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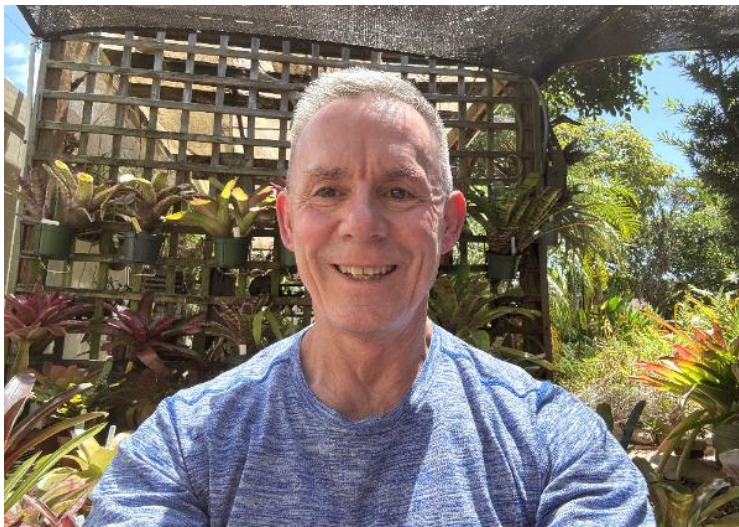
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May 2025 Newsletter

**Meeting Announcement:
 Sunday, May 18th at 2 PM
 200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford**

Our May meeting features Steve Beaudoin with his presentation:

Hohenbergias: Addicted Yet?



Steve's presentation will be on Hohenbergias: soil requirements, their care and upkeep, as well as a photo gallery of some of his collection. He will bring lots of great Bromeliads 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.

**June 15th Meeting:
 Michael McMahon on Vrieseas**

Steve Beaudoin bio

Steve has been collecting bromeliads for about 20 years. He has over 1600 varieties in his collection spread out over 50+ genera. His recent focus has been on Hohenbergias and other unusual bromeliads. Steve is an SBTPS member.

Pictures from the April Plant Sale



Our main course for this meeting's refreshment break will be furnished by the SBTPS. Members whose last names begin with the letters O through Z are requested to bring side dishes.

Current Member Count: 127

President's Message

April Plant Sale

The April Plant Sale was quite successful with much higher sales than our previous sale in August. Due to special promotional efforts, attendees included a number of new customers. Thanks go out to all the members who made this such a special event.
--Greg Kolojeski

Rental Management at the Sanford Garden Club

The SGC Board unanimously voted to have Greg Kolojeski continue with the Rental Management duties he started in mid-January approving a monthly compensation amount.

Aechmea 'Sudi'

Shown on the right is a Bromeliad that was submitted to the BSI's [Bromeliad Cultivar Register](#) on April 27th as Aechmea 'Sudi'. It was acquired by Greg Kolojeski at a special silent auction held at the 40th Anniversary Celebration meeting of the Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society on March 19, 2017. It had been donated by Sudi Hipsley with a tag description of Aechmea blanchetiana x Aechmea ramosa variegated. Greg has grown it in his garden into a clump slowly expanding as each plant typically generated two pups. It keeps a striking reddish color year-round. Although it never has bloomed for Greg, it recently did bloom for Jacquie Petrovich and Sudi recalls it blooming for her in the past. It now resides in the collections of several members with whom Greg has shared pups. In an interesting twist of fate, one member provided the plant to Tropiflora which recently sold two pups to a collector in Thailand. Sudi came to the U.S. several decades ago from Thailand.

President's Message from January 2016 Newsletter

*The following is reprinted from the 2016 newsletter which first mentioned what has since become known as the **Plants, Plants & More Plants** policy:*
It is a major goal of mine to minimize time spent at meetings on business matters. It is my goal to spend five minutes or less on business matters at most meetings.

If a business matter requires more than one or two minutes to discuss, I will ask the members to table the matter until a future meeting. An interested group of members can then discuss the matter off-site (by email, etc.) and email a discussion and recommendation for review by the officers. Depending on the nature of the matter, a decision will either be made by the officers or, if the nature of the matter requires a vote, a PDF file will be mailed to the members for their review prior to the meeting where a vote will be taken. The PDF file should contain enough information so that a vote could be taken with minimal additional discussion needed.

2025 Bromeliad Extravaganza

The SBTPS will host the **2025 Bromeliad Extravaganza** on September 26-27, 2025 at the Ramada Gateway hotel in Kissimmee. The hotel rate is only \$85.80 plus tax with free parking. *It is recommended that you book the hotel as soon as possible.* The registration fee of \$125 includes two dinners, early admission to the biggest Bromeliad sale of the year in Florida and admission to three seminars. See BromeliadX.com for more information.



[4/16/25 Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Neoregelia 'Bulletproof' (Skotak)
by John Boardman



[4/28/25 Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Aechmea 'Sudi' by Jacquie Petrovich