

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



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February, 2018

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FEBRUARY 2018



Kudos and thanks to Eileen Hart for her January program on protecting bromeliads during the winter months.

When we get together for our February meeting, the Florida State Fair will be over. The BGTB display was constructed on Monday, February 5 by the following club members: Robert Nelson, Julie Lessard, Jill Zakaroff, Verna Dickey, Tom Wolfe, Marilyn Byram, and yours truly. Also, thanks to those of you who volunteered to

sit at the booth to promote bromeliads and tell others about our club: Julie Lessard, Eileen Hart, Dottie Kellogg, Sandy Weaver, Jill and Guido Zakaroff, Ray Hernandez, Mark and Cheryl Victor, Bob and Verna Dickey, and Marilyn and me.

February 15 was predicted to be the last frost date (but remember that winter officially ends after the third week of March). Look for the list of cold-tolerant Bromeliad species in this newsletter.

The BGTB Board of Directors is working on a possible behind-the-scenes tour of Selby Gardens in April; more to come on this later.

Mark the dates for the upcoming USF Spring Plant Festival on April 14 and 15. Volunteers will be needed to man the booth for this event, so please keep this in mind.

The new refreshment schedule posted in this newsletter. It will help us to more evenly distribute these duties throughout the year.



Please, if you've not done so already, pay your membership dues ASAP as the calendar year for the club is now January through December. The membership application is at the end of this newsletter. Fill it out and bring it to the next meeting, or mail it to Paula Benway.

See you at the meeting,

Steve Byram, President

PROGRAM FOR FEBRUARY 26 MEETING
SPEAKER: DR. TERRIE BERT
PROGRAM TITLE: "UNCOMMON GENERA"

Only a few of the 55+ bromeliad genera are commonly cultivated by bromeliad hobbyists throughout the world. Some of the other 47+ genera can't be cultivated; but most can, at least in some environments. Some are relatively easy to grow; but are not widely cultivated for various reasons. In this presentation, we'll take a look at those 47+ genera. We'll characterize the environments they grow in naturally, learn about the cultivation conditions they need, and find the reasons they aren't widely cultivated. Along the way, we'll look at beautiful examples of each genus. You may come away with a deeper enthusiasm about trying to grow some species of these uncommon genera.

Dr. Terrie Bert is a longstanding member of the Sarasota Bromeliad Society (SBS) and the Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society and has held multiple offices in the SBS. She also served the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies (FCBS) as a representative and officer for eight years and has authored articles for the FCBS Newsletter. For the Bromeliad Society International, she has been a Florida Director, chaired several international committees, judged several shows, and contributed articles to the BSI Journal. Currently she is Curator of the Wally Berg Award of Excellence and a Master Judge. Terrie has given over 150 presentations on bromeliads to numerous U.S. and international bromeliad societies and other groups and to participants at international bromeliad conferences. She cultivates more than 2,500 different bromeliads in about 35 genera. She's won multiple top awards in local bromeliad shows and BSI world conferences. Terrie has a Ph.D. in marine biology and recently retired from her positions as a research scientist for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING, JANUARY 22, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Steve Byram, president. Steve thanked various members for their help with the Bromeliad Guild.

Welcoming of visitor - Phil Gunsiska

Secretary's Report. Minutes of the last meeting were accepted after the following correction: Plant was shown by Robert Nelson, and not by Kenneth Stokes.

Treasurer's Report: Given by Marilyn Byram. The report will be filed for audit.

New Business: The Florida State Fair will be held on Thursday, 2/8/18 through Monday, 2/19/18. Set-up for our Bromeliad display will be 2/5/18 at 6:30 p.m.. The take-down will be on Tuesday, 2/20/18 at 10:00 a.m. A schedule sheet was passed so the members could sign up for the dates and for three hour shifts. Our Bromeliad Guild will also have some potting demonstrations at the Fair. Members who work will get a free ticket to the fair. The club will get \$250.00 for setting up the display. Tom Wolfe gave details.

The club decided to make a donation of \$750.00 to Marie Selby Gardens and \$750.00 to the Evil Weevil fund for a total of \$1,500.00. A discussion was held. Dottie Kellogg made a motion and Tom Wolfe seconded the motion for Marie Selby. Verna Dickey made a motion for the Evil Weevil fund and Eileen Hart seconded. Members approved both donations.

Steve passed a new revised Refreshment sheet with members divided more evenly over the year.

Announcements: A field trip will be held in April - details to be announced. Dottie Kellogg had information about the Palm Society field trip.

Door Prize Bromeliad won by Guido Zakaroff

Birthday Bromeliad won by Pam Slagg

Show and Tell: Plants shown by Tom Wolfe - *Quesnelia Black Knight*, *Billbergia Sadireana*, *Aechmia gracilia*, *Billbergia McWilliamsii* x *B. amen rub*, *A. miniata* var. *discolor* x *calyculata*.

