

JULY 27, 2025 MINUTES of Gainesville Bromeliad Society

Bob Stevens called the meeting to order and asked for approval of the June minutes. Steve Provost mentioned Sandy and asked if anyone would like to say something about their relationship with her. Three members spoke about her.

Nancy Mason brought several plants for show and tell: Neo. ampullacea x punctatissima; Neo 'Hot Embers' (a Skotak hybrid); and Neo ampullacea(?). These bromeliads are all miniatures and can be grown on wood, rocks, or be potted in small containers. They are fun to grow, needing little area. There was also a silent auction and all plants were sold.

Steve Provost introduced Greg Kolojeski who spoke about "The 'B' list – Billbergia to Hylaeicum and Ray Coleman Neo. Bromeliads" His presentation consisted of showing 122 slides of a large variety of bromeliads in his landscape. Many of the plants were Billbergia and were in bloom and very colorful. Greg then finished his talk with a mention of the upcoming Extravaganza in Kissimmee on Friday September 26 and Saturday September 27.

Business Meeting - Mary reported that the savings account had \$3,864.28 on hand and the checking account had \$605.19.

Steve then again asked if there were any thoughts on Sandy they should be email to him or Bob. Next month's speaker will be Dave Johnston on the subject of "How to Grow Billbergias".

The September meeting will take place at Brian Dey's house with a tour of his collection. October 18 will be the Fall Horticulture sale at the Equestrian Center – we will sell plants. Steve has obtained a larger table than last year and asked members to begin choosing which plants they would like to contribute.

Meeting ended at 3:30 with the raffle. The meeting adjourned about 3:30 with 32 present.