

# Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE JUNE 2018



Thanks to Julie Lessard for presiding over June's meeting. Also, we want to thank Dave Johnston for his interesting and informative program on bromeliad name changes.

As per our normal Florida summers, July has been giving us good afternoon showers. If you grow plants in pots outside, you may want to check them on a regular basis to dump out excess water because most pots over time will clog up in the bottom hole(s). This will help prevent fungi from forming.

Don't forget to bring your show and tell plants and also some pups for the raffle table to help folks get started with or add to their collections.

Hope to see you at the meeting for a good night of facts, fun, food, and fellowship.

Steve Byram, President

P.S. Gardening required lots of water — most of it in the form of perspiration.



**PROGRAM FOR JULY 16 MEETING**  
**SPEAKER: DR. TERESA MARIE COOPER**  
**New Events in Mexican Weevil Research**



Our speaker at the July meeting will be Dr Teresa Cooper, researcher, who will talk about the latests events in her research to deal with the destructive Mexican weevil in Florida.

Dr. Cooper is an entomologist, conservationist, and artist. From 2001 to 2016 she was at the University of Florida, first as a graduate student (Gainesville, Florida) then as a Research Scientist (Ft. Pierce, Florida). During this time, she concentrated on one goal: saving Florida's bromeliads from an invasive bromeliad-eating weevil, *Metamasius callizona*. Until 2015, great efforts were made by Dr. Cooper and her colleagues to control the weevil using classical biological control; ultimately, it was not successful. Now, several of Florida's bromeliads may be endangered because of the weevil. In 2015, Dr. Cooper began the Save Florida's Bromeliads Conservation Project to promote intensive conservation efforts to keep Florida's bromeliads alive.

**SEPARATING PUPS**  
**Reprinted from FECBS Journal June 2014**  
**By Jay Thurrott**

When is a good time to separate bromeliad pups? When should we repot existing bromeliads – either to a larger potsize or just to replace the “worn-out” potting mix? When are the oak tree leaves finally going to stop falling into my bromeliads so I can clean all of the fallen debris out of the leaf axils? That time is here! It's summertime and if you plan your workdays in the garden so that you can avoid the mid-day heat of Florida's summer, you can accomplish a lot in the garden. Summer in Florida is when our bromeliads are in their most active growth period and you can take advantage of that in many ways. First, if you have always wanted to try your hand at mounting a bromeliad on a favorite piece of driftwood, this is the perfect time to do it. A well mounted plant now will set its roots into the wood much more quickly than at other times of the year and in a very short time you should have a beautiful epiphytic display that will appear to have been growing on that wood for most of its life. Just be sure to start out with a young plant – older, more mature bromeliads are less likely to produce new roots for attachment.

## **Minutes of Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay June 18, 2018**

Meeting called to order by Julie Lessard in the absence of the President, Steve Byram.

Verna Dickey is acting Secretary in the absence of Marcia Hunter.

No Treasurer's report in the absence of Paula Benway.

Julie talked about needing more people to bring food and supplies for the refreshment table. Kenneth Stokes mentioned there is ice and a big spoon in the kitchen. If no ice in the machine, push the reset button and it will work again.

Julie asked for a volunteer to do the raffle.

This weekend (June 23 & 24) is the Tropical Plant Sale at USF.

Kenneth Stokes volunteered to do a workshop next month on Dyckias.

Birthday plant was won by Ellie Dodard and Name Tag plant was won by Lois Sadd.

Show and Tell: Kenneth Stokes, Tom Wolfe and Verna Dickey. Tom showed how to mount Tillandsias by using glue or a zip tie.

Break for refreshments.

Program given by Dave Johnston on "Did you know the name has been changed?"

What used to be 3 subfamilies are now 8.

Some familiar changes are:

Ananas comosis is now Ananas ananassoides.

Cryptanthus fosterianus is now Cryptanthus zonatus.

Tillandsia cyanea is now Wallisia

Guzvriesea is now Guzgoudaea.

# SNAPSHOTS FROM BGTB MEETING JUNE 18, 2018



## REFRESHMENTS FOR JULY'S MEETING . . .



will be provided by Lindsay Eagle, Ray Hernandez, Dave Johnston, Beverly Millar, John Miller, Chris Robinson, H.T. Sisco

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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**July Birthdays:** Lindsay Eagle, Ray Hernandez, Dave Johnston, Beverly Millar, Chris Robinson

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.

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### 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](mailto:taxxmaam@tampabay.rr.com)

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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!

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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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