



Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society

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April 2026 Newsletter

**2026 Annual Spring Plant Sale:
April 18th and 19th from 9 AM to 4 PM
200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford**

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



Plants at the 2025 Fall Plant Sale

We have over 20 members signed up 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 has worked so well at recent plant sales.

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

Current Member Count: 105

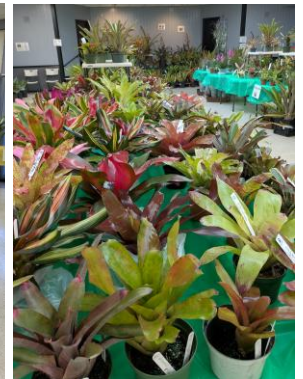
April Plant Sale

The **Annual Spring Plant Sale** will be on April 18-19, 2026. 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 17th from 4 to 6 PM.** You will be able to shop early without the crowds and take your new plants home on Friday.

More Pictures from the 2025 Fall Plant Sale:



President's Message

March Meeting

We had over 40 attendees for a fascinating presentation by Anthony Warfield which had lots of detailed information on Cryptanthus. We hope to have Anthony back for a future presentation on Tillandsias.

--Greg Kolojeski

Refreshments at the Annual Spring Plant Sale

The SBTPS will be providing some of the refreshments for the April plant sale. Thanks go out to Telka diFate who will purchase and bring those refreshments to the plant sale.

Spring Work Party at the Sanford Garden Club

We had a work party at the garden club on April 2nd where several members (Marion Crim, Dan Sawyer, and Barbara Whittier) weeded, trimmed, and installed mulch.

The Sanford Garden Club

The two plant sales (April and August) at the **Sanford Garden Club** are believed to be the largest plant sales by any Bromeliad society in Florida. *How did that come to be?* One obvious reason is that the **Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society** is the largest Bromeliad society in the state of Florida. *How did that come to be?* One reason is the large number of active members who work hard to make the society what it is today. Another reason is being part of the **Sanford Garden Club (100th anniversary this year!)**.

The **Sanford Garden Club** has a unique advantage over most other garden clubs. It has ownership of a wonderful property with its own building. The building was completed in 1964 and sits on over half an acre. Property values in Sanford have exploded since 2021 and, as a result, the cost of property insurance and liability insurance have also increased exponentially during the same period.

The garden club rents its facility to be able to afford to maintain and pay for the many costs related to owning the property. Most of the rentals are from the local community for events such as birthday celebrations, graduation parties, anniversaries, weddings, and other family gatherings. It is not unusual for families to have held several generations of family events at the **Sanford Garden Club**, and we are honored for that to be the case! The **Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society** is fortunate to be part of the **Sanford Garden Club** and to be supportive of the local community.

May 17th Meeting: Stephanie LaRusso
The Many Forms of Bromeliaceae



3/4/26 & 3/20/26 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
**Neoregelia 'Time Warp' (Skotak) and
Nidularium 'Rojo' by John Boardman**



3/27/26 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Aechmea magdalenae 'Quadricolor' by Greg K.



3/24/26 & 3/25/26 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
**Billbergia 'Hallelujah' variegated and
Aechmea recurvata variegated by John Boardman**



4/5/26 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Aechmea 'Lillian' by Greg Kolojeski