



Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society

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December 2019 Newsletter

**Meeting Announcement:
Sunday, December 15th at 1:00 PM
200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford**

The December meeting will be our **Annual Holiday Dinner Party** where we get to exchange gifts, eat good food, and socialize.

Please RSVP by Dec. 13th to
sanfordgardenclub@gmail.com.



A Scene from the 2018 Holiday Party

The Holidays are upon us and once again we will be having our annual Holiday Dinner Party. We get to exchange gifts in the form of a surprise plant (Bromeliad or other tropical plant). We also have an extended *refreshment break* and can just visit with each other and eat for the entire meeting. Food, fun, and a new plant **present** to open and show off.

Our main courses will be **Ham** and **Turkey**. The beverages will be **iced tea, coffee, and water with lemon**. We will have a buffet style serving line and the tables and chairs will be set up so we may dine in style.

The rest of the feast is up to you, the members! Each member is asked to bring a **covered dish**. It may be anything that you feel you want to bring: appetizer, salad, vegetable or dessert.

If you wish to bring a beverage, be it a cola or wine, feel free to do so. Some of our members have brought their own bottle of wine to enjoy with dinner. If you bring wine, you might also want to bring your own wine glasses. Paper plates and utensils will be furnished.

The Holiday Party is open to all members of the Sanford Garden Club and to their spouses, significant others, etc. This would be a great time to bring your non-gardening partner since they won't have to sit through any gardening presentations and who just doesn't love a good party!

FINALLY, THE PRESENTS...

We all enjoy getting plants at our meetings and this one is no exception. The plants come wrapped up like presents, so you never know what you are going to get until you open your present. Each member is to bring a Plant (either Bromeliad or another great tropical plant--but no Poinsettias). Please do bring a nice plant or plant combination, one that you would like to receive if you were to get a present. Wrap your present Holiday Gift style. This is the most challenging part, as some of the plants are hard to disguise and/or wrap. Do your best. **DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON THE GIFT**. The presents are a surprise until opened. If you wish, once opened, you may then advise the receiver that it came from your collection. The plant name and proper care instructions should be included inside with the plant.

Choosing the gifts...

All who bring a plant get a raffle ticket. We then draw tickets and, when your ticket is chosen, you get to choose the gift that you like from the selection of gift-wrapped mystery plants. Unwrap your plant and show it to us all. We then have that person draw the next ticket to see who goes next.

Time is short, the Party is almost upon us...

What you need: **A covered dish, a nice gift-wrapped surprise Bromeliad(s) or other tropical plant(s), a bottle of wine or cola (only if you wish)**. Come ready to enjoy the party and fellowship with each other! Hope to see you there.

Our Holiday Party Committee Chairwoman is Paula White who has done such a great job organizing this party for many years and this year will be just as much fun as always!

Don't forget—The meeting starts at **1:00 PM** (one hour earlier than our usual start).

President's Message

November Meeting

We had 52 attendees at the November meeting. Bob Smedley's presentation with his original methods of mounting Bromeliads for landscape display was very well received.

Awards were presented to those who created the three most popular displays at **Florals Fantastica** in October. The SBTPS members approved the purchase of new chairs for use at meetings and plant shows and those chairs have since been acquired and are now ready for use. They fit very easily into the left stage closet.

Our membership rolls continue to increase. We now have 97 members of the SBTPS and 102 members of the SGC.

--Greg Kolojeski

Election Results

The members elected slates of officers for 2020: For the SBTPS: Gregory Kolojeski for president, Sudi Hipsley for VP and treasurer, and Barbara Whittier for secretary. For the Sanford Garden Club: Gregory Kolojeski for president, Lani Berry for VP-Property Mgmt., Sudi Hipsley for VP-Programs and treasurer, and Barbara Whittier for secretary. We will do our best next year to try to support your confidence in electing us.

SBTPS Membership Renewal

2020 Membership Dues are \$15 for an individual or \$20 for a dual membership. You may renew your membership at a meeting or mail your check to Sudi Hipsley, SBTPS Treasurer, 6616 Tusawilla Dr, Leesburg, FL 34748-9190. If you joined this year in October or later, your 2020 membership is already included.

FCBS

The SBTPS is one of 11 Florida Bromeliad societies that belong to the **Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies (FCBS)** which publishes a quarterly newsletter that is provided to all SBTPS members in an email. The FCBS also sponsors a Bromeliad Extravaganza which is held every two years. The FCBS has launched a new Facebook page which includes information on Bromeliad events being held in Florida. You may visit the [FCBS Facebook page](#) by [clicking on this link](#). You do not have to be a Facebook member to visit the page. If you are a Facebook member, it is recommended that you **Like** the [FCBS Facebook page](#) so that you will be automatically be notified about Bromeliad events throughout Florida.



11/21/19 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Heliconia psittacorum hybrid 'Alan Carle'



11/30/19 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Billbergia 'Wicked'



11/16/19 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Rattlesnake Plant (Calathea lancifolia)

January 19th Meeting:
Speaker and Topic to be announced
The latest info on future meetings is always available at:
<https://www.sanfordgardenclub.com/sbtps>