

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE MARCH 2018



Many thanks to Dr. Terrie Bert for her informative talk on Uncommon Bromeliad Genera. Her table of habitat preferences from the talk is listed later in this newsletter.

We also had a great show and tell table in February with several of you participating by bring in special plants to talk about. Please continue to bring in your plants to share with the members. This is one of the most enjoyable parts of the evening.

A hearty welcome to our three visitors who became members last month: Mike Foley, Corrine Goodman, and Mary Watkins. Mike is a returning member.

The BGTB Board of Directors has worked out a behind-the-scenes tour of Selby Gardens on April 28. We are still working on transportation options. We will have more information at the next meeting.

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. We will have a sign-up sheet at the March meeting.

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. This is your last newsletter if dues are not paid by April 1.

See you at the meeting,

Steve Byram, President



PROGRAM FOR MARCH 19 MEETING
SPEAKER: KENNETH STOKES
PROGRAM TITLE:
“BROMELIAD FLORAL DECORATIONS AND DECORATIVE CONTAINERS”

Our speaker at the March meeting will be long-time member and bromeliad grower, Kenneth Stokes, whose talk is titled “Bromeliad Floral Decorations and Decorative Containers.”

This program offers basic information on how to utilize Bromeliad blooms outside of the garden. Selection of the containers to be used, basic floral design principles, appropriate greenery and working with dried materials will be covered. Kenneth holds his audience’s attention during his lectures and delights his audience by adding bits of humor and new approaches to learning about bromeliads.

Kenneth Stokes is a life-long Floridian and has been involved in plant growing and collecting his whole life. He has made collecting trips to both Ecuador and Malaysian Borneo.

In his business life, he is a master fine furniture maker and a restorer of fine art and antiques. He is also the author of four literary novels. As a hobby, he grows tropical plants on the grounds of his south Tampa home, including Bromeliads, incorporating examples from most of the cultivated genera.

Kenneth joined the Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay (BGTB) in 1994 and has participated in many BSI Shows, including three world conferences. He has held positions in both the Sarasota Bromeliad Society (SBS) and BGTB and has presented horticultural programs for both societies.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING, FEBRUARY 26, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Steve Byram, president.

Welcoming of visitors - Corrine Goodman, Mary Watkins, and Mike Foley. All three joined the guild.

Secretary's Report. Motion to accept the minutes as written in the newsletter made by Kenneth Stokes, seconded by Verna Dickey.

Treasurer's Report: Given by Paula Benway. The report will be filed for audit.

New Business: Tom Wolfe discussed the Florida Council Meeting. Two points were mentioned - 1. Get permission to publish pictures. 2. Dr. Teresa Cooper - progress on evil weevil research.

Announcements: A behind the scenes trip to Marie Selby Gardens is being planned for April but we have not heard from Bruce Holst to arrange the tour. The majority voted to go even if we cannot go behind the scenes.

Key to storage unit is missing if anyone has it, see Tom Wolfe.

Door Prize Bromeliad won by Linda Putnam

Birthday Bromeliad won by Tom Wolfe who said his candles cost more than the cake.

Show and Tell: Plants shown by Verna Dickey - Ae. Foster's Favorite, Bill. Amoena Burle Allen, Bill. Amoena, Quesnalia testudo, Ae. Lueddemanniana cv Alvarez, Ae. weilbachii v. pendula; Ray Hernandez - Ae. milsteiniana; Kenneth Stokes - Desert species: Neoglaziovia variegata, Dienacanthon urbanianum, Z fosterella's Rohnbergia brazilasis, Folgens x Ramosa, Ae. nudicaulis capitata x Sincularium Selby; Tom Wolfe - Ae. cantata x recurvata, Ae. Fosters Favorite, Till baileyi, Ae. Perez, Ae. recurvata red form, Ae. kertesziae

Meeting Adjourned

Program was presented by Dr. Terrie Bert "Beating the Odds - Growing Uncommon Genera.. She is a well-known authority on Bromeliads and has won top awards in local bromeliad shows and world conferences

Respectfully submitted by Marcia Hunter, Secretary.

