



## Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society

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## October 2023 Newsletter

### Meeting Announcement: Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM 200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford

Our October meeting features Terrie Bert  
with her presentation:

#### **Growing Beautiful Bromeliads in Central Florida**



Terrie Bert will bring about 200 bromeliads from many genera and talk about growing them in Central Florida. She will also include information on the ecology and history of the various genera as well as humorous stories about growing bromeliads and cultivation tips.

The bromeliads Terrie brings will also be for sale after the talk.

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

## Terrie Bert bio

Dr. Terrie Bert has been a member of the Sarasota Bromeliad Society ([SBS](#)) since 1987 and the Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society since 1997. She has held multiple offices in the Sarasota Bromeliad Society and served as annual show chair or co-chair for 10 years. She also served the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies ([FCBS](#)) as a representative and officer for eight years and has authored articles for the FCBS Newsletter.

For the Bromeliad Society International ([BSI](#)), Terrie has been the librarian, a Florida Director, a World Conference Show Chair and Australasian Conference Judges and Show Co-chair. She has also chaired several international committees, judged several shows, contributed articles to the BSI Journal, and has been an invited speaker at world conferences. Currently, she is Curator of the Wally Berg Award of Excellence, a Master Judge, and a member of the Judges Certification Committee.

Terrie has given over 175 presentations on bromeliads to numerous U.S. (Florida, Louisiana, California) and international bromeliad societies (Australia, New Zealand) and other groups, including regional and international bromeliad conferences. She cultivates more than 2,000 bromeliads in about 35 genera. She's won multiple top awards in local bromeliad shows and BSI world conferences.

Terrie has a Ph.D. in marine biology and recently retired from her position as a research scientist for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

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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.*

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**Current Member Count: 134**

## President's Message

### September Garden Tour

We had some changes in the planned garden tours in DeLand last month. The tour at Jacquie and Wayne's was cancelled due to Jacquie's hospitalization at the time. I am pleased to report that Jacquie is back home and recovering.

Thanks go out to Lynn Rounseville for hosting the tour at her property. It takes a lot of time and effort to prepare a garden tour and her property was looking great for those who were able to attend.

--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. Additional information will be emailed in the next few days to members who have been plant sellers at our April and August sales.

### November Elections

We will have the election of officers at our November meeting for new terms that start in January. We will have openings for Treasurer and Vice President-Programs (we have two members who have volunteered to be co-VPs). In addition to the specific duties of the various offices, officers are Board members who vote regularly on important matters that come up during the year. Dave Schubert, Nominations Committee Chair, will contact existing officers to determine if they are planning to run again and will have information for others who have an interest in running for any of the positions.

### 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](#). **Speakers will include Andrew Devonshire from New Zealand, David Fell from Hawaii, and Peter Tristam from Australia.** Tours will include a visit to [Mounts Botanical Garden](#) and a trip to [Grant's Farm Nursery](#) and [Sunshine Bromeliads](#).

**SBTPS Bromeliad Plant Sale  
at Nehrling Gardens:  
Saturday, December 9, 2023, 9 AM to 3 PM**



9/26/23 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)  
**Yellow Crotons**



9/20/23 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)  
**Brazilian Red Cloak**



9/28/23 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)  
**Androlepis 'Party Dress'**