

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE JUNE 2018



Here's hoping you all enjoyed our picnic and auction last month. I'm sure we all enjoyed the dining, chatting, and buying and we made money for our club, too!

Thank you to all who brought food and plants and spent your money on some nice bromeliads. Special thanks to Dave Johnston, Mike Sweet, and Rick Hunter for their excellent job in conducting the auction.

Don't forget to invite your friends, neighbors, and fellow garden club members to our meetings. Please bring nice clean plants to donate for the raffle table and also other plants for show and tell.

See you at the meeting,
Steve Byram, President

P.S. Getting grubby is good for the heart, skin, and immune system! Another reason to get back to your garden. Can you dig it?



PROGRAM FOR JUNE 18 MEETING
SPEAKER: DAVE JOHNSTON



Our speaker this month is well known to all of you, our very own Dave Johnston. Dave has served the club in many capacities including President for three terms. He has hosted board meetings, has been sales chairman, donated plants to all our functions, served as auctioneer, and over the years, he has presented us with many programs and workshops. He does speaking engagements around the state at various bromeliad societies and garden clubs. Dave is the owner of Bromeliads Galore in Pinellas Park.

His talk is titled “Did You Know the Name Changed?.” This program offers basic information on how the names of some bromeliads have changed due to scientific testing. This is sure to be a great program.

WHERE DO BROMELIADS GROW?

Bromeliads are a Neotropical family which means they grow virtually exclusively in the New World tropics (and subtropics). Most come from South America with the greatest number of species found in Brazil. They range from Chile and Argentina in South America through Central America and the Caribbean reaching their northern limit at Virginia in the southeastern United States. A single species (*Pitcairnia feliciana*) is found in western Africa. Bromeliads altitude range is from sea level to over 14,000 feet. They can be found in a wide variety of habitats from hot, dry deserts to moist rainforests to cool mountainous regions.

They are found in a variety of growing situations: Terrestrial species are found growing in the ground (the way we expect most plants to grow). They may be found growing in bright sun along sandy beaches to the shady understory of a forest among the leaf litter and debris. Saxicolous species are found growing on rocks. They may grow on hard rocky outcrops where their roots may penetrate cracks and fissures to locate moisture or organic nutrients or sometimes they are found growing tenuously on sheer cliff faces. Epiphytic species are found growing on other plants, usually trees, shrubs or cactus but sometimes they can be found on telephone poles or even on the telephone lines themselves. This capability to take their nutrition and moisture from the atmosphere has earned these bromeliads the name "Air Plants". *From San Diego Bromeliad Society, 2/23/27*

ANNUAL PICNIC AND PLANT AUCTION MAY 21, 2018



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!

REFRESHMENTS FOR JUNE'S MEETING . . .



will be provided by Carmen Cornwell, Elle Dodard, Phil Elting, Eileen and Bob Hart, Allen Langworthy, Kathleen Ledbetter, Maggie Lopez, Kenneth Stokes

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



June Birthdays: Elle Dodard, Phil Elting, Eileen Hart, Kathleen Ledbetter, Kenneth Stokes

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



FREE ADMISSION FOR DADS!

Enjoy a day with Dad and take a walk through Orlando's beautiful Leu Gardens this Father's Day. Admission is free for dads. For more information, contact Leu Gardens at 407-246-2620 or visit www.leugardens.org.

Father's Day Special at Kanapaha Botanical Garden in Gainesville. Free admission to fathers of all ages. For more information, visit kanapaha.org.

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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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