



Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society

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October 2024 Newsletter

Meeting Announcement: Sunday, October 20th 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 H through N 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.

*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.*

Current Member Count: 139

President's Message

September Meeting

We had 44 attendees for Jason Mellica's very entertaining presentation in September. He brought a wide variety of very nice plants at many different price points. --Greg Kolojeski

December Event at Nehrling Gardens

The Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society will again have a booth at the [Annual Holiday Amaryllis Festival](#) at Nehrling Gardens in Gotha. This event will be held on Saturday, December 14, 2024 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. We will be able to promote the SBTPS and sell Bromeliads.

November Elections

We will have the election of officers at our November meeting for new terms that start in January. We will have an opening for Treasurer. 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.

FCBS Representatives

The SBTPS has two Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies (FCBS) reps with one of those positions soon to be open. SBTPS reps generally go to the three [FCBS meetings](#) which are held yearly and also receive communications on FCBS matters on the FCBS email relay. Each rep gets to vote on FCBS matters at FCBS meetings. The first two meetings in 2025 are in Gainesville and Sarasota with the third likely to be held locally at the Bromeliad Extravaganza. Contact Greg Kolojeski if you are interested in being one of the FCBS reps for the SBTPS.

2025 Annual Spring Plant Sale

Next year's SBTPS Annual Spring Plant Sale has been scheduled for April 12-13, 2025 so not as to conflict with Easter the following weekend. We will be promoting the plant sale at a Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies (FCBS) booth at the [Spring Fever in the Garden](#) festival held in Winter Garden on April 5-6, 2025.

2025 Bromeliad Extravaganza

With a unanimous vote of SBTPS members attending the September meeting, approval was given to the SBTPS hosting the 2025 Bromeliad Extravaganza provided the SBTPS Board also approves. We are currently looking at possible hotel sites in the Disney area focusing on a possible September 26-27, 2025 date.

**November 17th Meeting: Stephanie LaRusso
Bromeliad Whispering**



9/10/24 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Beautyberry (*Callicarpa americana*)



10/1/24 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Ananas 'Ivory Coast'



8/18/24 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
**Catopsis morreniana (in bloom)
and Vriesea saundersii (back left)**