

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE AUGUST 2016

Thanks to our own Mike O'Leary for helping us realize that we could and should garden all of our lives because there are so many benefits; not to mention that we are all plant addicts!

The month of August is known as "The dog days of summer" which means we have plenty of leisure time or it's way too hot to be outside! Either way, it is a good month to find a favorite plant to share and bring it for Show'n'Tell and maybe leave it on the raffle table; and find a new plant at the plant sale at 7:00 or take a chance on the raffle.

BGTB Meeting Program - August 15, 2016

We look forward to our own Kenneth Stokes and his presentation "Creative Ways to Incorporate your New Bromeliads into your Garden." Kenneth, a Tampa writer and plant collector, often brings many fine specimens from his very selective bromeliad collection to show and he offers a wealth of many years experience of gardening information.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the August 15th meeting!

Julie Lessard
President



Minutes of Meeting July 18, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Julie Lessard, President

Visitor, Ruth Myara, was introduced and welcomed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Paula Benway reported we have a total of \$5819.59 in our checking account plus \$3014.01 CD for a total of \$8833.60. 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.

Contract with the hotel is being negotiated and will be signed soon by Florida Council rep. Publicity chair is needed right away.

Plant sales will be from 9:00 to 4:00 on Saturday. We will make 25% profit on the sales. Florida Council will bring, set up, and help run cash registers. We need volunteers to help with bagging plants.

Old Business : Bylaw change was voted on and carried:

The BGTB Board of Directors recommended that the speaker fee dollar amount wording be removed from BGTB bylaws (Article XI – Section 2) and added to the standing rules.

Article XI – Section 2 did read: “The vice president may authorize up to \$100 for a speaker.”

The NEW wording in the standing rules now reads, “The vice president may authorize up to \$150 for a speaker.”

Birthday Plant: won by H.T. Sisco

Door Prize Plant: won by Bob Dickey

Show and Tell: Plants were shown by Kathie Gorman - Neo Magali, Neo olens hybrid, Bilbergia Hana Hou; Tom Wolfe - Araeococcus, Ananas hybrid, Araeococcus Mycranthus, Aechmea alopecurus

Meeting Adjourned

Break for Refreshments

Program was presented by Mike O’Leary, “Bromeliads: Ten Reasons Why You Should Grow Them.”

Raffle

Respectfully submitted by Steve Byram, Secretary

BGTB Meeting, July 18, 2016



Show & Tell Table



Before Meeting Sales



Plants at Speaker's Table



Outstanding Show & Tell Plant



Tom's Show & Tell



Refreshment Time



Treasurer Report



Speaker, Mike O'Leary



Reasons to Grow Bromeliads

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.



TOO MUCH WATER AFFECTING YOUR PLANTS?

Keep a close eye on bromeliads after the constant heavy rains of the last few days. Potted plants should be dumped frequently. If the mix looks really soggy, bring the plants under cover until they dry out.

Brown, mushy lower leaves indicate rot. Remove those leaves and pull the mix back from the plant, allowing air to get to it. Again, bring it under cover.

If center leaves look unsightly and smell horrible, gently pull out the rotten leaves until you reach healthy-looking ones. You might remove the entire plant from the mix and allow it to dry in an empty, clean pot. This will enable it to harden off and recover.

Plants in the ground are harder to nurse back to health. If it's a valuable one that looks a bit sick you might want to dig it up and bring it under cover. How do you know if it's sick? If the lower leaves are brown and rotting, if the center leaves are discolored and if the general condition has deteriorated.

Tillandsias can suffer from an over-abundance of rain if their root systems aren't allowed to dry out. Removing dead plants and leaves can go a long way to allowing good air circulation in your Tillandsia clumps.

By Moyna Prince *BromeliAdvisory*, Sept. 2008



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!



August Birthdays: Steve Byram, Mark Darby, Kathie Gorman, Darlene Hannan, Herb and June Hill, Becky Houston, Marisela Lopez, Dave Mracek, Shirley Perez, Robert Putnam, Maria Warner, Mary Louise Wojahn, Carol Wolfe

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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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 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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