



Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society

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April 2019 Newsletter

2019 Annual Spring Plant Sale:
April 13th and 14th from 9 AM to 4 PM
200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford

The SBTPS plant sale will feature a huge selection of Bromeliads, Heliconias, Gingers, Orchids, and many other tropical plants as well as plant supplies.



Plants at the 2018 Annual Fall Plant Sale

We will have over 20 members as vendors plus many more as volunteer helpers, tag takers, and cashiers. Saturday morning will be particularly hectic as dozens of customers will line up outside prior to opening and we will be extremely busy all morning long. Then it will change to a more moderate but steady pace for the rest of the sale. We can use the help of all members during the sale, but do try to show up Saturday morning if possible.

Be sure to wear your SBTPS logo t-shirts or polo shirts to the plant sale. It will make it easy for our customers to find someone knowledgeable to answer their questions.

Current Member Count:
SBTPS: 66; SGC: 71

Pictures from the 2018 Annual Fall Plant Sale:



President's Message

March Meeting

We had 43 attendees at our March meeting. Alan Bennett's excellent presentation on **Preparing Plants for Show and Sale** provided a lot of useful information which generated quite a bit of discussion among the members. We will soon be posting a synopsis of his presentation on the website.

Dave and Cathy Schubert brought in a feast of delicious Irish foods and more. I sometimes don't find the time to sample the dishes brought in by members, but I am glad I did this time!

The **Members Silent Auction** continues to result in a number of great plants being offered such as the stunning *Billbergia stenopetala* (as shown on this page) which was offered by Butch. Not surprisingly, it received a number of high bids including the winning one by Pat (just outbidding those submitted by presidents of two local Bromeliad societies).

--Greg Kolojeski

Butch on the Tom MacCubbin Radio Show

Butch appeared on Tom MacCubbin's radio show on March 30th. At <http://www.fnnondemand.com/fnnondemand/blgaudio.asp>, you can listen to Butch's segment by clicking on the Hour 1 link for 3/30/19 starting at the 22:25 point through 32:25. Butch did a great job discussing Bromeliads with a number of mentions of our Annual Spring Plant Sale.

Spectacular! Garden Tables

The **Garden Tables Event Committee** had a short meeting in the backroom during the March meeting and scheduled an offsite meeting for April 7th at which time a list of 12 proposals are to be discussed and acted upon. Co-chairs of the committee are Tony Figueiredo, Greg Kolojeski, and Paula White.

Refreshments

At the last few meetings, members seem to have supercharged the variety and quality of delicious foods offered during the break.



3/30/19 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Aechmea nidularioides



3/25/19 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Amaryllis 'Apple Blossom'



4/1/19 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Billbergia stenopetala

May 19th, 11:30 AM: Meeting in DeLand
Visit to a Member's Garden and [E.F.G. Orchids](#)