

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE MARCH, 2019

I want to thank Alton Lee for his entertaining and educational program on the often overlooked Cryptanthus Genera of Bromeliads. We all listened intently for his great illustration at the end of his talk that he is famous for giving.

We will begin our new raffle procedure at the March meeting. The procedure will be for everyone to bring a NICE pup or plant for the raffle. The plants will then be placed in front of the lectern on tables with a cup in front of each plant. Members will then place as many raffle tickets in cups as they wish and then we will draw one for each plant. (A share table will also be in the back of the room.)

A field trip is being planned for Saturday, April 27, 2019 to Sunken Gardens with a side trip to the Green Thumb Festival. A signup sheet will be passed around at the meeting again.

Don't forget to put these events on your calendar: (1) USF Print Plant Festival on Saturday and Sunday, April 13-14. (2) 2019 Bromeliad Extravaganza on September 20-21 (Friday and Saturday) in Orlando, Florida. It will be held at Marriott's Springhill and Towne Place Suites. 8040 Palm Parkway. Contact www.Bromeliadx.com for Extravaganza and hotel registration information.

See you at the meeting,

Steve

P.S. The experts say bromeliads are epiphytes, but they're really parasites — they suck money out of your wallet!





Next Meeting: March 18, 2019

SPEAKER: Kenneth Stokes

“The On-Going Care of Bromeliads”

Kenneth is a life-long Floridian and resident of Tampa. A plant collector, especially bromeliads, he is a speaker and writer who has made collecting trips to Ecuador and Malaysian Borneo.

Bromeliads are growing things that are not static in appearance. There are stages of growth and reactions to happenings in the environment. Trees become dense, leaves and limbs fall and it can rain for a whole week. All of them affect your plants. The growing and multiplying nature of Bromeliads means that repotting of your plants will be necessary. The care and grooming should be an on-going activity, not something done the week before a Bromeliad show.

He will answer questions and share his knowledge of the care and culture of bromeliads so you can learn to grow them and appreciate their many unusual and beautiful features.



It's time to renew your BGTB membership. Your membership expired on December 31, 2018. 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.



The BSSF Annual Show at Fairchild Gardens from March 30-31, 2019 at 10901 Old Cutler Rd., in Coral Gables, FL 33156 (<https://www.fairchildgarden.org/Events-Community-Outreach>)

USF Spring Plant Festival, April 13-14, 2019

2019 Bromeliad Extravaganza, September 20-21, Orlando, FL

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Minutes of Meeting February 25, 2019

Welcome by President, Steve Byram. Visitors: Judy Mogilewsky, Brunilda Wicker, Maggie Ruggiero, Richard Dailey

Program was presented by Alton Lee. "Cryptanthus: A Wonderful, Overlooked Bromeliad Group" Alton spoke of his vast experience with cryptanthus plants and showed many cryptanthus plants brought by Richard Dailey. His mix includes perlite, potting soil, tiny cypress chips, and charcoal. Use fertilizer regularly, stop fertilizer at Thanksgiving and start after Valentine's Day. Crypt means hidden flower.

Break for Refreshments

Show and Tell: Tom Wolfe: Aechmea 'Perez', Aechmea 'Red Ribbon', Aechmea comata, Aechmea victoriana var. discolor, Aechmea 'Fosters Favorite'; Verna Dickey: Vriesea Walbachii (Pendulous), Vriesea Walbachii (Erect); Robert Nelson: Neoregelia cruenta rubra, Aechmea recurvata; Kenneth Stokes: Billbergia Stolonoifera, Neoregelia compacta, Neoregelia macwilliamsii, Orthomea, Aechmea recurvata, Cryptanthus durrell, Catopsis citrinum, Ananas erictifolios, Ananas Paraquaensis, Aechmea caudata, Fosterella, cut examples - Portomea and Aechmea mariae retinae

Business Meeting Called to order by Steve Byram

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept the minutes as published in the newsletter made by Kenneth Stokes, seconded by Paula Benway.

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

Old Business: New raffle procedures were explained by Tom Wolfe. Please bring one nice plant or pup for the raffle. The plants will be lined up along the front of the room with a cup in front of the plant. Members will place tickets in cups which will be drawn for each plant. A share table will be at the back of the room. Another idea was a silent auction with a person's name and amount bid on each plant. Top bidder would win the plant.

Our club hosted and sponsored the Florida Council meeting at the home of David Crouch in Land O' Lakes.

A field trip is planned for April 27 at Sunken Gardens. The trip may be combined with the Green Thumb Festival. More details will be announced at the March meeting.

Announcements: The Bromeliad Extraaganza and Plant Sale will be September 20-21, 2019 in Orlando.

Tom Wolfe announced there were bromeliads for sale that were left over from the fair booth. All plants were sold auction-style at the February meeting to add to our treasury.

Birthday Plant won by Tom Wolfe.

Motion to Adjourn the meeting by Kenneth Stokes. Seconded by Anna Hartman

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Hunter

SNAPSHOTS FROM BGTB MEETING FEBRUARY 25



State Fair Plants on Sale



Kenneth Stokes - *Neo. macwilliamsii*



Verna Dickey- *Aechmea weilbachii*



Tom Wolfe - *Aechmea comata*



Speaker - Alton Lee



Richard Dailey with his *Cryptanthus* Collection



REFRESHMENTS FOR THE MARCH MEETING . . .

will be provided by Robert Dickey, Dottie Kellogg, Diane Harder-Deminico, Linda Putnam, Chris and Diana Robinson



March Birthdays: Paula Benway, Diane Harder-Deminico, Robert Nelson, Robert Dickey, Dottie Kellogg
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 813-600-9771 or email at taxxmaam@tampabay.rr.com

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Marie Selby Botanical Gardens— www.selby.org

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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

FOR FIRST-TIME MEMBERS: 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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