

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE JULY 2016



Nice to meet a tillandsia grower from Clermont; I enjoyed learning more about tillandsias from Dalene Bradshaw at our last meeting. I was even brave and bought a few; an experiment with something new!

Some of these plants that we just bought at the meeting or from past auctions would make nice future show-n-tells! Please bring a plant to show that you like. Also a past birthday plant winner can bring in the next birthday plant.

We are having a contest!! Bring your ideas for a theme and name for the 2017 Extravaganza to the July meeting and we will vote on it then. The winner will receive a \$50 plant donated by Tom and Carol Wolfe.

Julie Lessard

BGTB Meeting Program - July 18, 2016

Speaker: Mike O'Leary

Our own BGTB member, Mike O'Leary will present a program entitled "**Bromeliads: Ten Reasons Why You Should Grow Them**".

Mike and his wife, Linda, live in Clearwater. Mike has served the Club in about every position from Director to President. He was Treasurer of the 1992 World Bromeliad Conference which BGTB hosted at Saddlebrook Resort. Before becoming a busy mom, (four children) Linda also worked many years serving the BGTB. Mike and Linda are a large part of the BGTB's history.

Mike is a superb grower and excellent speaker so you don't want to miss his interesting presentation.



Minutes of Meeting June 20, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Julie Lessard, President

Visitors and new members were introduced and welcomed.

Treasurer's Report: Julie Lessard gave the report in Paula Benway's absence. We have a total of \$6230.00 in our checking account plus \$3007.49 CD for a total of \$9237.49. The report will be filed for audit.

Extravaganza Committee Report: Extravaganza will be at the Sheraton Tampa East located at I-75 and Martin Luther King Blvd. Dates: July 21 and 22, 2017. Registration fee will be \$125.00 and Room rate is \$99.00 per night. Friday night reception 6:30 - 9:00. Seminars and sales during the day on Saturday. Banquet and rare plant auction on Saturday night.

Publicity is very important for a successful Extravaganza. Need to use newspapers, magazines, as well as Internet for advertising.

Old Business : May 21 visit to Paula Benway's garden was enjoyed by all who attended.

New Business: Steve Byram will be in charge of our plant sales at the USF sales. He will be asking for volunteers.

Birthday Plant: won by Eleanor

Door Prize Plant: won by Eileen

Show and Tell: Plants were shown by Ken Stokes - Neo Cruenta Strata, Tom Wolfe - Aechmea La Marcii and Vriesea Rubraesii, Eileen Hart - Vriesea Maljenii, Julie Lessard - Bilbergia Hallelujah(?)

Eileen Hart also warned about the Evil Weevil. She advised us to isolate newly purchased plants for awhile to make sure there are no weevils before placing them in the garden with other bromeliads.

Meeting Adjourned

Break for Refreshments

Program on Tillandsias was presented by Dalene Bradshaw

Raffle

Respectfully submitted by Steve Byram, Secretary

BGTB Meeting, June 20, 2016



Before Meeting Sales



Call to Order



Ken's Show & Tell



Tom's Show & Tell



Evil Weevil Warning



Julie's Show & Tell



Speaker Dalene Bradshaw



Tillandsias



Tillandsia Snails

Have your plants been producing pups this season? If you have extras, please bring them to share at the raffle table next meeting. Make sure they are clean and have no scale.





Mounted Plants

Bromeliads such as aechmeas, billbergias and tillandsias can be mounted to grow as epiphytes (air plants). Gray leafed tillandsias are drier growing and prefer mounting. Various types of wood, roots, tree fern slabs, rocks and cork are good materials for mounting. Driftwood that has been in sea water should be soaked for several days to leach out salts before attaching plants. Use plastic coated wire (never bare wire), staples, various glues, or narrow strips of nylon stockings to tie or secure plants. Be careful not to damage the base of the plant. Some tillandsias will never show root attachment even after years of growth.

Mounted plants depend on their leaves to absorb needed moisture and food. Water the entire plant thoroughly at least twice a week, and douse them thoroughly in a tub or sink weekly. Don't allow water to sit in the leaf axils of fuzzy or gray leafed tillandsias. Shake the water off, if necessary. Fertilize mounted plants sparingly with a dilute liquid fertilizer.

Excerpt from "Bromeliad Culture Brochure," Bromeliad Society International



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.



Happy Birthday!



July Birthdays: Lindsay Eagle, Ray Hernandez, Dave Johnston, Beverly Millar, John Miller, H.T. Sisco

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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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 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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