

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE JUNE 2017

Welcome to June and the rainy season. The rain washes the dust and spring debris from our plants, refills our neo cups with fresh water, and makes our companion plants lush with new green growth and colorful blooms.

It is also the time to get up early and outside to enjoy the gentle breezes and cool mornings before the heat of day. Let's start gathering our nicest, extra plants to sell at the Extravaganza that will pay for your registration to the event.

I hope you all enjoyed our May picnic and plant sale; I know I am happy with my new found treasures. I also enjoy this picnic because it gives us a chance to socialize and get to know each other better. Thanks to all of you who attended and brought some wonderful dishes to share and helped set up our feast. The June meeting speaker will be Tom Wolfe and will present a perfect topic for a lot of us newer members with how to take care of our new treasures that we just purchased.

Jule Lessard



**Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay, Inc.
Monthly Meeting: Monday, June 19, 2017**

Time: Doors open 7:00 PM

Meeting at 7:30 PM

Location: Christ the King Catholic Church, 821 S. Dale Mabry, Tampa

SPEAKER: TOM WOLFE, "BASIC BROMELIAD CULTURE"

Tom Wolfe's presentation for the Bromeliad Guild of Tampa bay will be a hands-on presentation: Basic Bromeliad Culture. The program will include removing bromeliad pups, potting mixes, water, air circulation, fertilizing and much more. If you have any questions on bromeliads, Tom is the person who knows the answer. He will bring some choice plants and something unusual as well.

Tom joined the Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay (BGTB) in 1965 where he has held many positions including President. He has been instrumental in encouraging and working with BGTB members to present annual shows, participate in community shows and sales, and refurbish bromeliad beds at Lowry Park Zoo, Eureka Springs Park, and Ybor City Museum State Park. Tom helps create displays at the Florida State Fair annually promoting bromeliads. Tom has designed and installed many residential and commercial landscapes featuring bromeliads.

Tom became an accredited BSI Bromeliad Judge in 1982 and is now a Master Judge. He served on the BSI Board of Directors for 14 years serving as Director, Secretary, with 6 years (1991-1993) as VP and 6 years (1993-1999) as President (1999-2005). Tom is the first BSI President to serve two consecutive three year terms.

He was recently honored by the Bromeliad Society International for 50 years of service to the bromeliad community in *The Journal of the Bromeliad Society* published in the October – November 2015 issue.

He is in demand as a speaker throughout the United States presenting programs on bromeliads to garden clubs, botanical gardens, horticultural clubs and bromeliad societies. Tom was General Chairman of the successful World Bromeliad Conference "Bromeliad Safari" held at Saddlebrook Golf & Tennis Resort and hosted by the BGTB. Tom is the Chairman of the "Bromeliad Extravaganza" to be held in Tampa August 4-6, 2017 at the Clarion Hotel and registration is open to the public.

Tom and his wife Carol live in Lutz and grow their bromeliads on their 2½ acres of land and greenhouses.

BGTB ANNUAL PICNIC AND PLANT AUCTION MAY 15, 2017



Dear Members of the Bromeliad Guild,

Thank you to everyone who has supported our Extravaganza Raffle Baskets, which we making to earn money for our club. I wanted to update everyone on the Extravaganza Raffle Baskets. Currently, we have collected items for 11 baskets to be started. The following are how I grouped items to create a theme for each basket.

1. Pineapples: we have a variety of pineapple items.
2. Just Pot It: here we have a variety of small pots. They will be in a large plastic pot.
3. Just Hang It: Currently, we have a cedar basket, a hanging board that holds pots, a wood plank, hooks, wire, a hanging pot, and luminaries.
4. My Favorite Tools: we have clippers, gloves, a large push broom, and a Box of Preen.
5. Beach Bag: It will be filled with items to take to the beach.
6. Beach Life: we have collected some ceramic seashells and a glass star fish that can be drilled for pots. Also, we have a strand of seashells and Wall art about a beach.
7. Feed the Birds: we have 2 hummingbird feeders, a suet feeder and a Painting of a hummingbird.
8. Large ceramic pot: we hope to fill it with some tools.
9. Time to Relax: teas, glass mugs, honey sticks, and a cozy afghan.
10. Game Night: we have a Murder Mystery Game(hosting a murder), a puzzle, and a china lazy Susan for snacks.
11. Boats: here we have some model sail boats and related items.

We have items not listed above but will be placed in the appropriate basket, including Journals and books.

Items that would be appreciated would be bottles of wine, craft beer, tools such as gloves, long tweezers, saws you would use to cut apart pups, the mosquito control pellets, etc. pieces of bark, tree fern, or decorative hooks, honey, games, boats, and anything you think would be good to put in the baskets.

Thanks for all of your help,

UPCOMING DEADLINES:

Deadline for placing advertising in the Extravaganza Program is **July 1**.

Special Extravaganza rate at the Clarion Hotel is \$75.00 for single/double, \$85.00 for triple/quad. Rates are guaranteed until **July 13**.

Registration fee for the Extravaganza registration is \$100.00 until **July 25**. After July 25, it is \$110.00



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



Happy Birthday!



June Birthdays: Elle Dodard, Phil Elting, Susan Fuentes, Eileen Hart, Allen Langworthy, Kathleen Ledbetter, Maggie Lopez, 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.

Club members celebrating their birthdays also provide the refreshments at our meeting each month. This way everyone helps once during the year. If you have a May or December birthday, please bring refreshments the following month, since we have the picnic and Christmas parties those months. 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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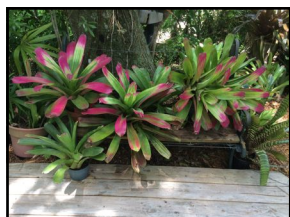
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Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay - www.bromeliadguildoftampabay.org



<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>

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



The Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies, Inc. and The Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay



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

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

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

Announcing the...

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
mail to: Pam Slagg, Registrar
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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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