

AUGUST 27, 2023 MINUTES OF GAINESVILLE BROMELIAD SOCIETY

The meeting was held at the Millhopper Branch of the Alachua County Library. The speaker was John Boardman from the Central Florida Bromeliad Society: his title was "The Natives are Coming" and he talked about Tillandsia species. John has been growing bromeliads since 1989. He said there are 16 natives and that most grow naturally from central to south Florida. One, Tillandsia utriculata reproduces only by seed. Till. Usneoides is also known as Spanish Moss. Till. recurvata is very common and Till. fasciculata has 4 forms.

The business meeting began at 2:30 with approval of the July minutes by a show of hands. The Treasurer's report indicated balances of \$946.54 in checking and \$2,632.06 in savings. Sandy also noted that the new directory of all Florida bromeliad societies was available from her. She thanked the 5 people who helped out at the Extravaganza – they had 96 items for auction which raised about \$7,000 and netted \$4,500.

Bob Stevens said that next month's speaker will be Michael McMahon from Orlando. Michael's title will be "Vrieseas: Beautiful Blooms or Fantastic Foliage".

Bob suggested that we go back to Wilmot in October to do more shaping up of the bromeliad collection. He also mentioned that he was still looking for venues for GBS to have a plant sale.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 with 37 people signed in.