



Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society

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November 2025 Newsletter

**Meeting Announcement:
Sunday, November 16th at 2 PM
200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford**

Our November meeting features Dave Johnston with his presentation, **Billbergias are Awesome**



With about 40 years of experience growing Bromeliads, Dave has seen it all and will be ready to answer your questions. He will also bring a number of great Bromeliads for sale including some older hard-to-find hybrids.

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.

Our main course for this meeting's refreshment break will be furnished by the SBTPS. Members whose last names begin with the letters A through C are asked to bring side dishes. There will be some new types of homemade sourdough bread including Cherry Chocolate.

Current Member Count: 141

Dave Johnston bio

Dave started growing Bromeliads in 1985 and joined the [Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay](#) (now known as the *Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society of Tampa*) shortly thereafter. He was president of the Tampa club five times and served every position there except for secretary. Dave also was a representative to the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies ([FCBS](#)).

Dave joined the Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society in the late 1980's where he was president twice as well as being a director.

Dave's Bromeliad speaking began over 20 years ago as he was the in-house speaker on Bromeliads for [Sunken Gardens](#) in St. Petersburg for over a decade. Dave has given numerous presentations to Bromeliad societies over the last several years.

Dave launched [Bromeliads Galore](#) as a collector's nursery in 1990. He had over 2,000 different species and hybrids, but has since cut back to only over 1,000 different Bromeliads!

Plants at the 2025 Bromeliad Extravaganza:



President's Message

October Meeting

We had 45 attendees at our October meeting which featured Marty Baxley. He brought a number of great Bromeliads that were offered at low prices.

--Greg Kolojeski

Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society News

We will have an election of the 2026 officers for the **Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society Board** at the November meeting. The following members are running:

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Sanford Garden Club News

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Holiday Party for 2025

Our Holiday Party is on December 21st at 1:00 PM. All members will receive more information soon in an email.

Upcoming Sanford Garden Club Improvements

A number of improvements are under consideration for 2026. Items being considered include new A/C units, bathroom remodels, stage replacement and a new outdoor SGC sign.

Sudi's Last Meeting

Sudi Hipsley said goodbye to everyone at our October meeting. She recently sold her Florida house and left for Iowa with her sister on Monday, November 3rd. We all wish her the best. Sudi and Greg are pictured below at the October meeting.



Plant Pictures of the Day:



11/1/25: Goudaea 'Josefa Leon' (top left) & Goudaea 'Bullis Blizzard' by Greg Kolojeski
10/23/25: Variegated Fishtail Palm Tree
Picture by John Boardman



10/27/25: White Bat Plant (at Katrina's garden)
10/28/25: Dwarf Poinciana (at Dan Sullivan's garden), Pictures by Greg Kolojeski



10/30/25: Billbergia 'Casa Blanca' & more
Picture taken at Katrina Kruse's garden by Greg

December 21st Meeting: Holiday Party