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July 2020 Newsletter

**Meeting Announcement:
Sunday, July 19th at 2 PM
200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford**

Our July meeting features
Kenneth Stokes with his presentation:

Important Facts about Growing Bromeliads



Kenneth's presentation will cover everything your mother did not tell you about Bromeliads! Ken will also bring great Bromeliads for sale and even some tropical Bonsai.

Please bring your plants to donate to the Door Prize Drawing and Plant Raffle for the benefit of the Society. There will be no member sale, but we will have our usual Members Silent Auction.

Refreshments for the meeting are sponsored by Lisa Robinette and Lynn Rounseville.

At the July meeting, we will practice social distancing and will require the use of face masks by all attendees.

**Annual Fall Plant Sale:
August 15-16, 2020**

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.

Wide Aisles at the SBTPS Spring Plant Sale in June:



President's Message

June Plant Sale

We had quite a successful plant sale with 1,142 plants sold from the estimated 1,500 we had available for sale. Most sellers sold 80% or more of the plants they brought. Every large floor plant (but one) was sold! Over 70 of the plants sold were higher-priced plants sold in the online auction/presale which was also quite successful. We had a great turnout of members as volunteers and I would like to thank all of you!

--Greg Kolojeski

SBTPS Facebook Group Page

The SBTPS has a Facebook Group Page which is located at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/SeminoleBromeliadGroup/>. To view a Group Page, you need to be a Facebook member and you need to join the group to post. There are regular postings of attractive plant pictures. It's also a great place to post Bromeliad questions as well. You do not need to be a SBTPS member to join the SBTPS Group, but membership is generally limited to those from Central Florida with an interest in Bromeliads. There are currently 102 members of the SBTPS Facebook Group.

This Product Works Like Plant Penicillin

Article by Dave Schubert

About 10 years ago after a very rainy Spring and Summer season, I lost a number of my bromeliad collection (many favorites) due to rot and fungus. I subsequently found the **Spectracide Immunox Multi-Purpose Fungicide** product at one of the local garden centers and discovered that this product worked in successfully treating sick or dying plants or newly acquired pups and plants.

I bring the plant in from being exposed to any further rain and pour off the water to allow the plant to dry for a day or two. I use a mix of 1 teaspoon of Immunox to 22 ounces of water in a spray bottle and spray the plant liberally. The solution will continue working for approximately two weeks. As long as the bromeliad is not rotted to the bottom of the root, I have found that the Immunox will most likely save the plant. Many of my bromeliads came back completely while some lived long enough to pup. I also spray pups before and after I pot them and have rarely lost a single pup.

The Immunox performs like penicillin on plants. It may also have an effect on killing scale. I will give an update on this after further observation.

There are a few Immunox formulas. The one I use does not have copper. The cost is between \$10 to \$12 for a 16 oz. bottle that will last for years.



6/11/20 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Firecracker Plant (*Russelia equisetiformis*)



6/24/20 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Aechmea fasciata



7/3/20 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Orange Bottlebrush Ginger (*Hedychium coccineum*)