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May 2024 Newsletter

**Meeting Announcement:
Sunday, May 19th at 2 PM
200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford**

Our May meeting features Dave Johnston with his presentation:

Foliage Vrieseas: Take Two



With about 40 years of experience growing Bromeliads, Dave has seen it all and will be ready to answer your questions. He will also be bringing a number of great Bromeliads that will be offered for sale.

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

Our main course for the refreshment break will be provided by the SBTPS. Members whose last names begin with the letters H through N are requested to bring side dishes.

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 2024 Annual Spring Plant Sale

Current Member Count: 132

June 16, 2024 Meeting: Keith Emig on Orchids

President's Message

April Plant Sale

We had a very successful **Annual Spring Plant Sale** which turned out to be our 3rd best sale ever exceeding the results of both sales last year. We sold almost 200 more plants than last April or almost 1600 this time around. The percentage of sales paid for by charge cards keeps increasing and now exceeds 80%. And the balancing of the tag count with collections was very close.

I would like to thank the many members who volunteered and helped make this sale such a great success. It was especially nice to see so many new members involved as volunteers!

--Greg Kolojeski



4/26/24 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Billbergia alfonso-joannis by Barbara Whittier

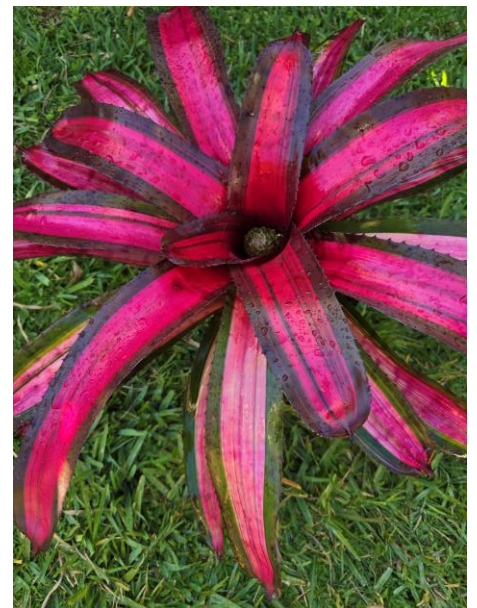


Alcantareas and more at the 2024 Annual Spring Plant Sale

World Bromeliad Conference 2024

The BSI's **WBC 2024** will be **May 22-25, 2024** in West Palm Beach, Florida. Information on it may be found at wbc.bsi.org. It is likely to be a number of years before another WBC is held in Florida (the next one will be in California in 2026), so you shouldn't miss this opportunity. The \$295 registration rate was extended to the start of the conference and the special hotel rate was extended to the earlier of May 15th or whenever the allotment of the rooms at the special rate is fully booked.

Registrants will get into the plant sale early and will have a number of special events such as presentations by speakers from around the world to a barbecue and banquet. Some events are open to the public such as the plant sale, plant show, and rare plant auction. Check the schedule at the WBC 2024 menu at the BSI website.



4/14/24 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Neoregelia 'Pyromania' (Skotak)
by John Boardman



4/21/24 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Aechmea chantinii (spineless)
by John Boardman