



### Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society

President: Greg Kolojeski  
Vice Pres.: Liesl Haas/Tim Dreggors  
Treasurer: Sudi Hipsley  
Secretary: Barbara Whittier  
FCBS Reps: Sudi Hipsley & Greg Kolojeski

### The Garden Club of Sanford, Inc.

President: Greg Kolojeski  
VP-Programs: Liesl & Tim  
VP-Property Mgmt.: Lani Berry  
Treasurer: Sudi Hipsley  
Secretary: Barbara Whittier

#### Committee Chairpersons:

Plant Sales: Sandi Wirth  
Plant Sales Accounting: Cathy Schubert  
Librarian: Sandra Smith Fullerton  
Newsletter, Publicity, Websites: Greg Kolojeski

Rentals: Lani Berry  
Membership: Sudi Hipsley  
Landscape: Barbara Whittier

Copyright © 2024, The Garden Club of Sanford, Inc., All Rights Reserved.

## November 2024 Newsletter

**Meeting Announcement:  
Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM  
200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford**

Our November meeting features Stephanie LaRusso with her presentation **Bromeliad Whispering**



Bromeliad Whispering is a photographic presentation that explains common bromeliad terminology, introduces basic bromeliad botany, and reveals the science behind many common bromeliad horticultural practices. While intended to be a comprehensive Bromeliad Basics program, this lecture is also fun for the experienced grower as it provides a quick bromeliad botany refresher along with a sneak view into commercial practices that can be incorporated into the home garden. Stephanie will bring a lot of plants to sell including many unusual bromeliads!

*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.*

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

### Stephanie LaRusso bio

Stephanie is the owner of [Can't Grow Squash Inc.](#) which is a small plant reseller and garden/nursery consultant. She has spent the past nine years working as an assistant grower and nursery consultant at [Tradewinds Tropicals](#), a wholesale bromeliad nursery in Homestead, Florida. Stephanie is a former Master Gardener for Dade County.



### Images from October's "The A List" presentation:



**Current Member Count: 139**

## President's Message

### October Meeting and Sudi's Retirement

We had 46 attendees at our October meeting for "The A List" presentation and the Members Market with two members even selling everything they brought. And members brought some exceptional side dishes with everyone raving about John Hicks' Pineapple Upside Down Cake!

We have openings for Treasurer (Sudi really is retiring this time!) and FCBS Rep. Please contact me if interested. --Greg Kolojeski

### Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society News

We will have an election of the 2025 officers for the **Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society Board** at the November meeting. The following members are running:

President: Gregory Kolojeski  
Co-Vice Presidents: Liesl Haas & Tim Dreggors  
Treasurer: (open)  
Secretary: Barbara Whittier

### Sanford Garden Club News

We will have an election of the 2025 officers for the **Sanford Garden Club Board** at the November meeting. The following members are running:

President: Gregory Kolojeski  
Co-Vice President-Programs: Liesl Haas & Tim Dreggors  
Vice President-Property Management: Lani Berry  
Treasurer: (open)  
Secretary: Barbara Whittier

### Holiday Party for 2024

Our Holiday Party is on December 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM. All members will receive more information soon in an email.

### 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 some Bromeliads.

### 2025 Bromeliad Extravaganza

Planning continues for the next **Bromeliad Extravaganza** which will be held on September 26-27, 2025. The Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society was approved as the host for the 2025 event at the [Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies](#) meeting in Miami on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

**SBTPS Bromeliad Plant Sale  
at Nehrling Gardens:  
Saturday, December 14, 2024, 9 AM to 3 PM**



10/29/24 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)  
*Hylaeicum mooreanum* by John Boardman



10/19/24 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)  
*Neoregelia 'Dura Flor'* (Skotak)



10/21/24 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)  
*Aechmea 'Fulgo-Ramosa'*