

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



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April 2015



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Many thanks to Jay Thurrott for a tour of Hawaii and to Ken Stokes for the workshop on foliage types of bromeliads.

The club voted to change our fiscal year from May 1st to January 1st. I think this is a good move getting us in sync with the FCBS and the BSI.

Please bring your special plants for our Show & Tell. This is an important and informative part of our program. We need more of you to participate. Also bring at least one plant for the raffle table.

Tom Wolfe, President

Dues are Due!

It's almost 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.**



Next Meeting

April 20, 2015
Speaker: Eileen Hart

Eileen has been a member of the BGTB for 28 years and lives on 2 acres in Odessa with her husband, Robert. She is retired from the medical lab business and is now free to travel with husband, Robert, and pursue her passion of plants.

Eileen is a Master Gardener and has been in the Master Gardeners Program since inception in Hillsborough County and gives programs to Garden Clubs throughout the County.

Eileen's program will be a hands on session of general culture. Discussed will be the most commonly grown genera and how to grow them. We haven't had a program like this for a long time so come and learn from Eileen.

Tom Wolfe
Program Chairman

New Members Welcome and Orientation
Sunday, April 19, 2015; 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
The home of Dr. Robert and Eileen Hart
16921 Crawley Road
Odessa, Florida

The Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay will be sponsoring a new members welcome and orientation event. This is primarily for anyone who joined the BGTB in the past three years; however, any member is welcome. There will be light refreshments served along with a pupping and potting session. Potting mixes, fertilizers and pots will be discussed. A hands-on workshop where you can remove a pup, pot it and take it home.

The Hart property, approximately two acres, is the home of countless number of camellias, bromeliads, trees and an unknown number of plants of all kinds. Come and learn about your hobby while exploring the many pathways through the jungle.

Tom Wolfe
President

Note from Eileen Hart:

All BGTB members are invited to the orientation/workshop!
Park on Crawley Road and walk down the driveway.
Wear long pants.
Bring mosquito spray.



USF SPRING PLANT FESTIVAL

Thank you to everyone who made phone calls, sent emails, posted on Facebook, recruited volunteers, donated plants, transported donated plants for other members, set up tables and tagged our plants, assisted customers during the sale, helped to take down our display. and did so many other behind-the-scenes tasks that we don't know about. All of these things contributed to making it a profitable fundraiser for our club. We all learned a lot and have a few kinks to work out for next time, but overall, the event was a huge success.



Minutes, March 16, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President, Tom Wolfe

Visitors: Bob Guerette and Gina Binion were introduced and welcomed.
New Member, Darlene Hannan was welcomed.

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept the minutes as written in the newsletter made by Steve Byram. Seconded by Eileen Hart.

Treasurer's Report: Paula Benway reported we have a total of \$2701.20 in our checking account plus \$3005.27 CD for a total of \$5706.42. The report will be filed for audit.

Old Business: Volunteers needed to help with the USF Spring Plant sale. Set up on Friday, 4/10. Sale 4/11-4/12.

New Business: Changes to Bylaws.

1. Motion was made by Ken Stokes to change BGTB fiscal year from May 1 to January 1, seconded by Eileen Hart. Motion carried.
2. Motion to change Article VIII, Section from "treasurer" to "treasurer/membership chair" made by Steve Byram, seconded by Allen Langworthy. Motion carried.

Paula Benway asked members to pay dues in May this year as well as next January because of budget concerns.

Robert Nelson made a motion to pay full membership dues in May and pay full dues again in January for the new fiscal year. Seconded by Shirley Perez. Motion carried.

Announcements: Next BSI World Conference will be in Houston, Texas. June 13-19, 2016.

Refreshments and Raffle

Program: was presented by Jay Thurrott. "Highlights of BSI World Conference in Hawaii"

Workshop: presented by Ken Stokes on identifying Bromeliads by their leaves

Show and Tell Plants were shown by Beverly Sisco - Aechmeas; Ken Stokes - Dykia and Aechmea; Tom Wolfe - Guzmania, Tillandsias and Neoregelia; and Eileen Hart - Aechmeas

Respectfully submitted by Steve Byram, Acting Secretary



Meeting Snapshots - March 16, 2015



Please welcome our new members!



Kent Freeman



Darlene Hannan





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



April Birthdays: Anna Hartman, Pat McDowell, Eileen Prins

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.

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



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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>





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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 Due May 1

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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