



## Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society

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## August 2023 Newsletter

**2023 Annual Fall Plant Sale:  
August 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 4 PM  
200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford**

The SBTPS plant sale features a large selection of Bromeliads, Gingers, Orchids, and many other tropical plants.



**Plants at the 2023 Spring Plant Sale**

We have 27 members signed up (including two new sellers) as vendors and hope to have many more as volunteer helpers, tag takers, and cashiers. Saturday morning will be particularly busy as customers will line up outside prior to opening and we will be quite busy all morning long. Then it will change to a more moderate but steady pace for the rest of the sale.

We will have the same wide aisles and controlled access (up to 45 customers at one time) that worked so well at recent plant sales.

*Be sure to wear your SBTPS logo t-shirts or polo shirts to the plant sale.* It will make it easy for our customers to find someone knowledgeable to answer their questions.

## August Plant Sale

The **Annual Fall Plant Sale** will be on August 19-20, 2023. We will need volunteers for the many roles including cashiers, tag takers, customer helpers (to help buyers take plants to their cars), and tropical plant experts to answer customer questions.

Every member qualifies as a *tropical plant expert* to some degree and plant buyers will greatly value your advice. One of the most frequent comments we receive from plant buyers is how they love the information they get from our members at the plant sales.

Our [Online Auction/Presale](#) started on August 1<sup>st</sup> at 9 AM and runs through August 14<sup>th</sup> at 9 PM. It features a number of unusual and hard-to-find plants. It's well worth checking out if you haven't already.

On Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, plant setup commences at 11 AM and ends at 3:30 PM. **There will then be a Presale for Members Only from 4 to 6 PM on that Friday.** Members will be able to shop early without the crowds and take their new plants home on Friday.

## More Plants from the 2023 Spring Plant Sale



**Current Member Count: 126**

## President's Message

### July Happenings

Our July meeting was cancelled due to the lack of working air conditioning. A new air conditioning system (air handler, condenser, and heat pump) was installed on July 26<sup>th</sup>.

Well over two dozen of our members attended the Bromeliad Extravaganza in West Palm Beach the last weekend of July. Many plants were acquired with one of the most popular being the *Androlepis* 'Party Dress' (shown to the right). Fascinating presentations were made by the three speakers (including our member Eloise Beach) and there was a well-attended rare plant auction and banquet on Saturday night. It was a fun event!

--Greg Kolojeski

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### Sanford Garden Club News

There weren't too many rentals in July due to the lack of air conditioning. A new system was installed after two quotes were received with one coming in \$866 less for the same exact system as the higher quote. With this purchase plus the new roof installed earlier this year, it has been an expensive year for improvements.

### December Event at Nehrling Gardens

The Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society will have a booth at the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Amaryllis Festival at Nehrling Gardens in Gotha. This event will be held on Saturday, December 9, 2023 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. We will be able to promote the SBTPS and sell Bromeliads. Bonnie Friedrich will be Plant Sales Chair and Coordinator for this event.

Nehrling Gardens has a fascinating history in the Bromeliad world with the property having been owned by Henry Nehrling and then Julian Nally. Go to

[https://www.fcbs.org/articles/Julian\\_Nally.htm](https://www.fcbs.org/articles/Julian_Nally.htm) to check it out.

### World Bromeliad Conference 2024

The Bromeliad Society International has announced **WBC 2024** which will be on **May 22-25, 2024** in West Palm Beach, Florida. Information on it may be found at [wbc.bsi.org](http://wbc.bsi.org). Registration fees have not been increased from 2022 (lowest rate available until Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>) and a special hotel rate (available until the earlier of April 30, 2024 or whenever the allotted rooms are booked) is now available for booking in the Members Only part of the [BSI website](http://BSI website). Keynote speaker will be New Zealand's Andrew Devonshire with additional speakers to be announced soon.

**September 17<sup>th</sup> Event:  
Member Garden Tours in DeLand**



8/3/23 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)  
*Androlepis* 'Party Dress'



8/2/23 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)  
*Alcantarea brasiliana*



8/7/23 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)  
*Aechmea* 'Loie's Pride'