

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



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March 2020

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE MARCH, 2020



Our thanks to Dennis Cathcart of Tropiflora Nursery in Sarasota for a great program last month, *Understanding Bromeliads*. He always gives an informative program. Tropiflora Nursery will be on the tours in June for the World Conference being held in Sarasota. However, you don't have to wait for the conference as Dennis and Linda always welcome you to their nursery during regular business hours.

We achieved our goal in installing a display at the Florida State Fair which we will receive an award of \$350. I like Robert Nelson's idea to start working on next year's display now and go for the "Public's Choice" which awards an additional \$150. Let's help Robert and if you have creative talent and abilities, let Robert know that you will help in the planning stage this year.

USF SALE: Go and support our USF Sale the second weekend of the month, April 11th & 12th from 10:00 to 4 on Saturday and from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Sunday. If you are available, please volunteer a few hours to help Dave Johnston, Sales Chairman, with the sales, especially on Saturday.

DUES ARE DUE. Please rejoin by the end of the month as the grace period for dues ends March 31st for receiving newsletters and being on the roster of the FCBS.

PROGRAM: We will have an unusual and interesting program from Teresa Eddy, a certified florist, showing us how to use natural materials from our own yards to make artistic arrangements. You can learn how and enter an artistic arrangement in the WBC.



VISITORS: Our meetings are always open to visitors and free. Please invite your friends and relatives to the meetings. Our great newsletter editor, Marilyn Byram, will email them the next three monthly newsletters and they can attend the meetings and see if they want to join us. We have a great year of speakers lined up!

RAFFLE PLANTS: We want our visitors and members to have a great start with bromeliads from the raffle. Please bring in nice clean plants, no scale, and something that you would be proud for our guests and members to receive. If they are bare root plants, please wash the dirt off or wrap the roots in a plastic bag with a rubber band. We want to take care of the facility and keep it clean and establish a good reputation with the landlord as well as providing great bromeliads. Tickets for the raffle are \$1 apiece or 6 tickets for \$5.00, 14 tickets for \$10.00. These are the lowest prices for bromeliad purchases so buy your raffle tickets from Steve Byram.

SHOW & TELL: Again, our apologies to everyone that brought plant and did not get to share them due to time constraints. Please bring them this month and again, a prize to the Number One most votes bromeliad!

PLEASE NOTE THESE CHANGES & MARK YOU CALENDAR

3RD Monday, March 16th Meeting in the McLaughlin Building, Room C at 7:00 PM (our normal date, time, and place for this meeting)

2nd Monday, April 13th Meeting in the McLaughlin Building, Room C at 7:00 PM
School carnival will be held in parking lot on our regular meeting night so we will meet the 2nd Monday.

3rd Monday, May 18th Meeting will be in the Mary Martha Building, 2nd floor due to school activities in the McLaughlin building.

See you at the meeting!

Tom

BGTB MEETING AGENDA

- Call to order
- Welcome to guests
- Welcome New Members
- Birthday wishes & drawing
- Minutes as published
- Treasurer's report
- Raffle table - review
- Introduce speaker
- OLD Business
- NEW Business
- Motion to close business meeting
- BREAK – Refreshments
- Workshop
- Show & Tell
- Raffle drawing



The Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay's next meeting, Monday, March 16, 2020 at 7 PM.

The speaker, Teresa Eddy, an Orlando native, a florist, an avid gardener, a retired special education teacher, and the owner of Patioscapes, a container garden business. She derives her eclectic and unique floral design style from her travels throughout the United States, Europe and Asia.

Teresa is a florist that likes to stress that arrangements can be fun and easy using plant material that is available "in your backyard" or

maybe your neighbor's backyard! This program will cover unique and unusual floral and foliage arrangements from plants you find in your own garden and landscape.

She teaches floral arrangements at workshops, botanical gardens and horticultural events.

For her flora arrangements, she uses an assortment of Florida's beautiful tropical plant material along with found objects and an assortment of recycled and readily-available plant containers.

