



Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society

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July 2019 Newsletter

**Meeting Announcement:
Sunday, July 21st at 2 PM
200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford**

Our July meeting features Marty Baxley with his presentation: **It's a Small World.**



Marty Baxley

Marty's presentation will focus on smaller Bromeliads. He will bring lots of great Bromeliads for sale and not just miniatures.

Members may bring one special plant to include in the **Members Silent Auction** that is featured at every meeting.

*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 sponsored by Ginny Fortenese and Maxine & Phil Wright.

**Current Member Count:
SBTPS: 84; SGC: 89**

Marty Baxley bio

Marty has been growing bromeliads for 33 years. He has had a nursery for the past twenty years specializing in bromeliads for the collector. Making hybrids has kept him inspired for all these years.

Marty's presentation, **It's a Small World**, came from many things; but mostly from collectors growing in limited space. His nursery is **Jungle Gems** and is located in Saint Petersburg, FL. His website is at bromeliadsforsale.com. Marty also sells on eBay. You can find him there with an [Advanced Search](#) where you can enter his eBay Sellers name of [plntsandthngs](#).

A Hanging Basket with a variety of small Bromeliads



Annual Fall Plant Sale

The Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society's next plant sale will be on August 17th and 18th with setup on Friday, August 16th. In order to participate as a seller, a member must have attended two regular meetings in the 12-month period prior to the plant sale. Early indications are that we may have close to 30 sellers in August! All members will soon be receiving more information in an email.

The only change to the **Plant Sale Rules** is that plants should not have loose toppings such as stones or bark.

President's Message

June Meeting

The June meeting had 45 attendees for Mark Peters' wonderful presentation on Crotons. We also had six new members join with our membership levels now reaching new highs. Thanks go to Barbara for running this meeting which received rave reviews!

We should have lots of great plants for our Raffle at the July meeting. Our speaker will also bring a good selection of collector plants and members will have plants in bloom for the Members Silent Auction, so there will be no shortage of wonderful plants at this meeting. See you there!
--Greg Kolojeski

Sanford Garden Club Matters

The SGC Board (Greg, Sudi, Lani, & Barbara) voted 4-0 in June to recommend that the members approve the replacement of five jalousie windows plus a cracked door window. We will have a vote at the July meeting for this \$1,642.45 expense.

The new QuickBooks software has been setup and last fiscal year's SGC information has been entered. Detailed information will be entered for the current fiscal year which started in June.

Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society Matters

The SBTPS has a **Charitable Policy** that is available in the [Members](#) section of the website. Board members have had some preliminary discussions about possibly reducing this year's charitable contributions in order to contribute the difference to an internal fund to be used for replacement of the SGC window coverings. Members will soon receive more information on this.

FCBS June Meeting

Greg attended the June meeting of the **Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies** in Fort Meyers. An interesting bit of news was that most of the Bromeliad societies have had record plant sales.

Landscape Committee Work Party

There was a work party (Barbara, Bonnie, Marion & Greg) at the SGC on June 24th. Work efforts focused on the east side of the building where the Bromeliads beds were thinned out considerably and new plants (including Crotons) were added.

2019 Bromeliad Extravaganza in Orlando

The [Bromeliad Extravaganza](#) on Sept. 20-21 will be here soon. Registrations are being taken and the special rate for hotel stays is good through August 20th. At least ten plant sellers from all over Florida will be there and there will be a rare plant auction.

World Bromeliad Conference 2020 in Sarasota

Planning for WBC 2020 is forging ahead. Frequent updates are now being posted at the [BSI Facebook page](#) where the speaker lineup was recently announced. BSI members can now make [online hotel reservations](#) at the special conference rate.



6/30/19 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Neoregelia olens x cruenta



6/8/19 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
An Alcantarea imperialis in Winter Springs

**August 17-18:
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