Meeting Adjourned

Program was presented by Master Gardener and member Eileen Hart. "Bromeliads in the Winter and Bromeliads that Bloom in the Winter Time." Eileen explained some ways to protect the bromeliads in the freezing weather.

Respectfully submitted by Marcia Hunter, Secretary.

BGTB MEETING, JANUARY 22, 2018



Call to Order



Quesnelia Black Knight



Aecmea gracilis



Speaker, Eileen Hart



Refreshment Time



Raffle Table



Bromeliads were featured in the Horticultural Area of the Florida State Fair this year.

Cold Sensitivity of Some Bromeliads

By Tom Wolfe & Eileen Kahl

This list is compiled to be a guide for many bromeliad species and some hybrids.

- (1) Many variables factor into cold hardiness, including the condition and location of the plants along with the climatic conditions of a particular cold event
- (2) Wind velocity can dissipate radiational heat from the ground
- (3) No wind (calm) can allow frost under 38°
- (4) Frost—some plants will tolerate temperatures below freezing for a short period but be severely injured by frost
- (5) Cold duration
- (6) Location of plants: in ground, under trees, in pots, in hanging baskets, tree branches (more vulnerable elevated when surrounded by cold air)
- (7) Cold following unseasonable warmth
- (8) It is recommended that, prior to a hard freeze, you water your bromeliads. The water in the cups may insulate the caudex so that the caudex will survive and the plant can pup.
- (9) Mother plants may die but pups will survive

16°-21° F

Aechmea

apocalyptica
aquilega
blumenavii
calyculata
caudata
comata
cylindrata
distichantha
(all varieties)
gamosepala
kerteziae
ornata var. nationalis
recurvata
(all its varieties)
triangularis
winkleri
wittmackiana

Billbergia

chlorosticta is now saundersii
distachia
horrida
nutans (and its hybrids)
pyramidalis
(including 'Striata' and 'Kyoto')
sanderiana
saundersii (formerly chlorosticta)
'Theodore L. Mead'

Bromelia

flemengii
serra

Deuterocohnia

meziana
schreiteri

Dyckia

All species *except*
marnier-lapostollei

Fascicularia

bicolor
pitcairniifolia is now bicolor ssp.
canaliculata

Hechtia

marnier-lapostollei
stenopetala
texensis

x Neophytum

'Ralph Davis'

Neoregelia

'Marcon'
macwilliamsii
spectabilis

Nidularium

fulgens
procerum
regeloides now rutilans

Puya

Most species

Quesnelia

arvensis
quesneliana
testudo

Tillandsia

baileyi
ionantha
recurvata (ball moss)
usneoides (Spanish moss)

Vriesea

atra
barilletii
carinata
corcovadensis
ensiformis
flammea
friburgensis (all varieties)
gigantea
incurvata
lubbersi
'Mariae'
phillipocoburgii

platynema
rodigasiana
scalaris
schwackeana
simplex
vagans

22°-27° F

Aechmea

'Burgundy'
eurycorymbus
'Foster's Favorite'
nudicaulis
ramosa var. festiva
rubens

Billbergia

amoena stolonifera
'Catherine Wilson'
'Muriel Waterman' (severely damaged by frost)

Vriesea

bituminosa
guttata

Canistrum

aurantacum
lindenii
(is now Edmundoa lindenii)

Hechtia

argentea
glomerata
montana

xNeomea

'Strawberry'

Neoregelia

'Catherine Wilson'
compacta
cruenta

Vriesea

erythrodactylon

28°-32° F

Acanthostachys

strobilacea

Aechmea

'Bert'

blanchetiana (frost sensitive)

bracteata (frost sensitive)

bromelifolia (frost sensitive)

chlorophylla

dactylina

fasciata

fendleri

filicaulis

fosteriana (frost sensitive)

fulgens

lamarchei

lingulata

lueddemanniana

mariae-reginae

miniata

mulfordii

nudicaulis

orlandiana

pectinata

pimenti-velosoi

pineliana

(also var. minuta)

pubscens

triticina

weilbachii

Alcantarea

gigantea

imperialis

Androlepis

skinneri

Billbergia

amoena (all varieties)

leptopoda

meyeri

morelii

rosea

speciosa

vittata

zebrina

Bromelia

balansae

Deuterocohnia

brevifolia

brevispicata

Guzmania

berteroniana

lingulata

lindenii

monostachia

Hechtia

mexicana

xNeophytum

'Galactic Warrior'

Neoregelia

ampullacea

avalon

burle-marxii

carolinae in all its forms

'Dexter's Pride'