Her classes are an approved Continuing Education Units (CEU's) available to FNGLA Certified Professionals upon request.

Are you a member of BSI?

That's the Bromeliad Society International, in case you were wondering. They are a wonderful organization and if you are not currently a member, they have just announced a terrific deal that you should seriously consider taking advantage of. Now, for a limited time during their current membership drive you can join BSI for just \$15!!! This is a onetime only special rate and it applies only if you are not currently a BSI member or been a member in the recent past (in other words, it doesn't apply to renewals).

Give it a try, after all, there's not much that you can buy for \$15 and this will give you a full one year membership and allows you to register for the upcoming BSI World Conference in Sarasota. To take advantage of this opportunity visit the BSI website at www.bsi.org for your membership application and further details.

June 9-13, 2020

**The BSI World Bromeliad Conference 2020 will be held in Sarasota, Florida from Tuesday, June 9, 2020 through Saturday, June 13, 2020
Visit BSI.org and look under World Bromeliad Conference**

Many thanks to the following for their raffle donations at the last meeting!

Anna Hartman - Neoregelia 'Purple Star', Neoregelia Jill, Nidularium fulgens

Marian Kennell - Orthophytum magalhaesii - species from Brazil

Eileen Hart - Quesnelia marmorata, Aechmea hybrid, Cryptanthus 'Elaine',

Quesnelia marmorata 'Tim Plowman', Neoregelia marmorata variegated

Verna Dickey - Aechmea weilbacchi, Aechmea 'Royal Wine', Aechmea 'Foster's Favorite'

Steve Byram - Neoregelia 'Martin'

Brunilda Wicker - Neoregelia 'Best Clone'

Robert Nelson - Aechmea bromeliifolia

Tom Wolfe - Tillandsia capitata pink form

Chris Robinson - unidentified plant

MaryAnn Szeja - 2 unidentified plants

BGTB Meeting February 24, 2020



Call to Order - Tom Wolfe



Workshop - Kenneth Stokes



Show & Tell Table



Show 'n' Tell Table



World Conference Info -
Marian Kennell



Tom Wolfe introducing
speaker - Dennis Cathcart



Raffle Time



Sales Table



Linda Cathcart

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay
Minutes of Meeting February 24, 2020

Welcome to Guests - Brunilda Wicker, Martha Kirby, Trace Clark, Cindy Halfmann, Roslyn Means, Kathleen Reilly, and Ashley Reilly

Program: Well-known speaker, Dennis Cathcart of Tropiflora Nursery in Sarasota. He and his wife, Linda, have collected bromeliads from all over the world. He showed a slide presentation entitled "Understanding Bromeliads." He shared his wisdom and knowledge about the topic. Dennis Cathcart has lots of experiences in the bromeliad field and drew a crowd of visitors and our members from BGTB.

Refreshments

Business Meeting Called to Order by President, Tom Wolfe

Minutes: Minutes of the January 27 meeting were approved by all members.

Treasurer's report: by Rick Hunter. Will be filed for audit.

Old Business: Robert Nelson reported on our Florida State Fair display. The club was paid \$350.00 for having a bromeliad booth. We would like to thank members Verna Dickey, MaryAnn Szeja, Robert Nelson, Marilyn Byram, Chris Robinson and Tom Wolfe for setting up the display on February 3. We also thank the members who sat at the booth during the fair.

New Business: Marian Kennell encouraged everyone to attend the World Bromeliad Conference in Sarasota June 10-13, 2020. More information can be found at www.bsi.org. Members were urged to attend if possible because the location is convenient and close to Tampa. Rick Hunter made a motion to have a full-page ad in the Conference program at a cost of \$150.00. Steve Byram seconded the motion. Membership approved the motion.

Workshop: Kenneth Stokes gave a nice workshop on how to pot up bromeliads. He shared information and showed examples of healthy plants. He said it is good to take off the old roots as the bromeliads will grow new roots.

