

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE NOVEMBER 2017



November is the time for election of our new officers and board members for 2018. The nominees have been presented and notice provided to our members in this newsletter. Please attend the November meeting to vote for these nominees.

Next month is our holiday party and plant auction. All members will receive a gift plant. Please prepare a special plant to donate to the auction.

Sincerely,
Julie Lessard
President

PROGRAM NOVEMBER 20, 2017

Marty Baxley will talk to us about Bromeliads in Puerto Rico. He is a longtime member of Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society in St. Petersburg and is the owner of Jungle Gems Nursery in St. Petersburg.

Marty and his late father, Bernie Baxley, started their bromeliad collection in 1987 and built the nursery around it.



MINUTES OF THE MEETING, OCTOBER 16, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Julie Lessard, president

Welcome to our new member, Cliff Brown.

Secretary's Report. Motion to accept the minutes as written in the newsletter made by Steve Byram. Seconded by Lois Sadd.

Old Business: Thank you to volunteers who helped at the USF Fall Plant Festival; Tom Wolfe, Dave Johnston, Robert Nelson, Julie Lessard, Steve Byram

New Business: Party and Plant Auction will be December 18. Coordinators are needed.

Committee Reports: On behalf of the nominating committee, Pam Slagg announced the nominees for officers and board of directors for 2018:

President - Steve Byram
Vice President - Julie Lessard
Secretary - TBA*
Treasurer - Paula Benway
Newsletter Editor - Marilyn Byram

Board of Directors: Robert Nelson, Tom Wolfe, Dottie Kellogg, Verna Dickey
Election will be at the regular meeting on November 20.

Birthday Bromeliad won by Ted Ledbetter

Door Prize Bromeliad won by Steve Byram

Show and Tell: Plant was shown by Kenneth Stokes - *Cryptanthus bahianus*

Meeting Adjourned

Program was presented by Cliff Brown - "Tillandsias: 50 Shades of Grey and More . . .
Some of Cliff's Favorites.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Byram, Secretary

***Since the October 16 meeting, Marcia Hunter has agreed to accept the nomination for Secretary.**

BGTB MEETING, OCTOBER 16, 2017



Call to Order



Speaker, Cliff Brown



Some of Cliff's Tillandsias



Sale Table Selection



Ted's Birthday Prize
(selected by his wife)



Refreshment Time



Kenneth Stokes showed a *Cryptanthus* that was falling apart, not to illustrate the true character of the species, but to talk about re-starting Crypts. The name is *Cryptanthus bahianus*, meaning it was discovered in Bahia, Brazil. It is the dark form or red form. The plant is red in the dry season because of the lack of nitrogen found in rain. With sufficient rainfall, the nitrogen brings on the green. Red and green together make brown or bronze color. The green form is plain green in the summer and gets red tinges on its margins in the dryer winter months. There is also a giant form of *bahianus* which grows to as much as 14" diameter. The plant was first collected by Bob Whitman and went by the initials of SE and a number until it was botanically named. Unlike most *Cryptanthus*, the Bahia species grows best in bright sunlight and can tolerate dryer conditions.

NOVEMBER ELECTION

Our election for the 2018 BGTB Officers and Board of Directors will be held at the November 20 meeting. The nominees are as follows:

Officers:

President - Steve Byram
Vice President - Julie Lessard
Secretary - Marcia Hunter
Treasurer - Paula Benway
Newsletter Editor - Marilyn Byram

Board of Directors:

Robert Nelson
Tom Wolfe
Dottie Kellogg
Verna Dickey



November Birthdays: Marilyn Byram, Bill Carr, Marcia Hunter, Bob Jackson, Eileen Kahl, Elaine Young

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.



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

The Florida State Fair - February 8-19.

If you are interested in entering plants in the state fair, the deadline for entering is January 5, 2018. Entry forms can be downloaded from floridastatefair.com. Search for Family Living Competitive Exhibits.

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. If you are interested, contact Betty Ann Prevatt. 239-334-0242 or email: bprevattppcc@aol.com

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www.bromeliadguildoftampabay.org

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/562988247096958/>

Bromeliad Society International— www.bsi.org

Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies— www.fcbs.org

Marie Selby Botanical Gardens— www.selby.org

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

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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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