



Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society

January 2018 Newsletter

Meeting Announcement:
Sunday, Jan. 21, 2018 at 2 PM
200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford

Our January meeting features Dave Johnston with his presentation: **Foliage Vrieseas.**



Dave's presentation will define foliage Vriesea bromeliads, discuss the five species that predominate this group of plants, how to grow them successfully, and feature the work of three hybridizers: David Fell from Hawaii, Andrew Maloy from New Zealand, and Jack Koning from Australia.

Dave will bring a wide variety of Bromeliads to sell.
There will not be any member plant sales.

Please bring your plants for Show & Tell and donate your extra ones to the raffle table to benefit our society.

Tony Figueiredo & Barbara Whittier will be providing the refreshments for the January meeting.

Membership Renewal

2018 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, 6166 Tuscawilla Dr, Leesburg, FL 34748-9190. If you joined in October or later in 2017, your 2018 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.

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Vice Pres.: Sudi Hipsley
Secretary: Paula White
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Website: <http://bromeliads.club>

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Dave Johnston's Bio

Dave started growing Bromeliads in 1985 and joined the [Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay](#) shortly thereafter. He was president of the Tampa club five times and served every position there except for secretary. Dave also was a representative to the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies ([FCBS](#)).

Dave joined the Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society ([FWCBS](#)) in the late 1980's where he was president twice as well as being a director.

Dave's Bromeliad speaking began over 15 years ago as he was the in-house speaker on Bromeliads for [Sunken Gardens](#) in St. Petersburg for over a decade. Dave has given numerous presentations to Bromeliad societies over the last several years.



Vriesea 'Waiakea Star' from Lisa Robinette's collection
9/23/17 Plant Picture of the Day at
<https://www.facebook.com/SeminoleBromeliadSociety/>

President's Message

January Meeting

Our January meeting features Dave Johnston speaking on Foliage Vriesea Bromeliads. As you know, the SBTPS posts a **Plant Picture of the Day** each and every day on its [Facebook page](#). Views generally run from 50 to 500 per day. No matter how gorgeous the other pictures may be, it is always the Vriesea pictures that receive the most views.

Amended Articles of Incorporation

All Sanford Garden Club members were sent the proposed Amended Articles of Incorporation (to update the 1947 Charter) that will be voted upon at the January meeting. It requires a majority of the members voting to vote Yes in order to pass.

December Meeting

Special thanks go to Paula White for doing a great job in putting together the December Holiday Party! We had record attendance and an unbelievable amount of fantastic food. There were so many different dishes brought by the members that it was impossible to try them all (and I wanted to!). And there were many wonderful plants in the gift exchange. If you weren't there, you don't know what you missed.

Proposal to Merge the SBTPS and Sanford Garden Club

Members were sent information on January 2nd on the proposal to merge the SBTPS and Sanford Garden Club. If the merger is approved by the members of both organizations at the February 2018 meeting, we would elect a new Board of officers for the combined organization. Members were also sent emails asking them to vote on a possible name for a merged organization.

In order to accomplish the merger, the merger bylaws must pass by a 2/3 margin of Sanford Garden Club and Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society votes by members *attending* the meeting. This means that a non-vote is the same as a No vote. Therefore, it is important that every member attending the February meeting vote either Yes or No. There is no such thing as an abstention or an actual non-vote for this vote.

Future Speakers

Sudi has been very busy lining up great speakers for 2018 including Dave Johnston, Dennis Cathcart, and Tom MacCubbin!

2017 in Review

2017 was a phenomenal year for the SBTPS. We adopted a new logo, enjoyed a wonderful 40th anniversary meeting, had record sales at our April and August plant sales, increased the member percentage for plant sales to 90%, had record plant raffle results, and increased our membership by 19 additional members to a total of 75. It sets the bar really high for 2018, but we'll see what we can do!
--Greg Kolojeski

**February 18th Meeting: Dennis Cathcart
Bromeliads on the Rocks**

Scenes from the Holiday Party:



Who's going to get the next present?



Might that be a plant in the Noel bag?



A great plant for the guy in a classy polo shirt