



Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society

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August 2019 Newsletter

2019 Annual Fall Plant Sale:
August 17th and 18th from 9 AM to 4 PM
200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford

The SBTPS plant sale will feature a huge selection of Bromeliads, Heliconias, Gingers, Orchids, and many other tropical plants, plant supplies, and books.



Scene from the 2019 Spring Plant Sale

We will have at least 27 members as vendors plus many more as volunteer helpers, tag takers, and cashiers. Saturday morning will be particularly hectic as dozens of customers will line up outside prior to opening and we will be extremely busy all morning long. Then it will change to a more moderate but steady pace for the rest of the sale. We can use the help of all members during the sale, but do try to show up Saturday morning if possible.

If you have one, be sure to wear your SBTPS logo t-shirt or polo shirt to the plant sale. It will make it easy for our customers to find someone knowledgeable to answer their questions. We always get lots of positive feedback about the helpfulness of our members at these events.

Butch will be on the [Tom MacCubbin radio show](#) where he will discuss Bromeliads and our plant sale on Saturday morning, August 17th starting at 7:20 AM.

Pictures from the July 2019 Meeting:



Marty Baxley's display of 'Minis' for a window sill



A big turnout for the July meeting



Sudi checking the tag on Greg's 'Show & Tell' Plant

President's Message

July Meeting

Our July meeting featured Marty Baxley (a first-time speaker for us) with his very informative hands-on presentation, It's a Small World. We had a great turnout of both new and long-time members with 47 attendees.

I would like to thank Ginny Fortenese for her many years of great service as our Librarian and also to welcome George Hoover as our new Librarian. We plan to soon dedicate a storage cabinet in the backroom to our Library and also publish a book list.

We have a plant sale in August and hope to see most of our members there as both customers and volunteers. Our April and August plant sales raise much of the funds used to pay for meetings and to contribute to the upkeep and maintenance of our property.

--Greg Kolojeski

Current Member Count: SBTPS: 85; SGC: 90

Sanford Garden Club News

A new handyman did some work at the SGC on August 1st where he replaced multiple ceiling tiles and ceiling light fixture covers, the solar lights on the outside signage, and more. He is currently preparing an estimate related to replacing the sliding door on the north side of the SGC with windows.

The SGC Board has been reviewing window covering options (blinds, curtains, shades, shutters, tints and films, and more) to replace the approximately 30-year old curtains at the SGC. We will have two companies visiting the SGC next week to make recommendations and take measurements in order to prepare estimates for us.

Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society News

Many of the members are busy preparing for the Annual Fall Plant Sale in August. We will have a fantastic selection of Bromeliads and many other tropical plants with many great plants offered at very reasonable prices. We have four new plant sellers and expect to have more collector-quality plants than ever!

Landscape Committee Work Party

We held a work party (Barbara, Marion & Greg) at the SGC on August 5th. Some Bromeliads donated by Barbara were planted on the east side of the building and the beds were mulched there and in front. The plant beds near the road were also weeded (we don't want buyers coming to our plant sale to see weeds in front!).

2019 Bromeliad Extravaganza in Orlando

The [Bromeliad Extravaganza](#) on Sept. 20-21 will be here soon. Registrations are being taken and the special rate for hotel stays is only available for rooms booked by August 17th.

**September 15th Meeting:
Kenneth Stokes: What's in a Name?**



**8/9/19 Plant Picture of the Day:
Caladiums 'Florida Elise'**



**8/2/19 Plant Picture of the Day:
Billbergia pyramidalis**



**8/1/19 Plant Picture of the Day:
Aechmea 'Hacienda'**