



Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society

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September 2026 Newsletter

Meeting Announcement:
Sunday, September 20th at 2 PM
200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford

Our September meeting features Greg Kolojeski with his presentation: **Blooming Bromeliads**. There will also be a **Members Market**.



Blooming Bromeliads

The presentation will include well over 100 photos of Bromeliads in bloom that were featured as **Plant Pictures of the Day** from January 2025 to date. A related handout will show what was in bloom in each month. There will also be a demo of the Sanford Garden Club website.

Please bring your plants to donate to the Door Prize Drawing and Plant Raffle for the benefit of the Society. We will also have the Members Silent Auction and a Members Market.

Our main course for this meeting's refreshment break will be furnished by the SBTPS. Members whose last names begin with the letters H through N are asked to bring side dishes.

Current Member Count: 121

Greg Kolojeski bio

Greg joined the SBTPS when he came to the Annual Spring Plant Sale in April, 2013. He started growing his first bromeliads (*Aechmea fasciata*, still his favorite) about six years earlier and discovered that bromeliads looked great and could be grown with little or no effort. Greg has been president of the SBTPS since 2015 and president of the Sanford Garden Club since 2018. He has also published and edited the [SGC/SBTPS website](#) and [monthly newsletter](#) since 2016. Greg has been posting a **Plant Picture of the Day** on the [SBTPS Facebook page](#) since May of 2017.

Greg became a director of the [Bromeliad Society International](#) (BSI) in 2017, its vice president from 2019 to 2022 and president from 2022 to 2024. He was a co-chair of the **World Bromeliad Conference** which was held in June 2022 in Sarasota, Florida and was the chair of the **2025 Bromeliad Extravaganza** in Orlando.

Pictures from the 2026 Fall Plant Sale:



President's Message

August Plant Sale and more

We had a successful **Annual Fall Plant Sale** in August. The sale total was almost exactly equal to the average of the preceding four sales. The credit card percentage of sales was higher than ever at 85.5% of sales. Collections and the tag accounting matched up almost perfectly and there were no particular problems or issues. Sandi and her crew did a great job as usual with plant setup. And having five garden carts available for use by customers resulted in most buyers taking their plants out to their cars without assistance.

We had somewhat less plants than in April, but still had a large selection. We had less Aechmeas than usual with few in bloom (likely due to the cold weather we had in February). We had lots of members as volunteers and everything went quite smoothly. Special thanks have to go out to those who set up and gathered the plant sale signs as it was quite hot outside! Breakdown required more effort than usual since we had to fold up all the tables and remove and place them in the closet or the backroom in order to make it possible to have the terrazzo floors cleaned, refinished and buffed two days later.

The topic of my presentation at the September meeting will be **Blooming Bromeliads**. Members are encouraged to bring blooming bromeliads in for Show & Tell and for the Silent Auction. We will also have a **Members Market** which means you may bring in plants to sell.

--Greg Kolojeski

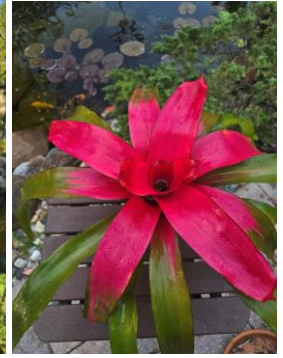
September Work Party at the Sanford Garden Club

We have a work party scheduled at the garden club on Tuesday September 15th from 8am to 10am to remove some Cherry laurel seedlings in addition to other trimming, fertilizing and weeding duties. Thanks go out to Barbara Whittier and Marion Crim for their recent touchup work on the walls inside the building and the reception desk.

Improvements at the Sanford Garden Club

We are having the stage remodeled this weekend with new flooring and edging. It should look like new after it is finished. With the new LED lights and other improvements made over the last year, the Sanford Garden Club building looks great inside. As a result, event rental bookings continue to do quite well.

October 18th Meeting: Marty Baxley Fact or Fiction 2.0
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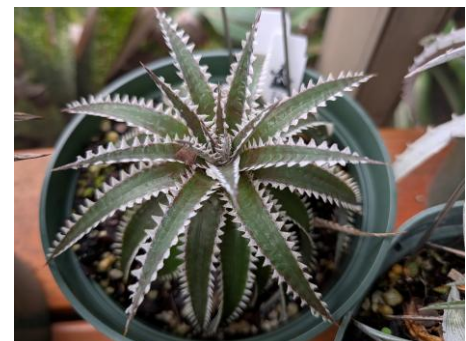
8/16/26 & 8/28/26 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Billbergia stenopetala and
Neoregelia 'Lipstick' by John Boardman



8/17/26 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Neoregelia 'Victoria Red' sport by Greg K.



8/18/26 & 8/1/26 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Aechmea magdalenae 'Quadricolor' and
Billbergia 'Kyoto' by Greg Kolojeski



8/13/26 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Dyckia 'Snaggletooth' by Greg Kolojeski