



Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society

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June 2018 Newsletter

**Meeting Announcement:
Sunday, June 17th at 2 PM
200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford**

Our June meeting features Tom Wolfe with his presentation: **Landscaping by the Numbers.**



Tom's presentation is a *how to do it* landscaping program with a progression of ideas sharing basic landscaping order and principles. It lays out a plan for what you do first, second, and so forth such as establishing a landscaping plan, irrigation systems, trees, sod, installation of plants and onto the final finishing touches. The Power Point program contains many illustrations of tropical plants and demonstrations of landscaping ideas. His program was put together for Bromeliad societies. Tom will bring plants for sale.

There will no member sale at the June meeting other than our Members Silent Auction.

Please bring your plants to donate to the Door Prize Drawing and Plant Raffle for the benefit of the Society.

Refreshments for the June meeting will be provided by the SBTPS.

Tom Wolfe bio

Tom joined the *Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay (BGTB)* in 1965 where he has held many positions including President. He has been instrumental in encouraging and working with BGTB members to present annual shows, participate in community shows and sales, and refurbish bromeliad beds at Lowry Park Zoo, Eureka Springs Park, and Ybor City Museum State Park. Tom helps create displays at the Florida State Fair annually promoting bromeliads.

Tom has designed and installed many residential and commercial landscapes featuring bromeliads. He is in demand as a speaker throughout the United States presenting programs on bromeliads to garden clubs, botanical gardens, horticultural clubs and bromeliad societies.

Tom was General Chairman of the successful World Bromeliad Conference "Bromeliad Safari," held at Saddlebrook Golf & Tennis Resort and hosted by the BGTB. Tom became an accredited BSI Bromeliad Judge in 1982 and is now a Master Judge. He served on the BSI Board of Directors for 14 years serving as Director, Secretary, with 6 years as VP and 6 years as President. Tom is the first BSI President to serve two consecutive terms. Tom and his wife Carol live in Lutz and grow their bromeliads on their 2½ acres of land and greenhouses.



Tom Wolfe at our May 2017 meeting

President's Message

May Meeting

We had 27 attendees at our May meeting which featured Kenneth Stokes with a very informative presentation on what happens underground with Bromeliads. He also brought a selection of very nice well-priced plants and did not have to take too many home!

World Bromeliad Conference (WBC)

Four of our members attended the BSI's **World Bromeliad Conference** in San Diego in late May and early June. We tolerated the daytime highs in the 60's with no humidity as best as we could! The conference featured the best Bromeliad Plant Show I have ever seen. The Plant Sale was quite large and featured Bromeliads and other tropical plants priced from a few dollars to much higher. For example, David Fell from Hawaii had a number of spectacular Vrieseas priced from \$75 to \$450 and he sold quite a few!

There was a nice selection of Bromeliad art with one artist featuring wonderful original watercolors for only \$85 each (since she was moving onto another type of plant subjects and was clearing out the Bromeliad art). The speakers were fascinating and the two days of garden tours on hilly terrain were a lot of fun. And the rare plant auction was as entertaining as always.

I highly recommend that SBTPS members consider joining the BSI (Bromeliad Society International). Memberships start at \$45 annually and include a wonderful multicolor quarterly journal and the option to attend World Bromeliad Conferences. I am a fairly new BSI Director and was appointed to the World Bromeliad Conference Committee. We are working on finding locations for the next two conferences (which are held every two years) and it is looking like those locations will be quite spectacular and surprisingly affordable.
--Greg Kolojeski

Sanford Garden Club News

The Board reviewed the Liability Insurance and Property Insurance which were up for renewal. By a 3-1 vote (Greg, Sudi & Barbara voting Yes, Lani voting No), it was decided to add Wind and Hail coverage. We now have coverage in cases of hurricane or tornado damage.

Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society News

We had a Work Party at the garden club on June 5th. Special thanks go out to the three members who attended: Becki Iamaio, Greg Kolojeski, and Barbara Whittier. One member was bloodied by the Bromeliads—but we've all been there!

June 17th will be the second meeting with a new feature we now have at our meetings: a **Members Silent Auction**. Each member may bring one plant (and one plant only) to sell in a Blind Silent Auction (with bids placed in an envelope). All the proceeds will go to the member who brings the plant. This is an opportunity to sell one special plant which may be something that has just come into bloom or something that just looks good. We had a number of bids for many of the items brought to the May meeting and expect more great items to be available this month.



[Plant Picture of the Day on 5/11/18](#)
Neoregelia johannis 'DeRolf'



Vriesea 'Cosmic Cory': \$450 at WBC Plant Sale



Neoregelia punctatissima at WBC Plant Show

July 15th Meeting:
Priscilla Debler (the Orchid Nanny)