BGTB MEETING, FEBRUARY 26, 2018



Call to Order



Treasurer's Report



Tom Wolfe - Till. baileyi



**Verna's State Fair prize-winning
Ae. Weibachii pendula**



Ray Hernandez - Ae. milsteiniana



Kenneth Stokes - Neoglaziovia variegata



Speaker, Dr. Terrie Bert



Raffle Table

Remember to bring plants for the raffle table! Take a look in your collection for spare pups, etc. Share the wealth with your fellow bromeliad lovers!

Habitat Preferences for Uncommon Bromeliad Genera

Exerpted from the presentation “Beating the Odds: Growing Uncommon Bromeliad Genera,” by Dr. Theresa Bert (presented to the Tampa Bay Bromeliad Guild Feb. 26, 2018).

Genera we can grow without undue torture			Forget it!
Partial to full sun, cool to hot, seasonally dry to dry	Shade to sun, cool to warm, mesic or seasonal rains	Shade, warm, seasonally wet to wet	Very difficult to impossible to grow (for various reasons)
<u>Acaethnactis</u>	<u>Acanthace</u>	<u>Araucococcus</u>	<u>Breccaria</u> (t)
<u>Deuterocobbia</u>	<u>Anaxar</u>	<u>Bromelia</u>	<u>Brocchinia</u> (t)
<u>Encholirium</u>	<u>Androlepis</u>	<u>Canistroria</u>	<u>Conellia</u> (t)
<u>Hechtia</u>	<u>Glomeropitairnia</u>	<u>Canistrum</u>	<u>Comandoria</u>
<u>Hohenbergia</u>	<u>Navia</u>	<u>Catopsis</u>	<u>Deinacanthos</u>
<u>Neoglaziovia</u>	<u>Portea</u>	<u>Dirteganthur</u>	<u>Esandrea</u> (h)
<u>Orthophytum</u>	<u>Pseudanaxar</u>	<u>Edmondoa</u>	<u>Fascicularia</u> (h)
<u>Puya</u>	<u>Quesselia</u>	<u>Fernseea</u>	<u>Greggia</u> (h)
<u>Sarcocrea</u>	<u>Ursulae</u>	<u>Fosterella</u>	<u>Lepanthus</u> (h)
	<u>Werauhia</u>	<u>Lymonia</u>	<u>Lindmania</u> (t)
	<u>Wittrockia</u>	<u>Nidularium</u>	<u>Mezobromelia</u> (h)
		<u>Pepinia</u>	<u>Ochagavia</u> (h)
		<u>Pitcairnia</u>	<u>Pseudocochlea</u> (?)
		<u>Rachicera</u>	<u>Seuencia</u> (t)
		<u>Ronbergia</u>	<u>Styrobromelia</u> (t)

(t): lives only on top of or on walls of tepuis (sandstone platform mountains in the Lost World of Venezuela & vicinity).

(h): lives at high altitudes only.

(?): no one has seen the only species in this genus since it was collected. No living specimens exist in collections or in culture.



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! **NOTE: This is your last newsletter if dues are not paid by April 1.**

REFRESHMENTS FOR MARCH'S MEETING . . .



will be provided by Paula Benway, Robert Dickey, Mark Headley, Dottie Kellogg, Robert Nelson, and Beverly Owen

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



March Birthdays: Paula Benway, Elisa Carr, Robert Dickey, Dottie Kellogg, Robert Nelson, Beverly Owen,

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



USF Botanical Garden Spring Plant Festival - April 14-15

Field Trip to Marie Selby Gardens - April 28

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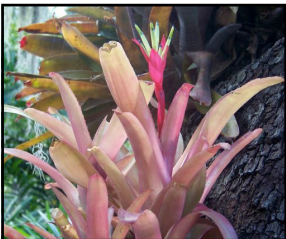
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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/562988247096958/>

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>



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

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