



Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society

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February 2019 Newsletter

**Meeting Announcement:
Sunday, February 17th at 2 PM
200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford**

Our February meeting features Kenneth Stokes with his presentation: **What's in a Name?**



Kenneth's presentation will not be a boring lecture on nomenclature. Names and what they mean are important to Bromeliad collectors when they communicate. Real communication is only possible when the words mean the same things to both parties. This program will help the listener make sense out of all the long un-pronounceable names. Spelling, tag writing, and pronunciation will all be covered. Ken will also bring great Bromeliads for sale.

Please bring your plants to donate to the Door Prize Drawing and Plant Raffle for the benefit of the Society.

Refreshments for the meeting will be furnished by Lani Berry and Paula White.

**Current Member Count:
SBTPS: 85; SGC: 90**

Kenneth Stokes bio

Kenneth is a life-long Floridian. He was born in Melbourne, moved to Miami as young man and was then transferred to Tampa by his employer to open a new business. He eventually started his own furniture manufacturing business, selling to the national interior design trade. He continues in the same field today doing antique restoration and operating a gallery of art, architectural and interior furnishings.

Following in the footsteps of his grandmother and mother, he has always been interested in plants. He began collecting wild plants as a child to put in their large rural garden. He now has an extensive collection of tropical plants in his south Tampa garden.

Kenneth has been involved in many plant societies and joined the [Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay](#) in 1995. He has also been a member of the [Sarasota Bromeliad Society](#) and has served in a number of positions in both. He has been doing public speaking for most of his life in business, religious and social organizations. He is also the author of four literary novels. He uses the skills he developed over the years to pull together fresh presentations, utilizing real examples to illustrate what is being said.

Chinese Lantern Flowering Maple (Abutilon) Bloom:



President's Message

January Meeting

We had 37 attendees at our January meeting. Dave Johnston gave a program on Bromeliad basics. I thought I would learn a few new things, but I was wrong because I learned a lot of new things! I was shocked to find out how little I really knew. Dave covered plant media, fertilizer (including consistency of application), frost cloth, and so much more on topics that I mistakenly thought I knew a lot about. I now plan to make major changes to how I grow Bromeliads. Sudi keeps finding us great speakers with wonderful original presentations like this!

--Greg Kolojeski

Membership Renewal

2019 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 2018, your 2019 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.

2019 Bromeliad Extravaganza in Orlando

Be sure to put September 20-22, 2019 on your calendar for the **Bromeliad Extravaganza**. Hotel rooms may be reserved now for only \$85 per night. For more information, just go to BromeliadX.com. We recommend that you book rooms now.

Spectacular! Garden Tables

Last year, the Sanford Garden Club Board unanimously approved the idea of having a major fund raiser in October 2019. We are planning to call it **Spectacular! Garden Tables**. All members will be receiving a lot more information on this prior to the February meeting.

Plant Picture of the Day

A **Plant Picture of the Day** is posted daily at 9 AM on the [SBTPS Facebook page](#). A typical picture reaches 60 to 120 people and might be shared by one or two of them. The Aechmea 'Blue Tango' picture displayed in the right column had 48 shares and reached 3,961 people!

The [SGC Website](#) has a [Picture of the Day webpage](#) which always shows the three most recent Pictures of the Day. Since that page doesn't show the plant's name, you might want to test your plant knowledge to see if you can identify them. Then you may click through to the Facebook page to check the names to see if you were right.



1/31/19 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Billbergia 'Carrone's Black Bill'



1/12/19 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Gloria's Tillandsia fasciculata



1/21/19 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Aechmea 'Blue Tango'

<p>March 17th Meeting: Alan Bennett: Preparing Plants for Show and Sale</p>
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