

APRIL 23, 2023 MINUTES OF GAINESVILLE BROMELIAD SOCIETY

The meeting was held at the Millhopper Branch of the Alachua County Library. Kenneth Stokes spoke on Growing Bromeliads in the Subtropical Garden. He discussed how many of current practices of landscaping provided an artificial environment with plants growing in rows and how designing closer to nature would provide a better environment for the plants and animals. Naturalization is also low maintenance.

The business meeting began at 3:40. Since Sandy and Bob were not present, Steve ran the meeting. He informed us that we lost our space at UF and we will be meeting in the library in the future. Our meetings will be announced in the library's agenda for the year

There were no minutes from the March meeting.

Treasurer report: Mary White said there was \$414.54 in the checking account and \$3,631.10 in the savings account.

The May speaker will be Tom Wolf who will talk about Cold Hardy Bromeliads.

Finally, the Florida Council Extravaganza will be held at the West Palm Beach Marriott on July 28 and 29. A reception will be held on Friday the 28th with a plant sale on Saturday the 29th. There will also be 3 speakers on Saturday: Chester Skotak, David Shiigi, and Eloise Beach.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 with 41 people signed in.