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April 2024 Newsletter

2024 Annual Spring Plant Sale:
April 20th and 21st 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 Fall Plant Sale

We have 29 members signed up so far as vendors. 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 can use the help of members as volunteers during the sale and especially for Saturday morning.

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.

Current Member Count: 126

April Plant Sale

The **Annual Spring Plant Sale** will be on April 20-21, 2024. 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.

Plant setup is on Friday before the weekend sale. Setup will commence at 11 AM and end at 3:30 PM. **There will be a Presale for Members Only on Friday, April 19th from 4 to 6 PM.** You will be able to shop early without the crowds and take your new plants home on Friday.

More Photos from the 2023 Fall Plant Sale:



President's Message

March Meeting

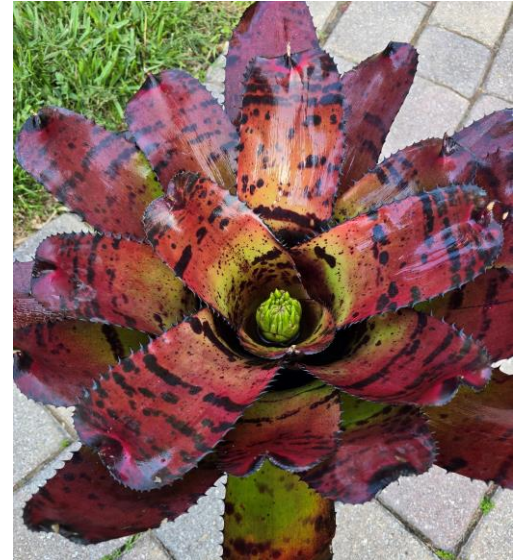
We had 70 attendees for a wonderful presentation by David Sand which garnered intense interest with many questions. And the special St. Patrick's Day meal prepared by Dave Schubert was also a big hit.
--Greg Kolojeski

April 8th Work Party at the Sanford Garden Club

We had three hard-working volunteers at the April 8th Work Party at the garden club: Marion Crim and Bonnie Friedrich (shown below) and Barbara Whittier (who was behind the camera).



4/2/24 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Aechmea orlandiana 'Pink' (by John Boardman)



4/9/24 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Neoregelia 'Tubby Tiger' (by John Boardman)

World Bromeliad Conference 2024

The BSI's **WBC 2024** will be **May 22-25, 2024** in West Palm Beach, Florida. Information on it may be found at wbc.bsi.org. The speaker line-up has been announced: **Andrew Devonshire**, New Zealand; **Hiroyuki Takizawa**, Japan; **Peter Tristam**, Australia; **Pedro Nahoum**, Brazil; and from Florida: **Terrie Bert**, **Dennis Cathcart**, and **Herb Hill**. You need to [become a BSI member](#) in order to attend WBC 2024. It is likely to be a number of years before another WBC is held in Florida, so you shouldn't miss this opportunity! The \$295 registration rate was extended to the start of the conference and the special hotel rate was extended to the earlier of May 15th or whenever the allotment of the rooms at the special rate is fully booked.

Plant Picture of the Day

How do we pick the Plant Pictures of the Day to include in this newsletter? We select the ones that receive the most interest (with the highest number of Likes) on the [Facebook page](#).



3/30/24 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
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May 19th Meeting: Dave Johnston
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