

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE APRIL 2017

I want to thank all of our members that helped out at the State Fair this year; we earned 6th place and had a nice display. And thanks to all the folks who helped out at the USF Botanical Gardens Spring Sale; a very lovely weekend to spend in the gardens talking with other "plant addicts" and promoting our club and the Extravaganza.

Thanks to Eileen Hart for her program on the different types of bromeliads and the donation of her plants!

Thanks also to Kenneth Stokes for his workshop on how to make a show 'n' tell presentation; the first step on learning how to make a program presentation. The Florida bromeliad clubs are in need of new programs and presenters and often will pay a good speaker fee. So, try out Kenneth's suggestions and bring a plant for show 'n' tell! Remember Dave Johnston's challenge to bring in a big plant!

We are collecting items to put in the Extravaganza raffle baskets; you might find some items around your home that you no longer use; stop off at those neighborhood yard sales and peruse your area thrift shops.

My challenge to you: bring in as many items as you can to the April and May meetings and the largest amount will win a free plant!

Remember that the May meeting is our annual picnic and plant auction; please get your plants ready to donate to the sale; clean them, name them, and add a note about their care. Plan on bidding for that next must-have plant to add to your collection.

Our hearts and prayers go out to Eileen and her family for the loss of her brother.

Julie Lessard



Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay, Inc.
Meeting: Monday, April 17, 2017
Time: Doors open 7:00 PM Program at 7:30 PM
Location: Christ the King Catholic Church
821 S. Dale Mabry, Tampa, FL 33609
Power Point Presentation: World Bromeliad Conference in Houston, Texas
Speaker: Jay Thurrott

The Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay monthly meeting is Monday, April 17th. Jay Thurrott, Past President of the Bromeliad Society International, will present a power point program on the 2016 BSI World Bromeliad Conference. He will be sharing his great photographs of bromeliads as well as describing the primary activities of the attendees from all over the world at the four day World Bromeliad Conference held in Houston, Texas.

Tom Wolfe
Program Chair

MINUTES OF THE MEETING, MARCH 20, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Julie Lessard, president

Visitors, Mark Headley, Marilyn Bui, Dera Southerland, Debbie Impiccini, and Barb Madden; and New Members, Jose Rosado and Mark Randall, were introduced and welcomed.

Secretary's Report: Minutes were accepted as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: The financial report was read and will be filed for audit.

Announcements: Tampa Garden Club Flower Show April 8-9. Clubs are invited to exhibit plants. Five-garden tour available. \$20.00

Old Business: Thanks to all who helped at the Florida State Fair. We received a ribbon for 6th place.

New Business: Extravaganza - please try to sell ads to businesses you frequent. We need donated items for raffle baskets.

Door Prize: won by Ira Wald

Birthday Plant: won by Lindsay Eagle

Workshop: Presented by Ken Stokes. He gave tips on presenting "show & tell" plants.

Show and Tell: Plants were shown by Mark Headley - Dyckia "Ruby Snow x Big Brazil, Orthophytum Brittle Star; and Tom Wolfe - Aechmea Fosteriana on driftwood, Dyckia 'Milky Way' (Brittle Star F2 x estensii x estevesie

Meeting Adjourned

Break for Refreshments

Program was presented by Eileen Hart. "ABC's of Growing the Most Common Genera"

Respectfully submitted by Steve Byram

BGTB Meeting, March 20, 2017



Call to Order by Julie Lessard



Workshop presented by Ken Stokes



Hohenbergie Oposie Guatemalaitinicus
shown by Ken Stokes



Orthophytum Brittle Star
shown by Mark Headley



Dyckia Ruby Snow x Big Brazil
shown by Mark Headley



Dyckia (Brittle Star F2 x Estevesii x
Estevesii shown by Tom Wolfe



Aechmea fosteriana
shown by Tom Wolfe



Vriesea Christiane shown by
Kathie Gorman



Speaker, Eileen Hart

Welcome New Members!



Mark Randall



Jose Rosado

BSI World Bromeliad Conference in San Diego, California

May 29 - June 3, 2018

Registration \$390 3-1-2017 to 5-1-2-18; \$425 at door

Paradise Point Resort \$184 + taxes for double occupancy



We have no April birthdays, so we are asking our members with May and December birthdays to bring refreshments this time.

May: Rusty Beazley, Robert Hart, Judith Pope-Champagne, Jill Zakaroff

December: Sherran Blair, Linda Putnam, Diana Robinson, David Stamm, Jim Stewart, Susan Weeks

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



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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>

Any Changes?

If your mailing address, email address, or phone number changes, please inform Marilyn Byram at 21535 Northwood Drive, Lutz, 33549 or bgtbnewsletter@gmail.com



Announcing the...



2017 Bromeliad Extravaganza

Friday, August 4, 2017
Saturday, August 5, 2017
Sunday, August 6, 2017

Clarion Hotel

2701 E. Fowler Ave., Tampa, FL 33612

www.clarionhoteltampa.com (813) 971-4710

Ask for Bromeliad Extravaganza Rate

\$75.00 for single or double

\$85.00 for triple/quad

Complimentary hot breakfast

Free Parking

Rates guaranteed by hotel until July 13, 2017

Registration: \$100.00 per person

After July 25, 2017:

\$110.00 per person

Registration includes 2 meals:

Friday Night Barbeque Buffet & Saturday night

Banquet Buffet

Saturday: Plant Sales 9 AM to 4 PM Raffle,

Silent auction

Seminars with guest speakers Banquet and

Rare Plant Auction Sunday: Optional Garden

Tours \$12 Bus ticket

Seminar Guest Speakers

Pam Koide Hyatt of Bird Rock Tropicals, California;

Dr. Larry Giroux of Fort Myers, FL, BSI Judge &

Editor of The Cryptanthus Society Journal;

Bruce Holst, Taxonomist/Scientist and Director of
Botany, Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, Sarasota, and

Ken Stokes of Tampa, Bromeliad expert/grower

For Registration Complete the Following:

Name # 1: _____

Name #2: _____

Address: _____

City, State, _____

Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

_____ of registrations @ \$100 = \$ _____

_____ bus tickets @\$12 each = \$ _____

Total enclosed = \$ _____

Make check payable to BGTB and

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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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