



## Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society

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## July 2024 Newsletter

### Meeting Announcement: Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at 2 PM 200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford

Our July meeting will feature John Boardman & Pam Marion with their presentation: **Red, White & Bloom!: Ideas for Growing Great Bromeliads**



John and Pam at John's Greenhouse

John & Pam will draw upon their extensive experience to present ideas on growing great bromeliads. They will also bring great plants 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 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.

**Current Member Count: 137**

### John Boardman bio

John got hooked on bromeliads in 1982 after winning several bromeliads in a public television auction. He's been an active member of the [Bromeliad Society of Central Florida](#) since 1990, serving as President and Vice President and is now a life member. John is also a Bromeliad Society International Master Judge and enjoys participating in bromeliad shows as a committee member, competitor, and judge throughout Florida, Louisiana, and Texas.

John's plants have won many top awards in local shows and World Conferences, including an impressive 17 BSI "Best in Show" awards. His bromeliad collection thrives in a 35' x 30' greenhouse in St. Cloud, Florida. Neoregelias are his favorites, but he grows a wide variety of genera and has an extensive collection of variegated Chester Skotak creations.

### Pam Marion bio

Pam joined the Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society in 2023. She is a life member in the Bromeliad Society of Central Florida and the Central Florida Orchid Society. She has held many offices in both societies.

Pam has been growing plants, both inside and outside, for over 30 years. Her collection includes many bromeliads, Florida native plants, a butterfly garden, orchids, heliconias, and other tropics.

### Annual Fall Plant Sale

The [Annual Fall Plant Sale](#) will be on August 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>. We will need volunteers for the many roles including cashiers, tag takers, customer helpers (to help buyers take plants to their cars), and tropical plant experts to answer customer questions. More information about the plant sale will be sent out by email to all members later this month.

Every member qualifies as a *tropical plant expert* to some degree and plant buyers greatly value your advice. One of the most frequent comments we receive from plant buyers is how they love the information they get from our members at the plant sales.

Our [Online Auction/Presale](#) runs from August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9 AM to August 12<sup>th</sup> at 9 PM. Table setup will be on Thursday afternoon, August 15<sup>th</sup>. Plant setup starts at 11 AM and ends at 3:30 PM on Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. There will then be a Presale for Members Only from 4 to 6 PM on that Friday. Members will be able to shop a day early without the crowds.

## President's Message

### June Meeting

We had 62 attendees at our June meeting which featured an informative presentation by Keith and Dina Emig on orchids. This month we will have another excellent presentation by John Boardman & Pam Marion who will also bring a great selection of bromeliads to sell.

I would like to thank Cathy Schubert for stepping up to become our new Plant Sales Accounting Chair. The continued success of the SBTPS depends on volunteers filling many different important roles.  
—Greg Kolojeski



## Pineapple Day!



July 21<sup>st</sup> will be our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual **Pineapple Day!** at the Sanford Garden Club. Attendees are encouraged to wear pineapple apparel, prepare/provide pineapple food, and bring in pineapple artifacts/objects. Pineapple objects vary tremendously and may include vintage items as well as modern artifacts. Please bring in some of your most interesting pineapple objects whether they are beautiful, bizarre, unusual or just one of your favorites!

### The Sanford Garden Club Landscape and Building

The efforts of the Landscape Committee (Barbara Whittier as Chair with volunteers such as Marion Crim and Bonnie Friedrich) have resulted in the SGC grounds having their best appearance in many years. In addition, the inside of the SGC building is also looking the finest it has in some time. Barbara Whittier and Marion Crim have recently done a lot of touch-up painting which have made the public areas look better than ever.



Marion doing some touch-up painting at the Sanford Garden Club

### FCBS

Greg and Sudi attended the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies (FCBS) meeting on June 22<sup>nd</sup> in Belleair. A major topic of discussion was the 2025 Extravaganza likely to be held one weekend sometime in the August to October 2025 time frame. The SBTPS has not sponsored an Extravaganza in quite a while and could possibly sponsor it in 2025. This topic will be on the agenda for discussion at the SBTPS meeting on September 15<sup>th</sup>. The next FCBS meeting at which an Extravaganza could be approved will be October 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Annual Fall Plant Sale:  
August 17-18, 2024: 9-4 PM each day**



6/9/24 **Plant Picture of the Day:**  
Pitcairnia 'Starry Night' by Dave Schubert



6/21/24 **Plant Picture of the Day:**  
Vriesea erythroactylon



6/17/24 **Plant Picture of the Day:**  
Guzmania bismarckii