

## OCTOBER 27, 2024 MINUTES of Gainesville Bromeliad Society

The meeting began with a tour of Susan and Keith Legg's fantastic garden that not only contains bromeliads but a wide variety of large trees, shrubs, and flowering plants. The Leggs have lived at their house since the 60's and the landscaping shows it. All the plants are well maintained and look like they were professionally placed, although Keith did much of the hardscape planning and Susan is the "plant person". Everyone then retired to the back deck for refreshments.

### **Business Meeting.**

Bob Stevens began by thanking Susan and Keith for inviting the group to tour their yard.

Steve Provost discussed the success of the recent fall expo plant sale – GBS sold 110 plants and brought in \$515. He has about 15 plants that he will donate to the November meeting which will be at the library. Each person should bring a "mystery gift" (plant, book, or some such), wrapped. Everyone who brings a gift will take home a gift in addition to one of the plants that did not sell.

Steve mentioned the next Extravaganza taking place in Orlando in September next year. He also reminded people of the World Conference in 2026 in Costa Mesa, California.

Damage to some of the Florida bromeliad sellers was discussed with particular emphasis on Tropiflora who lost 17 of 21 greenhouses. Steve said that had a go-fund-me site for anyone who wanted to contribute.

Mary gave the treasurer's report indicating we had \$944.03 in checking and \$2,635.13 in savings. We were also responsible for approximately \$90 in taxes from the sale.

Meeting adjourned about 3:00 with 15 members present.