

# Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE APRIL, 2019

Thanks to Ken Stokes for his enlightening presentation on the "On-going Care of Bromeliads. He reminded us why it is important for us to learn the habitats from whence our plants have come. Also, the importance of fertilizer, repotting, and proper removal of offsets were good reminders for us all.

Don't forget to sign up for our field trip to Sunken Gardens and the Green Thumb Festival coming up on April 27. The signup sheet will be passed around once more at the next meeting.

Please try to make plans to attend the Extravaganza in Orlando on September 20-21. There will be a Friday night dinner with conference attendees getting the first stab at plant sales that evening. Saturday will have four speakers, another buffet, and a rare plant auction. Call Spring Hill Suites (407-635-8500) or Towne Place Suites (407-239-4005) and ask for the \$85.00 Extravaganza hotel rate ASAP. We will pass out registration forms for this at the meeting to all who are interested.

There will be a Bromeliad Judges School beginning on May 4 in Ft. Myers. Contact Tom Wolfe for more info on this exciting opportunity.

We will have our annual picnic and plant auction on May 20. You will get a chance to sign up to bring a side-dish at this meeting and it's also time to start selecting your plants for donation to our auction. This is always a fun night and one of our major fund-raisers for the year.

See you at the meeting,

Steve

P.S. New gardeners learn by TROWEL AND ERROR!





**Next Meeting: April 15, 2019**

**SPEAKER: Dave Johnston**

**“New Species and New Hybrids”**

Dave Johnston will talk to us about New Bromeliad Species and Hybrids, specifically about species discovered and hybrids created within the last 10 years. He has been growing bromeliads since 1985 and at one time had a

collection of up to 2,000 different species and hybrids. He is currently focusing on hybridizing bromeliads in the genus Billbergia. In 1990, he started Exotic Landscapes, a full-service landscaping service and Bromeliads Galore, a bromeliad nursery.

Dave has served our club in many capacities including President for three terms. He has hosted board meetings, has been sales chairman, donated plants to all our functions, served as auctioneer, and over the years, he has presented us with many programs and workshops. He does speaking engagements around the state at various bromeliad societies and garden clubs.



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# **Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay**

## **Minutes of Meeting March 18, 2019**

**Welcome** by President, Steve Byram.

**Program** was presented by long-time member, Kenneth Stokes. "The On-Going Care of Bromeliads" The original habitats should influence the care of the bromeliads. The plants need good drainage and may need to be repotted at times to improve growth habits. His presentation was full of important facts.

### **Break for Refreshments**

**Show and Tell:** Tom Wolfe: Tillandsia aeranthos X tenuifolia, Tillandsia simulata, Billbergia 'Nita'; Robert Nelson: Vriesea 'Carlsbad'; Kenneth Stokes: Wittrockia 'Leopardinium', Aechmea 'Fulgo Ramosa'

**Business Meeting Called to order** by Steve Byram

**Secretary's Report:** Motion to accept the minutes as published in the newsletter made by Livia Popovich, seconded by Anna Hartman.

**Treasurer's Report** by Rick Hunter. The report will be filed for audit.

**Old Business:** The club will sponsor a field trip to The Sunken Gardens and The Green Thumb Festival on April 27, 2019. A sign-up sheet was passed around the room. Check if you are interested in riding on a van. More details will be announced in April.

There will be a USF spring festival on April 13 and 14. Tom explained the process of selling plants at the Festival. Members need a seller number to sell plants. Let Tom Wolfe know if you wish to sell your plants. A sign-up sheet was passed for workers at USF.

A field trip is planned for April 27 at Sunken Gardens. The trip may be combined with the Green Thumb Festival. More details will be announced at the March meeting.

**Announcements:** Member, Lois Sadd passed away this month. No service will be held. She will be buried in Delaware. Lois always had a smile on her face and she will be missed.

Robert Nelson showed Jill Zakaroff's mounted tillandsias on her painted rock.

The Bromeliad Extravaganza and Plant Sale will be September 20-21, 2019 in Orlando.

**Silent Auction** - The new procedure for our "raffle" began at the meeting. The plants were placed on a table with a cup in front of each plant. Members purchased tickets and placed as many raffle tickets in cups as they wished and then one lucky winning ticket was drawn for each plant.

**Motion to Adjourn** the meeting by Tom Wolfe. Seconded by Jose Rosado

Respectfully submitted,  
Marcia Hunter



## Bromeliad Judges School

A new Bromeliad Society International-sponsored judges school will be forming in the near future. After completing and passing this course, you would be able to judge in bromeliad shows anywhere in the world. There are six schools which meet from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The first two will be in Ft. Myers beginning on May 4. Cost is \$25.00 for each school which includes handouts, continental breakfast and lunch. For more details, see Tom Wolfe or contact Betty Ann Prevatt. 239-334-0242 or email: [bprevattpcc@aol.com](mailto:bprevattpcc@aol.com)

## SNAPSHOTS FROM BGTB MEETING MARCH 18, 2019



Tom Wolfe - Billbergia 'Nita'



Robert Nelson - Vriesea 'Carlsbad'



Jill Zakaroff displays her talents.



New Silent Auction



Speaker - Kenneth Stokes



**April Birthdays:** Happy Birthday to Anna Hartman and Mary Watkins!



## REFRESHMENTS FOR THE APRIL MEETING . . .

will be provided by Anna Hartman, Robert Putnam, Mark Victor, Sandra Weaver, and Mary Watkins



USF Spring Plant Festival, April 13-14, 2019

Clearwater Garden Club 2019 Mothers Day Plant Sale. Saturday, May 4th from 9 am to 1 pm, 405 Seminole Street in Clearwater.

2019 Bromeliad Extravaganza, September 20-21, Orlando, FL



## Sunshine Greetings

Please notify Julie Lessard of any illness, surgery, birth of a child, death in the family, or other concerns you or another member may have. Call 813-600-9771 or email at [taxxmaam@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:taxxmaam@tampabay.rr.com)

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When: Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of every month.  
Plant sale at 7:00 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Where: Christ the King Catholic Church, Mary Martha Center, Room 201-202, 821 South Dale Mabry Highway, Tampa

Informative programs, workshops, Show & Tell, plant sales, door prizes, raffle & refreshments  
Visitors welcome!

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