

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE JUNE 2016



Thanks to all of our wonderful members for contributing great food and plants for a wonderful May annual picnic and plant auction.

Thanks also to our veteran auctioneers Dave Johnston and Tom Wolfe and Jeff Donnelly for showcasing our plants during the plant auction; we couldn't have done it without you all.

We also enjoyed a few visitors and we'd like to welcome Sherry Valiente as a new member who visited with us in the past as a guest of Susan Fuentes and became a member in May!

A big THANK YOU to Paula Benway for opening up her home for a garden tour on May 21. We had a great member turn out and a lovely morning visit.

Paula has many gorgeous plants displayed in her yard on the Hillsborough River; many comments noted that her garden was on a scale to equal Busch Gardens!

Our June program will be **Growing Tillandsia Bromeliads** as art and garden plants, a program presented by Dalene Bradshaw of Clermont, and will illustrate the culture and creative use of this large plant family.

Julie Lessard

The BGTB Board of Directors is recommending that the speaker fee dollar amount wording be removed from BGTB bylaws (Article XI – Section 2) and added to the standing rules.

Article XI – Section 2 currently reads: “The vice president may authorize up to \$100 for a speaker.”

The NEW wording in the standing rules will be, “The vice president may authorize up to \$150 for a speaker.”

The membership will vote on this recommendation at the June 20, 2016 meeting.



Annual Picnic and Plant Auction - May 16, 2016



Great Selection

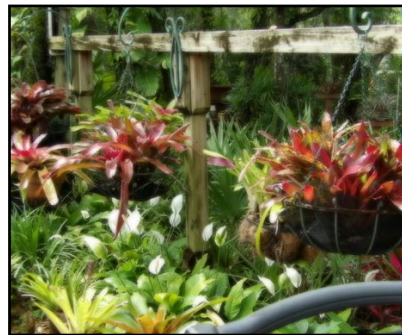
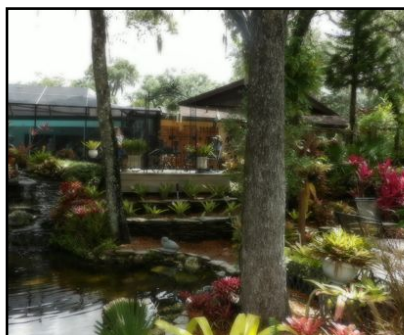
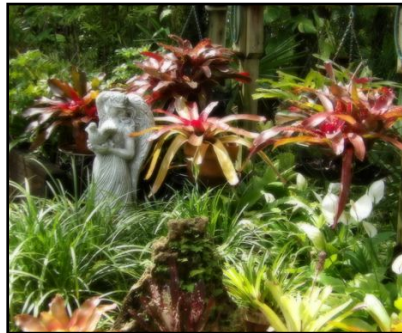
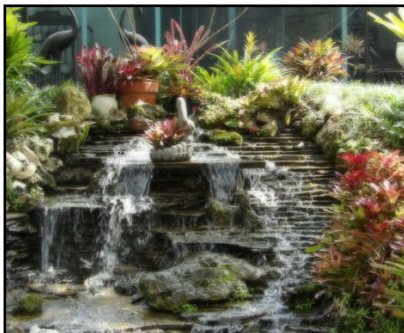


Taking Bids



Happy with her Purchases

Paula Benway's Garden Saturday, May 21, 2016



Have your plants been producing pups this season? If you have extras, please bring them to share at the raffle table next meeting. Make sure they are clean and have no scale.





Offshoots, Offsets, or Pups

After a plant has bloomed, it will very slowly die over the next year or two, but it will replace itself with new plants called pups, offsets, or offshoots. Most pups grow off the side of the mother plant at the base. Remove these pups when they are about 1/3 to 1/2 the size of the mother plant. Use a sharp knife or clippers, and cut as close as possible to the mother plant without injuring it. Some offsets are attached by stolons that are often very woody. Some kind of serrated knife or a small saw is helpful. If the pup has a long woody stolon, detach a large part before potting. The top can be twisted (not cut) directly out of the top of a super-market pineapple, hardened for a week or two, and then potted successfully. Some plants like cryptanthus, orthophytums, and some tillandsias, have pups further up on the mother plant. Their attachment is so fragile that they can be easily plucked off. Remove any brown leaves before potting and dip in a rooting fungicide such as Rootone. The mother plant will continue to produce pups until it dies. Some pups are difficult to root. In such cases, place the pup in a plastic pot tall enough to support the pup. Place a small amount of peat moss at the bottom of the pot and place the rootless pup atop that. Don't put any other mix in the pot. Water as you would the other plants in the collection. Roots usually will appear readily. Offsets will usually mature in 1 to 3 years depending on the genus and growing conditions.

Excerpt from "Bromeliad Culture Brochure," Bromeliad Society International

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 813-662-7972 or email at taxxmaam@tampabay.rr.com



Happy Birthday!



June Birthdays: Elle Dodard, Phil Elting, Susan Fuentes, Eileen Hart, Allen Langworthy, Kathleen Ledbetter, Maggie Lopez, Kenneth Stokes,

We will have a drawing at the meeting for one of the lucky birthday people to take home a nice bromeliad as a Birthday gift from the club.

Club members celebrating their birthdays also provide the refreshments at our meeting each month. This way everyone helps once during the year. If you have a May or December birthday, please bring refreshments the following month, since we have the picnic and Christmas parties those months. Suggestions: chips & dip, veggies, salsa, crackers, cheese, chicken wings, popcorn, favorite recipes, pies, pizza, brownies, fudge, cookies, cakes, candies, deviled eggs, sandwiches and beverages.



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Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies— www.fcbs.org

Marie Selby Botanical Gardens— www.selby.org

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Any Changes?

If your mailing address, email address, or phone number changes, please inform Marilyn Byram at 21535 Northwood Drive, Lutz, 33549 or bgtbnewsletter@gmail.com



The Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay, Inc. was organized in 1963.



BGTB is affiliated with the following: Bromeliad Society International, The Cryptanthus Society, Inc., Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies, Inc., and Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, Sarasota, FL.

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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