

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay Newsletter



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE SEPTEMBER 2018

Verna Dickey gave a lovely program on the beauty of the different types of bromeliads. She included seven bromeliad genera in her hands-on presentation. Good job, Verna!

We've been having great raffle tables for the past several months. Thank you for being so gracious in giving our club members opportunities to purchase your beautiful plants at discounted prices. This is especially beneficial for our new members/visitors to enhance or begin their new collections.

Also, let's continue to expand our Show and Tell Table. Many of you probably have nice specimens that you bring in which are either in bloom or out-of-the-ordinary (as in a little-known species or an albino form of a regular plant).

When you bring your bromeliads to the meeting, try to make sure they have a name tag (but we can help out if you've lost it over the years), are free of leaves, fungus, bugs, etc., and have clean containers. We've been blessed with a nice facility, so let's try our best to keep it tidy. Thank you for your help in these regards.

SAVE THE DATE: Please put Oct. 13-14, 2018, The USF Fall Festival on your calendar so you can assist us with this sale. Start selecting some nice plants to sell and give them lots of TLC over the next few weeks as you get them ready.

See you soon,

Steve

P.S. Some of the best things in life are the plants we love, the gardens we've been to and the memories they've given us along the way.



Next Meeting: September 17
SPEAKER: Rick Hunter, Dover, Florida

Our speaker at the September meeting will be Rick Hunter, whose talk is titled "Hardscapes with Bromeliads."

This program offers basic information on how to build flower beds and edge with landscape blocks.

Dr. Hunter has been a member of the Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay and Tampa Bay Area Camellia Society for several years and lives in Dover with his wife Marcia.

He worked 30 years as an environmental scientist and public health professional in various government agencies before transitioning to the private sector. He was CEO of a firm that sterilized medical supplies for 13 years before retiring in 2014.

Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay
Minutes of Meeting August 20, 2018

Meeting called to order by president, Steve Byram.

Welcoming of visitors: Andreas Golf, Monica Guerrero, Cindy Halfmann, Brunilda Wicker, Bonnie Bertolino, Elise Bertolino, Anne and Colin Phipps, and Diane Hardee-Deminico.

Secretary's Report. Motion to accept the minutes as published in the newsletter made by Eileen Hart, seconded by Kenneth Stokes.

Treasurer's Report by Paula Benway. The report will be filed for audit.

New Business: Julie Lessard suggested that we need a Membership Committee Chairman.

Show and Tell: Robert Nelson - Tillandsia Xerographica; Eileen Hart - Vriecantero Inferno; Julie Lessard - Neo Tiger; Kenneth Stokes Aechmea Follens x Ramosa Burning Bush

Announcements: Member Bill Carr has bromeliad plants to share with members. He has a surplus of bromeliads. (wcarr1@tampabay.rr.com)

Door Prize won by Elaine Young

Birthday plant won by Mike Foley

Motion to conclude the meeting by Rick Hunter, seconded by Verna Dickey

Refreshments and Raffle.

Program was presented by member and Master Gardener, Verna Dickey. Title: "The Beauty of Bromeliads" Verna gave a very interesting talk on the many varieties of bromeliads and her display was beautiful. Verna and Bob Dickey have a large garden at their home, and Verna shared her knowledge and experiences with the bromeliads.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Hunter

Grooming and Repotting of Dyckias and Hechtias

Kenneth Stokes

1. Cut off roots coming through drain holes in the pot.
2. With scissors, trim any skirting of dead leaves from the side of the pot.
3. Lift plant from the pot.
4. Cut off 1/3 of any mass of old roots. They are tangled together and will not separate.
5. Cut the clump centrally between rosettes until you have 2 clumps.
6. With a knife, pry off small offsets.
7. Remove dead leaves all the way to the caudex.
8. Trim any dying leaf tips.
9. Pot divisions in new pot. One per pot. Small offsets can be put in community pots. Use some perlite to facilitate drainage.



To my fellow members of bromeliad societies in Florida,

The Sarasota Bromeliad Society is having a party to honor Dennis And Linda Cathcart on Monday, October 8th at 7 PM. It will be held in the Great Room at Selby Gardens. Their children and grandchildren are planning to attend. There will be food, drinks, prizes, and an amazing slide show. We want to invite members of your club to attend.

So often we wait until somebody is sick or dying before we thank them or let them know how they have positively affected our lives. We are asking guests to write on a card or email a happy memory, special thought, or funny story you have of Dennis, Linda, or Tropiflora. We will share them at the party. Whether you are able to attend or not, please take the time to either email or mail your message. To help in the planning, send your message and RSVP by October 1st.

We also want to invite your members to our Annual Auction 'Fall-ing for Bromeliads' on Monday, November 12th at 7 p.m. in the Great Room at Selby Gardens. There will be plants donated by Tropiflora, Selby, Michael's Bromeliads, Plant Parents and from our members private collections. There will also be an original art piece, driftwood, and baskets of bromeliads and bromeliad-related items. The famous auctioneer, Ray Lemieux will be presiding. Please save the date.

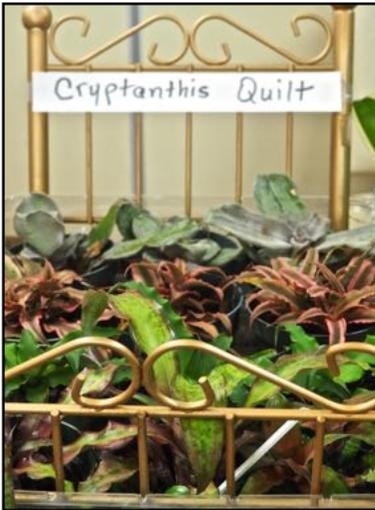
Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at both the party and at the auction. If you have any questions, please feel free to email Marian Kennell at mmkennell@verizon.net or call her at (941) 544-1412

If you are old school, you can mail your message to:

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Sincerely,
Marian Kennell, President SBS

SNAPSHOTS FROM BGTB MEETING AUGUST 20, 2018



Speaker, Verna Dickey with her Quilts



Show and Tell

Robert Nelson - *Tillandsia xerographica*

Kenneth Stokes - *Aechmea Folgend x Ramosa Burning Bush*

Eileen Hart - *Vriecantera Inferno*

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REFRESHMENTS FOR THE AUGUST MEETING . . .



will be provided by Verna Dickey, Kay Miller, Mike O'Leary, Linda Reynolds, Lois Sadd, and Beverly 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.



September Birthdays: Verna Dickey, Allen and June Langworthy, Kay Miller, and Lois Sadd,

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.

Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of long-time member Shirley Perez who passed away on August 24, 2018. She will be missed.



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



October 8 Sarasota Bromeliad Society is hosting a party honoring Dennis and Linda Cathcart, owners of Tropiflora Nursery. Great Room at Selby Gardens. 7:00 p.m.

October 13-14 USF Botanical Gardens Fall Festival

October 26-28 Tropiflora Nursery Fall Festival

Tropiflora Nursery

3530 Tallavast Road

Sarasota (tropiflora.com/events)

November 12. Sarasota Bromeliad Society Fall Auction. 7:00 p.m.

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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>

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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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