



Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society

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April 2018 Newsletter

2018 Annual Spring Plant Sale:
April 14th and 15th 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 as well as plant supplies.



Picture from the 2017 Spring Plant Sale

The **2018 SBTPS Annual Spring Plant Sale** will be here before you know it on April 14th and 15th (9 to 4 both days). We will have three new garden wagons, four new 6-foot tables, about six new bench tables, new wire stakes for our signs, and five new Bromeliad Plant Sale signs. We will now be accepting credit cards at both checkout stations as well as checks and cash.

With the frosts in January, we expect there will be more demand than ever for the thousands of Bromeliads and other tropical plants that we offer. We will also have collector quality orchids, plant containers and other plant supplies and, for the first time, plant-themed art created by members. There will be 23 vendors.

Be sure to wear your SBTPS logo t-shirts or polo shirts to the plant sale. It will make it easy for our customers to find someone knowledgeable to answer their questions.



Pictures from the 2017 Fall Plant Sale



Three Aechmea 'Candy Stripe' pups from a plant purchased at the 2017 Fall Plant Sale which was the subject of an article in the [Sept. 2017 Newsletter](#)

President's Message

March Meeting

The March meeting of the SBTPS and SGC had 44 attendees including 9 guests. Tom MacCubbin's fascinating presentation on **Insects You Should Know** received a lot of interest with quite a few questions from the audience. My favorite answer was when he said that rinsing a plant might not control the insects in question, but it would result in very clean bugs!

You probably noticed the new layout and information on the headings of this newsletter. The newsletter's content has been expanded to include coverage of the Sanford Garden Club with the SBTPS and the two Circles.

The [Members Only page](#) of the [website](#) has additional information in password-protected PDF files. Besides info on the plant sales, a members email list, and current SBTPS and SGC bylaws; it now has the Articles of Incorporation and minutes for Sanford Garden Club Board and regular meetings.

Don't forget to check out our Plant Picture of the Day which is posted daily at <https://www.facebook.com/SeminoleBromeliadSociety/>.

--Greg Kolojeski

Sanford Garden Club News

With new officers and new bylaws (which were a major rewrite of the prior bylaws), the SGC Board has been extremely busy with the transition. There was a Board meeting held at the garden club on March 18th which included a review of the SGC's not for profit corporate status, its tax-exempt status, and tax return filing issues.

There were several recent Board votes (all passing 4-0):

- Butch Force was elected as a **Board Member Emeritus**.
- A filing of **Sanford Garden Club** as a fictitious name for use by **The Garden Club of Sanford, Inc.** was approved to make it permissible to use the shorter name for business purposes.
- **Resurfacing of the porch** at the front door was approved.
- **Quotes from three CPA firms** with expertise on not for profit organizations will be solicited for advisory services.

For more details on the above matters, please see the Minutes.

Several filings were made with the [Florida Division of Corporations](#) including the *Annual Report* with the new Board members, the *fictitious name filing* for **Sanford Garden Club**, and the new *Articles of Incorporation* (modifying the original Charter).

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There was a Board vote on a proposal to **pay dues to the Sanford Garden Club on a monthly basis for new SBTPS members**. This proposal passed 2-1 (Greg and Paula voting Yes, Sudi No). This will make sure that all SBTPS members are always current members of the SGC and will also provide several hundred dollars more to the SGC each year.

Jacaranda Circle News

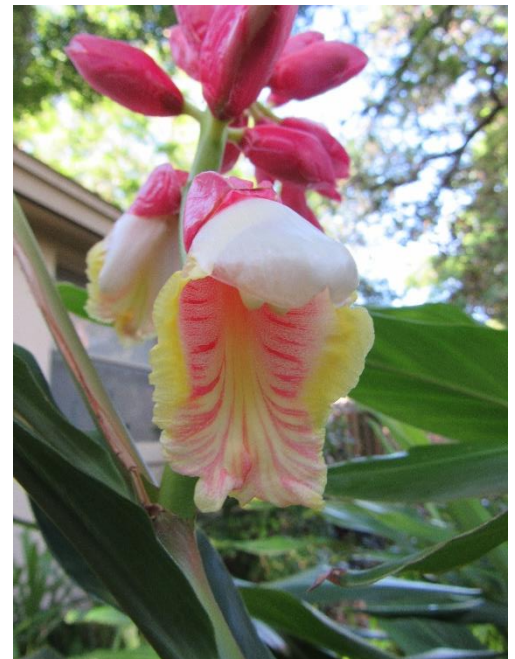
The March 7th Jacaranda Circle meeting, attended by the five members, had a program on Zen Gardens. With three of the five members out of town for April and May, the next meeting will be in the Fall.

May 20th Meeting: Kenneth Stokes on Bromeliads



Gloria Johnson's Billbergia
Plant Picture of the Day on 3/19/18

This is one of the most popular pictures we have ever posted.



Alpinia hainanensis 'Pink Perfection'
upright Shell Ginger bloom
Plant Picture of the Day on 4/2/18