

MINUTES OF BROMELIAD SOCIETY OF MARCH 25, 2018

Marty Baxley from Jungle Jim Nursery in St. Pete gave a delightful talk about growing hybrid bromeliads from seed. He said there were three types of seed: "hairy" which were from the telangioides family, "dry" which were found in the dykia group, and "fruited" belonging to the bromeliana and aechmea groups. He passed around seeds of each type and explained how to propagate each. He then discussed the wide variety of hybrids and had several for sale.

The business meeting began at 3:20.

SCHEDULE - Mary White announced that the **April** meeting would be at Gail Cook's house for a tour of her garden. Gail lives at 2835 NW 31st Terrace in Gainesville.

A possible speaker for **May** is Ryan from the Butterfly Rain Forest at the Natural History Museum. There will be no meeting in **June**, but we might consider a tour of the rainforest.

July's speaker will be Tom Wolf who will talk about native bromeliads and bring plants for sale.

TREASURER REPORT – Lorene was not in attendance so there was no treasurer's report. There were several new members signed up.

OTHER ACTIVITIES - Tootie had suggested a trip to Selby Gardens but after checking costs, decided that over \$100/person was too expensive.

April 6-8 – Tropiflora's Spring Festival – Tropiflora Nursery, 3530 Tallavast Road, Sarasota

April 14-15, USF Botanical Gardens Spring Plant Sale, USF, Tampa

April 28-29, Green Thumb Festival, Walter Fuller Park, St. Pete

May 19 – 8 am to noon, Alachua County Master Gardener's Plant Sale, Extension Office, Waldo Road, Gainesville

May 29-June 3, 23rd World Bromeliad Conference San Diego, Ca.

DUES – Mary wants everyone to consider raising membership dues – to be discussed at next meeting. Also for discussion will be who will be the next president.

The sign in sheet indicated that we had 23 attending (head count was 24) plus speaker: 4 signed on as guests.