 2015 program will be our own Robert Nelson. Robert has been a member for several years and has a formidable collection of well grown bromeliads as well as many in his landscape. Robert program is entitled "Out of the Box." It sounds like a surprise program!

Robert lives in the Plant City area with his wife, Charlotte, and the family dog. Robert has been a hard working member since day one. We need many more members like him. Robert has served his second term on the Board of Directors and the nominating committee.

Don't miss his program!



Humidity and Air Circulation

Humidity and good air circulation are essential. Humidity can be increased in the house by humidifiers, grouping plants together, misting frequently, and setting the pot on rocks in a plant saucer, with water kept below pot level in the saucer. Plastic saucers are best, because clay ones absorb moisture, and may mar surfaces. Nidulariums, vrieseas, and guzmanias require higher humidity. Mounted bromeliads require good air circulation. Bromeliads in nature are often found in areas with prominent wind currents. Invest in a fan to move the air if you grow bromeliads in an enclosed space.

Excerpt from "Bromeliad Culture Brochure," Bromeliad Society International



Dues are Due!

It's time to renew your BGTB membership. Your membership expires at the end of next month. Please fill out the application/renewal form in this newsletter and bring it to the next meeting or mail it to our Membership Chair, Julie Lessard, 807 Knight Street, Seffner, FL 33584.



Minutes, October 19, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Tom Wolfe

The minutes of the last meeting as written in the Newsletter were accepted unanimously.

There was no treasurer's report.

Tom reported that he and Dave Johnston had gone to the Southwest Guild Show for bromeliads and cryptanthus at the time of the USF Botanical Gardens sale. Robert Nelson reported that Douglass Wells was the reason the club did so well at the sale. He said that not only did Douglass get bromeliads from members not going, but he was responsible to see that all were tagged. We thank Douglass for all of his work to make it successful. There was a total of \$1453.98 taken in, less expenses netted us \$931.78.

The nominating committee made up by Julie Lessard, Pamela Slagg, Douglass Wells, and Robert Nelson presented the following names for office: Vice Pres: Ray Hernandez, Treasurer: Paula Benway, Newsletter: Marilyn Byram. Offices not filled are President and Secretary. Anyone willing to fill these positions needs to contact Julie Lessard,

Old business:

Tampa Garden Center show on Nov. 13, and 14. Miniature display.

Field trip to Rob Branch's garden in Sarasota.

New Business:

December 5 – Visit Dottie Kellogg's garden in Odessa.

Show and Tell:

Ken Stokes, Dave Johnston, and Kathie Gorman showed their plants and described them for us.

Visitors attending were Mark Garcia, Linda Reynolds, Selma Sappenfield, Elle Dodard, and Annette Williams. Selma and Elle joined. Welcome to the club.

Ken Stokes moved the meeting be dismissed, and Rick Hunter seconded the motion.

Michael O'Leary presented the program he named "Which Bromeliad is King". He proceeded to show Aechmeas, Billbergias, Neoregelias, Tillansias, Vrieseas, give their outstanding characteristics, and describe their blooms. Thank you, Michael, for a very interesting program.

Submitted by Dottie Kellogg



Bromeliad Extravaganza September 2015

Miami, Florida



Display in the Hotel Lobby



Sales Room



Hundreds of Baskets to be Ruffled



Dr. Jeffrey Block Speaking with Guests in his Greenhouse



Tom and Carol Wolfe at Block Botanical Gardens



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Craig Morell, Botanist
Pinecrest Gardens



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November 13 and 14 (Friday & Saturday) Garden Fest and Holiday Market 2015
Tampa Garden Club, 2629 Bayshore Boulevard, Tampa, FL 33629.

November 14 (Saturday) Field Trip to Rob Branch's Garden
Garden will be open from 9:00 a.m. to Noon
1315 38th St, Sarasota Florida

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



Happy Birthday!



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

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 Guild of Tampa Bay - www.bromeliadguildoftampabay.org



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/562988247096958/>

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!

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



BROMELIAD GUILD OF TAMPA BAY

Membership Application/Renewal

Memberships: Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 each Year

Please Print

Name _____ Birth Month _____

Second Name _____ Birth Month _____

Phone (____) _____ Email _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Date of Application _____

Please check one:

_____ \$25.00 Single Membership

_____ \$30.00 Family Membership

**Make checks payable to BGTB
Submit with application to:**

**Julie Lessard
807 Knight St.
Seffner, FL 33584**

How did you hear about BGTB?

___ Friend ___ Newspaper ___ Facebook ___ BGTB Website ___ Plant Festival or Show

___ Other (Please specify) _____

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