

November 23 2025 MINUTES of Gainesville Bromeliad Society

We had no secretary at our November meeting. Following is a brief summary of the meeting activities and actions.

Bob Stevens called the meeting to order and received approval of the July, August and October minutes. Mary gave a Treasurers Report.

There was an election of officers for 2026 as follow:

President: Brian Dey

Vice President: Steven Provost

Secretary: Gail Roser

Treasurer: Mary White

Non-officer member of Board of Directors: Bob Stevens

Delegates to the FCBS: Brian Dey and Steven Provost

It was noted that Julieta Brambila will continue to post news to the Facebook page and Chris Waldman will assist with the Website.

Following a break for refreshments donated by members, Steve Provost discussed the program for 2026. He noted that the GBS meets Jan-Nov and will continue to meet at the Millhopper Library except in October when the meeting room will not be available.

The Board has been discussing an appropriate way to commemorate Sandy Burnett for her many years of contributions to the Gainesville Bromeliad Society, the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies and the BSI. This included holding various offices in GBS for a number of years including President, Vice President and Treasurer, being a delegate to the FCBS for a number of years including being the one-year rotation President and serving on the BSI Board for one year. In addition she served as a resource for the GBS officers and members and her upbeat commentary at GBS meetings was very appreciated. The Board has decided to have an annual commemoration and do that by having a Sandy Burnett Commemoration Program for one of the monthly meeting programs. The date of the program and topic will be determined each year. The initial Program will be the January meeting to which her brother Whitney Burnett, her stepson, Herschel Auxier and the ukulele group she was a member of have been invited.

Speakers for most of the other meetings during the year have been tentative planned with topics to be determined. Speakers include several that gave programs this year plus others that have given programs in the past.

For the October meeting a visit to a member's yard or a field trip will be planned. A trip to the Cedar Lakes Woods and Gardens in Williston has been suggested. This was discussed with the members and there was sufficient interest expressed so the owner will be contacted to see if that would be possible on October 25th.

The Meeting ended with the raffle of the wrapped gifts brought in by each attendee.

Prepared by Steven Provost