'Fosperior'

johannis

johannis rubra

kautskyi

laevis

macrosepala

melanodonta

'Morrisoniana' (Foster

hybrid)

pineliana

'Rien's Pride'

Sarmentosa

'Sheba'

Nidularium

amazonicum

burchellii

(is now *Canistropsis burchellii*)

ferdinando-coburgii

innocenti

procerum

rutilans

Pitcairnia most species

Portea

kermesina

leptantha

petropolitana (all varieties)

silverae

Quesnelia

edmundoi

humilis

mamorata

Tillandsia

bartramii

fasciculata

xfloridana

paucifolia

setacea

simulata

tricolor

utriculata

Vriesea

bituminosa

fosteriana

glutinosa

'Lucille'

'Mon Petit'

'Purple Cockatoo'

'Rex'

'Rosa Morena'

saundersii

'Seminoles Chief'

32°-40° F

There are a multitude of bromeliad species and hybrids that will survive temperatures between 32°-40° F, though there are some that will be damaged or killed by temperatures in the 40's.

(January 2007)

<http://fcbs.org/>

Some information was gleaned from lists compiled in prior years by Karen Andreas, Dale H. Jenkins, Al Muzzell, & Tom Wolfe



In an effort to improve our refreshment plan, the board of directors decided to divide the refreshment schedule into 10 months and assign all members to provide the refreshments for one meeting a year. (May and December are dinner/auction months.) The meeting dates and assignments are listed below. If you cannot provide refreshments on your assigned date, please inform Steve Byram and we will assign you another meeting date. We will also accept monetary donations for supplies.

JANUARY 2018: Sherran Blair, Julie Lessard, Ed Owen, Lyla Shepard, Pam Slagg, Jim Stewart, Ira Wald

FEBRUARY 26, 2018: Livia Popovich, Linda Putnam, Selma Sappenfield, Sherry Valiente, Tom Wolfe, Jill Zakaroff

MARCH 19, 2018: Paula Benway, Robert Dickey, Mark Headley, Dottie Kellogg, Robert Nelson, Beverly Owen

APRIL 16, 2018: Steve Byram, Judith Pope-Champagne, Robert Putnam, David Stamm, Mark Victor, Susan Weeks, Sandy Weaver, Carol Wolfe

JUNE 18, 2018: Carmen Cornwell, Elle Dodard, Phil Elting, Eileen Hart, Bob Hart, Allen Langworthy, Kathleen Ledbetter, Maggie Lopez, Kenneth Stokes

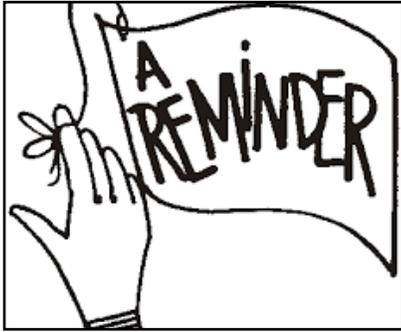
JULY 16, 2018: Lindsay Eagle, Ray Hernandez, Dave Johnston, Beverly Millar, John Miller, Chris Robinson, H.T. Sisco

AUGUST 20, 2018: Kathie Gorman, Darlene Hannan, Becky Houston, Marisela Lopez, Dave Mracek, Shirley Perez, Maria Warner

SEPTEMBER 17, 2018: Verna Dickey, Kay Miller, Mike O'Leary, Linda Reynolds, Lois Sadd, Beverly Sisco

OCTOBER 15, 2018: Randy Garcia, Rick Hunter, Ted Ledbetter, Mark Randall, Diana Robinson, Jose Rosado, Nancy Stamm, Cheryl Victor

NOVEMBER 19, 2018: Cliff Brown, Marilyn Byram, Bill Carr, Marcia Hunter, Bob Jackson, Eileen Kahl, Elaine Young



Membership Renewal

It's time to renew your BGTB membership. If you haven't done so already, please fill out the application/renewal form in this newsletter and bring it to the next meeting or mail it to Paula Benway, 1225 N. Riverhills Dr., Temple Terrace, FL 33617. Only \$25.00 for single membership or \$30.00 for family. What a bargain!

REFRESHMENTS FOR FEBRUARY'S MEETING . . .



will be provided by Livia Popovich, Linda Putnam, Selma Sappenfield, Sherry Valiente, Tom Wolfe, and Jill Zakaroff.

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



February Birthdays: Livia Popovich, Selma Sappenfield, Sherry Valiente, Tom Wolfe

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.



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



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: bprevattpcc@aol.com

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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>



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:

Paula Benway

1225 N. Riverhills Dr.

Temple Terrace, FL 33617

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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