

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



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January, 2019

NOTICE: Our next meeting will be on January 28 due to the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. The church will be closed on our regular meeting night.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE JANUARY, 2019

Thanks to all of our members who donated food and plants for our Christmas Party and auction. Also, kudos go out to Nancy Crippen for donating the beautiful and informative book, *Tillandsia: The World's Most Unusual Airplants* by Paul Isley.

The BGTB board of directors had a very productive meeting on Monday, January 14. As you know, some of our speakers come from quite a ways and so we've decided to move their time slot up so that they won't have to sit through our business meetings and will be able to make it home at a more reasonable hour.

Our Florida State Fair will be held from February 7 - 18. Please begin to think about volunteering at our booth and receive FREE ADMISSION to the fair. Time slots are from 10:00 - 1:00 and 1:00 - 4:00 every day. Also, Monday February 4, at 6:30 p.m. will be our set-up time and Tuesday, February 19 at 10:00 a.m. will be our take-down time. There will be a sign-up sheet at the next meeting.



Please remember to winterize your plants as we're in the middle of winter and more cold weather may be ahead.

You won't want to miss our next meeting as we have new plans for our raffle process and a Spring field trip to share with you.

See you at the meeting,

Steve Byram, President

P.S. Mama says life is like a bromeliad garden . . . the more you buy, the more you need! - *Florist Gump*



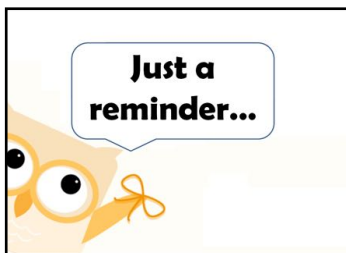
Next Meeting: January 28, 2019
SPEAKER: Robert Nelson

“Mounting Bromeliads to your Favorite Things”

Bring in a plant or two and your wood, glass, rocks, or any item to attach to, and participate in a hands-on experience to mount bromeliads to create a great display.

Robert Nelson of Plant City has been a member of BGTB for eight years and a bromeliad hobbyist for many years.

Membership Renewal Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay



It's time to renew your BGTB membership. Your membership expired on December 31. Please fill out the application/ renewal form in this newsletter and bring it to the next meeting or mail it to Richard Hunter, 2105 Colewood Lane, Dover, FL 33527. Only \$25.00 for single membership or \$30.00 for family. What a bargain!

Workshop: Presented by Kenneth Stokes. Pots for use with bromeliads- Kenneth showed a wide variety of pots and told what pots would be used for the different types of bromeliads. The information was a very good topic to help members in choosing the right plant for the right pot.

Election of Officers:

President: Steve Byram

Vice President: Julie Lessard

Secretary: Marcia Hunter

Treasurer: Rick Hunter

Board of Directors: Paula Benway, Verna Dickey, Tom Wolfe

The slate of officers was approved as there were no new nominations from the floor.

Announcements: Julie Lessard made an announcement about the Christmas Party. A sign-up sheet was sent around for sides. Doors will open at 6:00. The club will have an auction and dinner. Robert Nelson will bring pork and Marilyn Byram will be fixing a turkey. Members will receive a gift plant.

Birthday plant won by Marcia Hunter

Show and Tell: Plants were shown by Kenneth Stokes - Cryptanthus species, Crypt. Madame Ganna Walska, Aechmea cuculatta, Vriesea sucrei, bloom from Pitcairnia smithsorum, Nidularium citrinum; and Verna Dickey - Neoregelia 'Purple Star' variegated

Motion to Adjourn the meeting: Robert Nelson. Seconded by Kenneth Stokes

Refreshments and Raffle.

Program was presented by Robert Nelson - Robert gave an interesting program on "Bits and Pieces" form all the programs from this year. He explained how to use a diamond tip bit to drill holes in pots for drainage and the use of E6000 glue.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Hunter

SNAPSHOTS FROM BGTB MEETING NOVEMBER 19 and CHRISTMAS DINNER/AUCTION, DECEMBER 17



Neo 'Purple Star' - variegated
shown by Verna Dickey



Speaker - Robert Nelson



Bloom from Pitcairnia Smithiorum
shown by Ken Stokes



Workshop -The Best Pots for Bromeliads - by
Kenneth Stokes



Christmas Feast!



Tillandsia: The World's Most
Unusual Airplants by Paul Isley



Beautiful Auction Table!



Sold!

REFRESHMENTS FOR THE JANUARY MEETING . . .



will be provided by Paula Benway, Julie Lessard, Ed Owen, Pam Slagg, and Ira Wald

Suggestions: chips & dip, veggies, salsa, crackers, cheese, popcorn, favorite recipes, pies, pizza, brownies, fudge, cookies, cakes, candies, deviled eggs, and beverages.

2019 REFRESHMENT SCHEDULE

January 28 - Paula Benway, Julie Lessard, Ed Owen, Pam Slagg, Ira Wald

February 25 - Linda Putnam, Beverly Owen, Tom Wolfe, Jill Zakaroff

March 18 - Robert Dickey, Mark Headley, Dottie Kellogg, Robert Nelson

April 15 - Judith Pope-Champagne, Robert Putnam, Mark Victor, Sandra Weaver, Mary Watkins

May 20 - picnic and auction

June - Carmen Cornwell, Eileen Hart, Allen Langworthy, Kenneth Stokes, Carol Wolfe

July 15 - Lindsay Eagle, Ray Hernandez, Dave Johnston, Beverly Millar, Chris Robinson

August 19 - Bonnie Bertolino, Steve Byram, Mike Foley, Darlene Hannan, Maria Warner

September 16 - Verna Dickey, Corrine Goodman, Linda Reynolds, Lois Sadd, Mike Sweet

October 21 - Rick Hunter, Diana Robinson, Jose Rosado, Cheryl Victor, Guido Zakaroff

November 18 - Marilyn Byram, Bill Carr, Marcia Hunter, Elaine Young

December 18 - Christmas Party and auction

If you have a conflict and need to change your month, please see Marilyn Byram.

December Birthdays: Corrine Goodman, Diana Robinson, Sandra Weaver

January Birthdays: Julie Lessard, Pamela Slagg

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.





February 7 - 18. Florida State Fair - Sign up to volunteer at our booth and receive free admission to the fair. Times slots are from 10:00-1:00 and 1:00-4:00 every day.



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 813-361-8776 or email at taxxmaam@tampabay.rr.com

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Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies— www.fcbs.org

Marie Selby Botanical Gardens— www.selby.org

Bromeliads Online - <http://www.bromeliads.co.nz/index.html>



BROMELIAD GUILD OF TAMPA BAY

Membership Application/Renewal

Memberships: January 1 to December 31 each Year

Please Print

Name _____ Birth Month _____

Second Name _____ Birth Month _____

Phone (____) _____ Email _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Date of Application _____

Please check one:

_____ \$25.00 Single Membership

_____ \$30.00 Family Membership

Make checks payable to BGTB

Submit with application to:

Richard Hunter
2105 Colewood Lane
Dover, FL 33527

How did you hear about BGTB?

___ Friend ___ Newspaper ___ Facebook ___ BGTB Website ___ Plant Festival or Show

___ Other (Please specify) _____

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay, Inc.

Established 1963

Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of every month.

Plant sales at 7:00 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Where: Christ the King Catholic Church, Mary Martha Center, Rooms 201-202

821 S. Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa

Informative programs, Show & Tell, plant sales, door prizes, raffle & refreshments

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