

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FEBRUARY, 2019

A big thank you to Tom Wolfe, Robert Nelson, Jill and Guido Zakaroff, Verna and Robert Dickey, Julie Lessard, Rick and Marcia Hunter, Chris Robinson, Mary Watkins, Bob and Eileen Hart, Lois Sadd, Mark and Cheryl Victor, and Marilyn Byram for their hard work in setting up our fair display and/or assistance in tending our fair booth on various days and times.

Many of the plants in our display were loaned to us by members, but the ones that we purchased will be available for you to purchase at our next meeting.

We will begin the new raffle procedure at the March meeting. Tom Wolfe will explain the new plan in detail at the meeting next week.



Our Florida State Fair Display

We are planning a field trip to Sunken Gardens in St. Petersburg in April. If there is enough interest, we might also visit the Green Thumb Festival as well. The trip is tentatively set for April 27.

There are several exciting Bromeliad events coming up:

The BSSF Annual Show at Fairchild Gardens from March 30-31, 2019 at 10901 Old Cutler Rd., in Coral Gables, FL 33156 (<https://www.fairchildgarden.org/Events-Community-Outreach>);



The Bromeliad Extravaganza at Spring Hill Suites & Town Place Suites, September 20-21, 2019, at 8040 Palm Parkway on Lake Buena Vista in Orlando (near Disney Springs)

The BSI World Conference at the Sarasota Hyatt Regency Hotel, June 9-13, 2020 at 1000 Boulevard of the Arts in Sarasota, FL 34236.

I have had the wonderful privilege of attending several of these events in the past and they will be worth your time! Please make plans to attend one (or all of them) - you'll be glad you did!

See you at the next meeting,

Steve

P.S. Life is a garden. . . Dig in!



Next Meeting: February 25, 2019

SPEAKER: Alton Lee

"Cryptanthus: A Wonderful, Overlooked Bromeliad Group"

Alton has been collecting plants since he was a child in Pennsylvania but during a move to Florida in 1971 he discovered bromeliads and joined the Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society in 1972. A short time later he became

President of the Society.

Alton is a writer by trade and has published many articles over the years in numerous publications including the *Journal of the Bromeliad Society International* and the *Florida Council of Bromeliad Society Newsletter* as well as many other horticultural publications.

He lives in Gulfport with his two large and very active cats surrounded by an obscenely huge number of bromeliads and other tropical plants.

**Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay
Minutes of Meeting January 28, 2019**

Welcome by President, Steve Byram

Program was presented by Robert Nelson, "Mounting Bromeliads to your Favorite Things". Long-time member Robert Nelson had a great display of bromeliads on driftwood and other thrift store finds that were very attractive in his presentation. He

shared tips on how to use a diamond bit tool for drainage and recommended e6000 glue because it is waterproof. Thanks to Robert for a good program. We can use his techniques and advice for our gardens.

Show and Tell: Eileen Hart, *Canistropsis seidelii*; Mary Watkins, Tillandsias mounted on driftwood; Verna Dickey, *Billbergia amoena*; Tom Wolfe, *Aechmea Coppertone* and *Tillandsia loliacea* (smallest tillandsia); Jill Zakaroff, *Neoregelia 'Pedatress'* planted in a glass lamp base.

Business Meeting Called to order by Steve Byram

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept the minutes as published in the newsletter made by Verna Dickey, seconded by Julie Lessard.

Treasurer's Report by Paula Benway. The report will be filed for audit.

Announcements: Our club will be hosting the Florida Council meeting Feb 23 at the home of David Crouch in Land O' Lakes.

A new refreshment schedule was published in the January newsletter. Please check and see if there are any conflicts and notify Marilyn Byram.

A field trip to Sunken Gardens in St. Petersburg is being planned for April. Details will be announced later.

New Business: Florida State Fair will be Feb. 7-18. Our booth will be set up on Feb. 4 at 6:30 p.m. Take down will be Feb 19 at 10:00 a.m. A sign-up sheet was sent around for members to sign up on the work dates for the fair. Hours will be 10:00-1:00 and 1:00-4:00. Tom Wolfe will get tickets for the volunteers. Marilyn and Steve Byram ordered a new backdrop and new flooring carpet for the booth. Tom Wolfe has some palms for the background.

A discussion was held on the plant raffle. A silent auction will be tried in the future. A cup will be placed in front of each plant for raffle tickets. Thank you for bringing quality plants for the plant raffle.

Birthday plant won by Julie Lessard

Motion to Adjourn the meeting by Tom Wolfe. Seconded by Rick Hunter

Refreshments and Raffle.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Hunter

SNAPSHOTS FROM BGTB MEETING JANUARY 28



Eileen Hart - *Canistropsis seidelii*



Speaker - Robert Nelson



Mary Watkins with mounted Tillandsias



Verna Dickey - *Billbergia amoena*



Raffle time



Tom Wolfe - *Aechmea Coppertone*



Robert with his creatively mounted plants



Jill Zakaroff with Neo. 'Predatress' planted in a lamp base



It's time to renew your BGTB membership. Your membership expired on December 31, 2018. Please fill out the application/renewal form in this newsletter and bring it to the next meeting or mail it to Richard Hunter, 2105 Colewood Lane, Dover, FL 33527. Only \$25.00 for single membership or \$30.00 for family.

REFRESHMENTS FOR THE FEBRUARY MEETING . . .



will be provided by Beverly Owen, Pam Slagg, Tom Wolfe, and Jill Zakaroff,

Suggestions: chips & dip, veggies, salsa, crackers, cheese, popcorn, favorite recipes, pies, pizza, brownies, fudge, cookies, cakes, candies, deviled eggs, and beverages.

February Birthdays: Tom Wolfe

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.





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 813-600-9771 or email at taxxmaam@tampabay.rr.com

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Marie Selby Botanical Gardens— www.selby.org

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BROMELIAD GUILD OF TAMPA BAY

Membership Application/Renewal

Memberships: January 1 to December 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:

Richard Hunter

2105 Colewood Lane

Dover, FL 33527

How did you hear about BGTB?

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

___ Other (Please specify) _____

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay, Inc.

Established 1963

Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of every month.

Plant sales at 7:00 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Where: Christ the King Catholic Church, Mary Martha Center, Rooms 201-202

821 S. Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa

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