



## Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society

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## May 2020 Newsletter

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

Our May meeting features Greg Kolojeski with his presentation: **Bromeliads and Other Florida Tropical Plants in Spring and Summer.**



**Greg at the December 2019 Holiday Party**

Greg's presentation will use pictures featured as [Plant Picture of Day](#) in 2019 and 2020. Most of those pictures are of plants in Greg's garden. Greg takes over 1,000 plant pictures each month.

**There will be a member sale at the May meeting as well as the usual Members Silent Auction.**

*Meeting refreshments will be furnished by the SBTPS.*

**June 20-21, 2020:  
SBTPS Annual Spring Plant Sale**

### Greg Kolojeski bio

Greg joined the SBTPS when he came to the Annual Spring Plant Sale in April, 2013. His first bromeliads were acquired from a big box store a number of years earlier. He had planted *Aechmea fasciata* bromeliads in a raised planter next to his garage. After about six years, Greg noticed that those bromeliads looked better than ever despite being completely neglected. If such great-looking plants could do so well with no effort, they were the plants for him!

After ignoring the landscaping around his house for over 20 years, Greg began in 2013 to plant bromeliads plus heliconias, gingers, crinum, caladiums, orchids, and native plants. By 2018, the 1/3 acre property no longer had any grassy areas. With directions to his house, Greg tells everyone to look for the house with the Jungle in front.

Greg is a tax lawyer by trade and started his career at the IRS. He attended the Wharton school at Penn in Philadelphia and has a law degree and master's in accounting from Syracuse University. When the SBTPS was looking for some new board members in 2015, Greg planned to run for the Treasurer position. Butch suggested that Greg run for President instead (it's an easy job, Butch said!). Greg has been president of the SBTPS since 2015 and president of the Sanford Garden Club since 2018. He has also published and edited the [SBTPS/SGC website](#) and [monthly newsletter](#) since 2016.

Greg became a director of the [Bromeliad Society International](#) (BSI) starting in 2017 and then its vice president starting in 2019. Greg is a co-chair of the [World Bromeliad Conference](#) which is now scheduled for June, 2021 in Sarasota, Florida.

### Greg's Property in June, 2013 and May, 2020



## President's Message

### May Meeting

Our April meeting was canceled. However, with [New Social Distancing rules](#) that went into effect on May 4<sup>th</sup>, we are now able to hold our May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting as scheduled. We will practice social distancing with chairs kept at least 6' apart, have changes in how we run the plant raffle, and replace the buffet-style serving of food with food items that are available in commercially-wrapped individual servings. We also recommend that all attending members bring and wear face masks.

We expect to have a number of very nice plants for the Member Sale and the Members Silent Auction. There will also be a great selection of plants on the Door Prize Drawing table and the Raffle tables.

--Greg Kolojeski

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### Sanford Garden Club News

Barbara and Marion have continued to work on the landscaping at the garden club. They have also made big improvements to the Sanford Garden Club sign near the southwest corner of the parking lot.

### Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society News

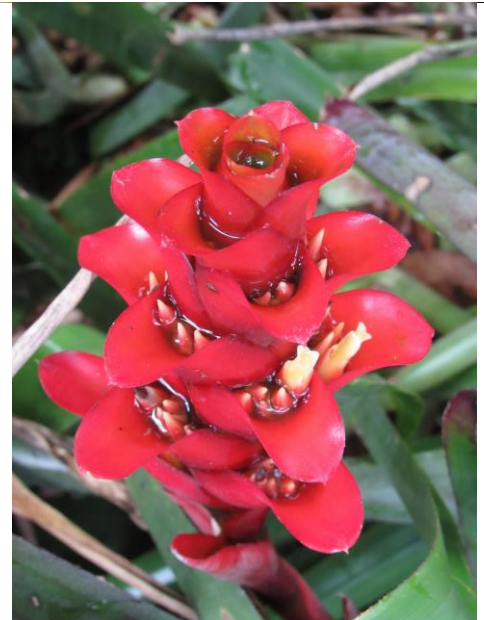
The **Annual Spring Plant Sale** is scheduled for June 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. We expect to implement several changes such as one-way aisles and limits on the numbers of shoppers inside at one time. Updated flyers and a poster will be available soon.



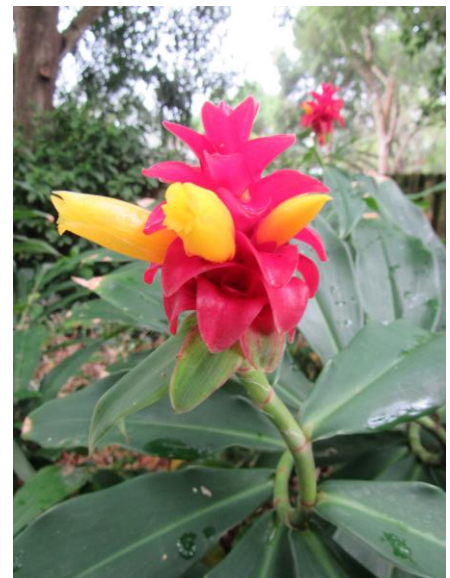
5/5/20 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)  
Sudi's *Billbergia alfonso-joannis*



5/3/20 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)  
*Ananas 'Ivory Coast'*



5/2/20 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)  
*Canistrum alagoanum*



4/29/20 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)  
Red Tower Ginger (*Costus barbatus*)