

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE OCTOBER 2015



Thank you Charlie Birdsong for a tour of Australia from a bromeliad collector's prospective!

For those of you who missed the annual FCBS Extravaganza in Miami, "Bromeliads in the Magic City," you missed a great event! I don't have a figure on the sales but the rare plant auction brought in \$5,360. These funds will be used by the FCBS for several very good purposes which are to fight the weevil infestation research in Florida and to donate to Selby Gardens to assist interns in their study. The Bromeliad Society of South Florida did a great job as host club. There will not be an Extravaganza next year due to the World Bromeliad Conference being held in Houston, Texas; however, we will be the host club for the 2017 Extravaganza and we will begin a search for a venue very soon.

It took until midnight to get all the plants auctioned off. Many thanks to those who donated bromeliads on behalf of the BGTB's mandatory contribution of five plants to the annual FCBS Extravaganza: Bill Carr, Dave Johnston, Randy Garcia, and Tom & Carol Wolfe.

The BGTB will be putting in a display at the Tampa Garden Club on Thursday, November 12th. It will be a 2' X 4' educational display of miniature bromeliads. I need you to help me with any miniature bromeliads such as Neoregelias, Tillandsias, or any other genus you may have in miniatures under 4" in size. Please bring any miniatures to the October meeting for use in the display and they will be returned to you at the November meeting.



SAVE THE DATES for UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 13 and 14th (Friday & Saturday) GARDEN FEST & HOLIDAY MARKET 2015

Tampa Garden Club, 2629 Bayshore Boulevard, Tampa, FL 33629.

We will have an educational display of miniature bromeliads.

November 14th (Saturday) Field Trip to Rob Branch's Garden

Garden will be open from 9:00 AM to Noon

1315 38th St, Sarasota Florida

We voted at the last meeting to have a carpool field trip to Rob Branch's Garden in Sarasota on Saturday, November 14th. It is one of Florida's finest private gardens developed over the past 20 years by Rob and includes Palms, bamboo, dozens of different kinds of bromeliads, rare tropical plants and etc. Our thanks to Ray Hernandez for making the arrangements. For those that would like to carpool, we can meet at the meeting place and leave about 8:00 AM. Let Ray know if you need a ride, call (813) 832-3561 or email subtropicofcancer@hotmail.com. Everyone will be on their own for lunch arrangements and there are many restaurants in the nearby areas.

December 14, 2015: 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 and we hope that each of you will contribute plants to the auction. Last year, we had lots of members and guests that went home with a stash of bromeliads for Christmas.

February 4-14 Florida State Fair Display

Set up for the display will be the first week of February – exact date provided later.

March 5 & 6, 2016: Spring Show BGTB with the Tampa Federation of Garden Clubs

Tampa Garden Club, 2629 Bayshore Boulevard, Tampa, FL 33629

Please start now to sort, prune, and groom your best bromeliads for our Spring Show.

Our Nominating committee will be presenting nominations for Officers and Directors at this meeting. Also nominations will be taken from the floor at this time. If you nominate someone from the floor, please be sure to solicit their permission before the meeting and inform them of the complete job description of the position.

Ray Hernandez will be presenting a workshop on Facebook this month. Also our own Mike O'Leary will be presenting a program on "Which genus is King?" A great lineup for this month's meeting.

See you at the meeting!

Tom Wolfe

President



BGTB MEETING

October 19, 2015

SPEAKER: Mike O'Leary, "Which Genus is the King?"

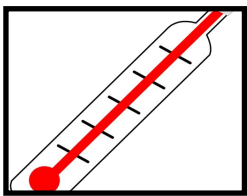
Our October speaker will be our own Mike O'Leary. Mike has been a very enthusiastic bromeliad grower for many years and has an extensive collection of many different genera. His program is entitled, "Which Genus is the King?" He will be discussing the pros and cons of each genus. You will vote to elect the "King of Bromeliads".

Mike and Linda, his wife, live in Clearwater where they have raised four children; three are now in college and Kevin has graduated. Mike is a partner in Trenam Kemker Law Firm, one of the largest law firms in Tampa. Mike has been named one of the Super Lawyers for Florida for several years. He also coaches Little League baseball in his spare time.

Mike has served this club in about every position from director to President. He was the Treasurer of the 1992 World Bromeliad Conference which BGTB hosted at Saddlebrook Resort and was instrumental in the negotiating of the contracts with the resort. He and Linda contributed much to our club by handling the tens of thousands dollars that the conference generated. They did an excellent job. Linda worked hard serving the BGTB for many years until she became a very busy mom.

Mike is one of our favorite speakers, so don't miss his hands-on program.

Tom Wolfe
Program Chair



Temperature

Most bromeliads will be comfortable where you are. Generally, they prosper at temperatures between 50 and 90 F (11 to 36 C). They are not winter hardy except in tropical regions. They prefer temperatures below 90 F (36 C), but many tolerate heat if there is good air circulation.

Guzmanias and soft-leafed Tillandsias are the least tolerant of hot temperatures and make excellent plants for cooler growing conditions.

Excerpt from "Bromeliad Culture Brochure," Bromeliad Society International



Minutes, September 21, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Tom Wolfe

Visitors: Leila and Rob Easters, Linda Reynolds

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept the minutes as published in the newsletter made by Dottie Kellogg. Seconded by Susan Fuentes.

Treasurer's Report: Paula Benway reported we have a total of \$4,671.15 in our checking account plus \$3,000 CD for a total of \$7,671.15. The report will be filed for audit.

Old Business: Southwest Guild Show October 9 - 11, USF Sale October 10 and 11.
Douglass Wells solicited members into bringing plants for USF sale.

New Business: Nominating Committee - Julie Lessard, Pamela Slagg, Robert Nelson, Douglass Wells.

Federation of Garden Clubs - March 4-6, 2016 Show and Sale - Participation approved by membership

Field Trip - Rob Branch open house November 14, 2015, 9:00 - 12:00 p.m.

Announcements: October 9-11 - Southwest Guild Show in New Orleans Airport Hilton. Includes International Cryptanthus Show.

Show and Tell: Plants were shown by Eileen Hart - Vriesea Reitzii, Tom Wolfe - Tillandsia Seleriana, Aechmea Flavorosea.

Birthday plant for September won by Verna Dickey

Refreshments and Raffle

Program was presented by Charlie Birdsong - "A Bromeliad Autumn in Australia"

Respectfully submitted by Ray Hernandez, Secretary



BGTB Meeting September 21, 2015



Shopping Before the Meeting



... And More Shopping



Conversation with our Speaker



Call to Order



Tillandsia Seleriana



Aechmea Flavorosea



Taller than She Is



Speaker - Charlie Birdsong



At the Raffle Table





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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!



October Birthdays: Rick Hunter, Ted Ledbetter, Nancy Stamm,

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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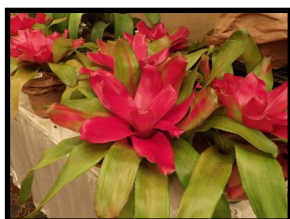
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Bromeliads Online

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!

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