

## JANUARY 18, 2024 MINUTES of Gainesville Bromeliad Society

The meeting was hosted by Larry Hice with a tour of his beautiful gardens. Larry has been collecting for years and is creative in displaying his collection – both in the house and in the garden.

The meeting took place following the tour with Steve Provost announcing that we would participate in the Gainesville Garden Club's spring sale entitled "Blossoms, brew, and BBQ". The sale will be held at the First Magnitude Brewing Company on February 18. Steve asked members to bring any plants they wish to sell to him on February 14 at either the Red Lobster parking lot or at the Office depot parking log. Plants should be in a clean pot and labeled at least to genus. More information follows in an email.

On the same date, the Flora and Fauna forum will take place at the 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue food park. GBS will have a table from 10-4. Sandy Burnett will be there to answer questions from the public and she is looking for several volunteers who could help.

Steve also announced the 2024 speaker list has been updated and is on the website.

Sandy Burnett, treasurer, reported \$2,633.16 in savings and \$1,015.66 in checking. We are paying \$65 for BSI membership and \$28.88 for taxes on past sales. Minutes from our meetings are being posted on the Florida Council website.

Florida Council – GBS has two representatives: Steve will continue as representative and Sandy Burnett who served as FCBS president this year, is stepping down so that Bob Stevens can take her place.

The next meeting will take place on February 25 at the Millhopper library at 2 pm. The speaker will be Tom Wolfe who will talk about "Colorful, Epiphytic, Tillandsias, Naturally Displayed".

Meeting adjourned about 3:35 pm with 22 attendees.