



## Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society

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## February 2020 Newsletter

### Field Trip Announcement: Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM McCrorry's Sunny Hill Nursery

Our February meeting will be a field trip to  
[McCrorry's Sunny Hill Nursery](#).



We are taking a field trip to the nursery at the invitation of member Evan McCrorry. If you've ever gone to any of the many art or crafts festivals in Central Florida and have seen a booth with some of most spectacular Bromeliads in bloom, you've almost certainly seen McCrorry's booth. Their plants are real showstoppers with lots of Guzmanias and Vrieseas.

For this field trip, we can use our own cars since there is lots of parking available at the nursery. It is located 32 miles northwest of the Sanford Garden Club just north of Sorrento and not too far from Mt. Dora. Use [Google Maps](#) to find it. The formal address is 35152 La Place Ct, Eustis, FL 32736 although map programs seem to use 35152 La Pl Ct, Eustis, FL 32736. Call (352) 357-9876 on Sunday if you encounter any difficulties in finding the nursery.

**Current Member Count: SBTPS, 99; SGC, 104**

## Repaved Parking Lot

The parking lot at the Sanford Garden Club was repaved and restriped in late January.

### Looking East towards the SGC Building:



### Looking West towards 17-92:



## President's Message

### January Meeting

We had 49 attendees at our January meeting. There was a wonderful presentation on *Understanding Bromeliads* by our speaker, Dennis Cathcart, who covered an amazing amount of fascinating material.

We had discussions and votes on several business matters, all of which passed by wide margins. We do try to minimize time spent on business matters, but we had a higher than usual number of items to review. I would like to thank the members for their participation and patience. Our next several meetings should be devoted almost exclusively to plants!

--Greg Kolojeski

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### Sanford Garden Club News

Members voted unanimously to approve a resurfacing of the parking lot at the January meeting and it was implemented just days later. Landscape work parties in January (Barbara & Marion) and February (Barbara, Marion, Bonnie, & Greg) plus lots of additional work at other times by Barbara and Bonnie have taken the quality of the landscaping to a new level! When you add the appearance of the landscaping to the parking lot repaving, the recently replaced windows, and the building exterior with a paint job from 2016 that still looks like it was done yesterday; the SGC property looks fantastic.

### Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society News

Members voted by a wide margin to approve an increase of the SBTPS share of plant sale proceeds from 10% to 15%. With 14 of the 21 vendors (including the top 4 sellers) from the August plant sale present, there were only two No votes.

### April Plant Sale

The **Annual Spring Plant Sale** will be here before you know it. It will be held on April 18-19, 2020. In order to participate as a plant seller, the Bylaws require attendance at two regular meetings in the prior 12 months.

### SBTPS Membership Renewal

2020 Membership Dues are \$15 for an individual or \$20 for a dual membership. You can renew your membership at the meeting or mail your check to Sudi Hipsley, SBTPS Treasurer, 6616 Tusawilla Dr, Leesburg, FL 34748-9190. If you joined in October or later in 2019, your 2020 membership is already included. To stay on the membership roster and be able to participate in the April plant sale, payment should be made by the end of February. When you are a member of the SBTPS, you also become a member of the Sanford Garden Club.

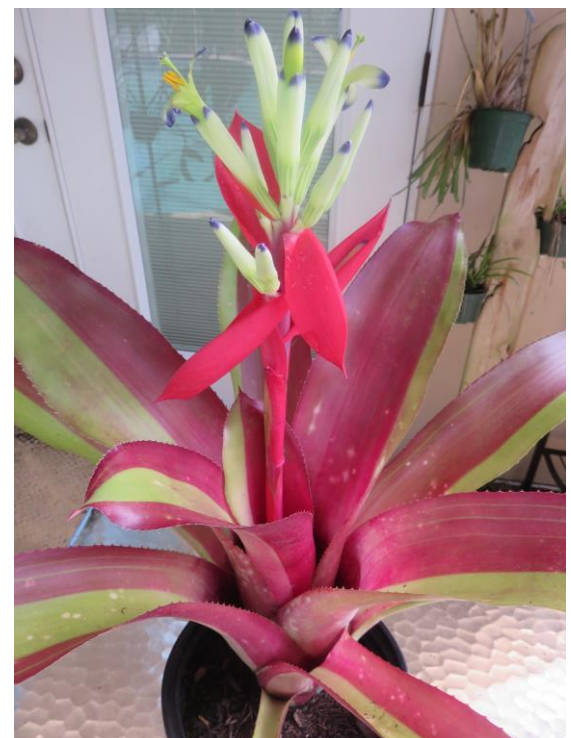
**March 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting:**  
**Carol Hoffman:**  
**Plant Propagation**



**2/2/20 Plant Picture of the Day:**  
**Ananas 'Ivory Coast'**



**1/28/20 Plant Picture of the Day:**  
**Purple Hibiscus**



**1/25/20 Plant Picture of the Day:**  
**Billbergia 'Wicked'**