



### Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society

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## March 2024 Newsletter

**Meeting Announcement:**  
**Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM**  
**200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford**

Our March meeting features David Sand with his interactive presentation:

### Stabbing Bromeliads: When & Why You Would



David will go over various reasons for why you would stab a Bromeliad, the tools he uses and techniques to get the most out of it. He will give us live demonstrations to show how to do it and what not to do. David will also 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.*

Our main courses for this meeting's refreshment break will be a St. Patrick's Day meal furnished by the SBTPS (as prepared by David Schubert). Members whose last names begin with the letters D through G are requested to bring side dishes.

**Current Member Count: 147**

## David Sand bio

David is a born and raised Floridian. He started working with Bromeliads when he was 16 years old at Michael's Bromeliads. He had little interest in the plants at first until he started asking questions. Thankfully, he had one of the best teachers around, Michael Kiehl. Michael took him under his wing and taught him everything he could ever want to know. David soaked up every bit of it learning to love and appreciate how amazing these plants really are. Now, with 17 years of experience and Michael's recent retirement, David is continuing Michael's Bromeliads in hopes of delivering the same impeccable quality and standards.

### Michael's Bromeliads



### Scenes from the McCrory's Bromeliads Tour





## President's Message

### February Meeting

Special thanks go out to Evan McCrory for his engaging tour of the nursery and also to Miguel Nicolas for inviting us to visit his impressive garden as well. Thanks also go out to Lynette Taylor for sending the picture shown at the bottom of this column and also to Barbara Whittier for pictures from McCrory's as shown on the first page of this newsletter and from Miguel's at the bottom of the right column on this page. --Greg Kolojeski

### SBTPS Membership Renewal

**2024 Membership Dues** are \$15 for an individual or \$20 for a dual membership. **You may renew your membership now online at <https://sbtps.square.site/> which is the recommended way of making your renewal.** *This is the last newsletter and meeting notification that can be sent to those who have not renewed.*

### April Plant Sale

The **Annual Spring Plant Sale** will be held on April 20-21, 2024. Detailed information about this year's Spring Plant Sale will be sent out soon to all current members.

### World Bromeliad Conference 2024

The BSI's **WBC 2024** will be **May 22-25, 2024** in West Palm Beach, Florida. Information on it may be found at [wbc.bsi.org](http://wbc.bsi.org). The speaker line-up has been announced: **Andrew Devonshire**, New Zealand; **Hiroyuki Takizawa**, Japan; **Peter Tristam**, Australia; **Pedro Nahoum**, Brazil; and from Florida: **Terrie Bert**, **Dennis Cathcart**, and **Herb Hill**. You need to [become a BSI member](#) in order to attend WBC 2024. **To obtain the lowest registration rate, you need to register no later than March 31, 2024.** It is likely to be a number of years before another WBC is held in Florida, so you shouldn't miss this opportunity!



2/22/24 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)  
**Aechmea 'Chocolate'** (picture by Marty Folk)



3/5/24 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)  
**Aechmea warasii var. discolor**



**Werauhia sanguinolenta**



**xVriecantarea 'Merlot'**

**Annual Spring Plant Sale:**  
**April 20-21, 2024: 9 to 4 each day**