Meeting adjourned

Raffle drawing

Respectfully submitted, Marcia Hunter

2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BGTB

President - Tom Wolfe
 Vice President - Steve Byram
 Secretary - Marcia Hunter
 Treasurer - Rick Hunter
 Newsletter Editor - Marilyn Byram

Meeting Place: 7:00 PM Christ the King Catholic Church, 821 S. Dale Mabry Highway, Tampa, FL 33609
McLoughlin Center, Room C except February and May Meeting will be in the Mary Martha Bldg. 2nd Floor

BGTB 2020 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS & EVENTS

Meeting Day	Month	Speaker	Location of Event
16	MARCH	BGTB Meeting: Teresa Eddy "The Backyard Florist"	McLaughlin Building Room C
11-12	APRIL (Easter weekend)	USF Plant Sale	USF Botanical Gardens
13	APRIL	BGTB Meeting TBS Staff at Selby Gardens Will present a program on Conservation efforts in Florida	McLaughlin Building Room C
18	MAY	BGTB Meeting: Jay Thurrott, Daytona, FL	Meet Mary Martha Bldg 2nd Floor
10-13	June	WORLD BROMELIAD CONFERENCE	Hyatt Regency Sarasota, Florida
15	JUNE	BGTB Meeting: PICNIC AND AUCTION	McLaughlin Building Room C
20	JULY	BGTB Meeting Ray Lemieux, Tropiflora Sarasota, FL	McLaughlin Building Room C
17	AUGUST	BGTB Meeting John Boardman, Grower & Hybridizer, Orlando, FL	McLaughlin Building Room C
21	SEPTEMBER	BGTB Meeting: Steve Littlefield, Artist, Clearwater, FL	McLaughlin Building Room C
10-11	OCTOBER	USF SALE	USF Botanical Gardens
19	OCTOBER	BGTB Meeting Mike O'Leary, Clearwater, FL	McLaughlin Building Room C
16	NOVEMBER	BGTB Meeting: Terrie Bert, Scientist	McLaughlin Building Room C
21	DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS PARTY	McLaughlin Building Room C

**The University of South Florida Botanical Gardens
hosts their 31st annual Spring Plant Festival:**

April 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

and

April 12 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Admission is \$5 for the general public and free for Botanical Garden members and children under 12 years old.

Free parking.

Admission includes educational workshops throughout the festival.

It's time to get inspired to spruce up your garden. Ask the experts for help. The growers and plant club members will be on hand.



There will be over 70 vendors selling plants and plant-related items. Vendors at this event include local plant clubs and societies, as well as, commercial growers from throughout the state. Plants offered through clubs and societies include: butterfly plants and help on getting your butterfly garden started, African violets,

carnivorous plants, orchids, bromeliads, cactus and succulents, bamboo, bonsai, bougainvillea, native plants, camellias, tropical fruit trees, palms, gesneriads and hardier shrubs to make it through the hot summer days ahead.





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:

Carol Wolfe

5211 Lake LeClare Rd.

Lutz, Florida 33558

FOR FIRST-TIME MEMBERS: did you hear about BGTB?

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

___ Other (Please specify) _____

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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

821 S. Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa

Informative programs, Show & Tell, plant sales, door prizes, raffle & refreshments

BGTB is affiliated with Bromeliad Society International, The Cryptanthus Society, Inc., Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies, Inc., and Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, Sarasota, FL.



Refreshments for the March meeting will be provided by Paula Benway, Robert Dickey, Diane Harder-Deminico, Dottie Kellogg, and Robert Nelson



March Birthdays: Happy Birthday to Paula Benway, Robert Dickey, Diane Harder-Deminico, Dottie Kellogg, and Robert Nelson



Sunshine Greetings

Please notify Verna Dickey of any illness, surgery, birth of a child, death in the family, or other concerns you or another member may have.
Call 813-685-1055 or email vernald@verizon.net.

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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

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Visitors welcome!

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