



Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society

President: Greg Kolojeski
 Vice Pres.: Sudi Hipsley
 Secretary: Paula White
 Treasurer: Sudi Hipsley
 Librarian: Ginny Fortenese
 Plant Sales: Alan Bennett
 Publicity: Marty Folk
 Hospitality: Sudi Hipsley
 Landscape: Barbara Whittier
 FCBS Reps: Sudi Hipsley & Greg Kolojeski
 Website: <http://bromeliads.club>

Copyright © 2016, Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society, All Rights Reserved.

November 2016 Newsletter

Meeting Announcement:
November 20, 2016 at 2 PM
200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford

Our November meeting will feature a presentation by Brian Marsland of [Exotica Tropicals](http://ExoticaTropicals.com):

The Tropical Garden



Brian's presentation will be a visual presentation of unusual tropical plants that can be grown in Florida to create a lush jungle look. Genera to be covered include Heliconia, Gingers, Aroids such as Philodendron, Anthurium, and Alocasia as well as tropical trees.

There will be member plant sales for *Bromeliads only* at November's meeting. Our speaker will bring a wonderful selection of many other tropical plants including various Heliconias, Gingers, Philodendrons, Alocasia, and Rainbow Eucalyptus trees.

Please bring your plants for Show & Tell and donate your extra ones to the raffle table to benefit our society.

The SBTPS will be providing the refreshments for November's meeting (mostly from Costco).



President's Message

October Meeting

We had another successful meeting in October with 27 attendees. There was keen interest in the fascinating presentation by Gloria Johnson and Bill Haynes.

Don't Be Shy!

After the presentation, we heard that some in the back had difficulty hearing part of presentation. If you notice any issues like this during a meeting, please bring them up immediately with either the speaker or a Board member!

Member Plant Sales

At the November meeting, there will be **member plant sales for Bromeliads only**. Our speaker will have a great selection of other tropical plants for sale.

Bromeliads Are Safe

The Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies (FCBS) has a new web page on **Bromeliads Are Safe** which can be accessed by going to <http://bromeliadsaresafe.com>. It contains info related to the Zika virus transmitted by two species of mosquitoes and how the harmless species of mosquitoes commonly found in Bromeliads do not carry Zika. Links to authoritative sources as well as downloadable articles and flyers are provided. Much of the same info is also available at the Sanford Garden Club site located at <http://www.sanfordgardenclub.com/bromeliadsaresafe.html>. These materials should be very helpful in trying to avoid the ridiculous hysteria that resulted in the removal of Bromeliads in Miami Beach when they were found to contain a few harmless mosquitoes that are incapable of carrying the Zika virus!

Workshops

We would like to have Workshop presentations at future meetings. Such workshops would typically run from 5 to 15 minutes at most. Share your expertise! Feel free to contact us with your ideas on what you would like to present or on what topics you would like covered by other members.

Election of Officers for 2017

At the November meeting, we will have an election of officers for 2017. Our current officers (Gregory Kolojeski, president; Sudi Hipsley, vice president and treasurer; and Paula White, secretary) have agreed to offer their services again in 2017.

If anyone would like to step forward to run for one of the two positions Sudi has so well handled this year, we would love to hear from you! We will be happy to accept any nominations made even up to the moment we vote.

New SBTPS Logo

The proposal is to spend up to \$250 for a professionally designed logo. The vote on this proposal was delayed from the last meeting while some of our members put together design ideas (which will be available at the meeting).

Such a logo would be created in many different file formats. This means that the logo could be used in a variety of cases such as on websites, stationery, business cards, T-shirts, plaques, signs, and more. We plan to have it ready for our 40th anniversary in 2017.

Business Matters

Three business matters will have votes at the November meeting: a new SBTPS logo, a recommended charitable contribution to Bromeliad Society International (BSI) (an email on this topic was recently sent to all members), and the election of officers for 2017. It is anticipated that each of these matters will only take a few minutes.

October 30th Garden Work Session

Grateful thanks go out to the three SBTPS members (Colin Green, Tony Figueiredo, and Barbara Whittier) who joined me on the last Saturday of October to provide some much needed garden maintenance. Barbara, our expert Landscape Chairman, made sure we accomplished what was needed!

Member Photo Directory

We are in the process of creating a membership photo directory (available only to members). You could [email us](#) a perfect photo of yourself taken in the last five years (no baby pictures, please!) or have a slightly less perfect picture taken by me at the meeting. Also, please indicate the year you first joined the SBTPS (or its Seminole Bromeliad Society predecessor). If not sure of the year, just make a guess and indicate *estimated* in your email. Thanks!

Photo Gallery of Members' Favorite Plants

Please [email us](#) an image file (jpg format, if possible) of one of your favorite plants from your garden (the higher quality, the better: at least 100KB preferably) with the name of plant. We know it may be hard to pick just one. We will use the pictures to create an online gallery of SBTPS members' favorite plants. Finally, please indicate how your personal name should be displayed (Three choices: Full name, First name with last initial, or All initials). Expect to receive an email soon encouraging you to send this in.

Bromeliad Sale in Ft. Myers on Dec. 3rd & 4th

The Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society plant sale at 10868 Metro Pkwy in Ft. Myers is apparently so notable that some of our members are planning to make the long drive.

--Greg Kolojeski

**Dec. 18th meeting at 1:00 PM:
Annual Christmas Party**