



### Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society

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## June 2023 Newsletter

**Meeting Announcement:**  
**Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM**  
**200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford**

Our June meeting features Chip Jones with his presentation:

**Works of a Bromeliad Magician**  
**Featuring Variegated Neoregelia Breeding**  
**by Chester Skotak**



Chip's presentation will include a slide show which will show the background of what makes Chester Skotak's plants look so distinct and how the parent plants express their features in what we see today. He will also take a look at Chester's other bromeliad work in pineapples, in Europe hot houses and a tour of his Palmares, Costa Rica nursery. Chip will bring a number of new and old Skotak bromeliad hybrids for sale.

### Chip Jones bio

Chip Jones has operated Jones Landscaping and [Jones Landscaping Nursery](#) for 25 years in South Florida. Bromeliads have always been a primary focus in building gardens for others and for a personal collection. Three years ago, the entire operation was moved to rural Moore Haven, Florida on a virgin 30-acre site. Cycads are the main plant focus of the nursery and the passion for cycads has taken Chip around the world to visit plants in habitat. The nursery is open by appointment.



**A Greenhouse at Jones Landscaping Nursery**

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*Please bring your plants to donate to the Door Prize Drawing and Plant Raffle for the benefit of the Society. We will also feature the Members Silent Auction.*

Our main course for this meeting's refreshment break will be furnished by the SBTPS. Members whose last names begin with the letters O through W are requested to bring side dishes.

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**Current Member Count: 124**



## President's Message

### May Meeting

We had 53 attendees at our May meeting which featured Kenneth Stokes with another great presentation. One of our long-time members commented that it was the best and most complete presentation she had ever seen on mounting Bromeliads.

We have a new speaker for our June meeting. Chip Jones will be making a long drive from his property west of Lake Okeechobee. He will bring as many Skotak hybrids as he can fit into his car.

--Greg Kolojeski

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### 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 out it out.

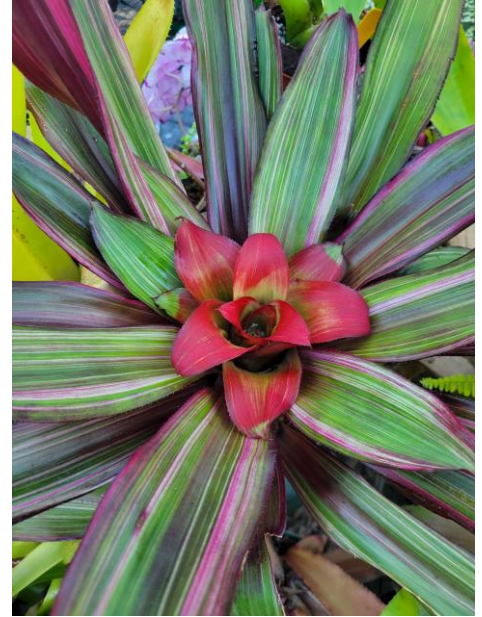
### 2023 FCBS Extravaganza

The [2023 FCBS Extravaganza](#) will be held on July 28-29, 2023 at the West Palm Beach Marriott. Guest Speakers are Eloise Beach, David Shiigi, and Chester Skotak. The registration fee is \$150 and **special hotel rates are available if booked by June 30<sup>th</sup>**.

Registration includes a Friday night BBQ, early access to the plant sale, afternoon lectures, a Saturday night banquet, a rare plant auction and a silent auction. Attendance is expected to be in the 150 to 200 range. There is an optional garden tour on Sunday.

### World Bromeliad Conference 2024

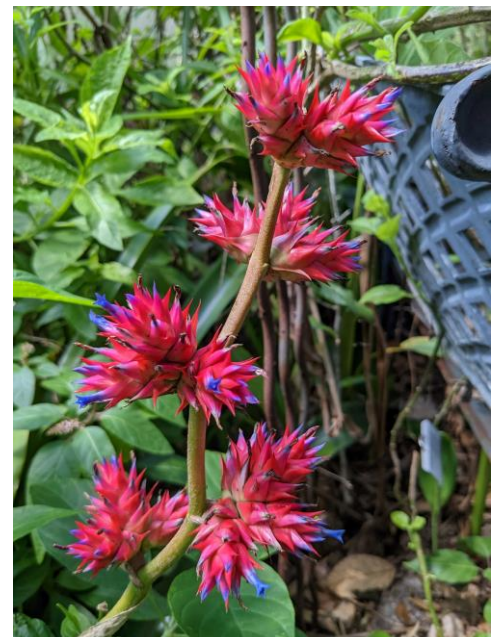
The Bromeliad Society International has announced **WBC 2024** which will be on **May 22-25, 2024** in West Palm Beach, Florida. This is the first time that two World Bromeliad Conferences will be held back-to-back in the same state (WBC 2022 was in Sarasota). Information on it may be found at [wbc.bsi.org](http://wbc.bsi.org). What's so great about West Palm Beach? Check out a recent article in Travel & Leisure, [This Idyllic Florida City Is a Hidden Gem Near Palm Beach, and Just As Chic and Happening](#). It is expected that registrants will soon be able to reserve hotel rooms at the special rate. The keynote speaker will be from New Zealand.



5/24/23 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)  
**Nidularium 'Ruby Lee' by John Boardman**



5/5/23 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)  
**Neoregelia 'Gypsy Rose' (Leo Castro)**



5/26/23 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)  
**Hohenbergia stellata**

**July 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting: Greg Kolojeski**  
**Scenes from the World Bromeliad Conference in Sarasota and Hawaiian Bromeliad Hybridists**

**Note: The July Meeting will have a Members Market**