



Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society

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December 2023 Newsletter

Holiday Party Announcement:
Sunday, December 17th at **1:00 PM**
200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford

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



Plant Gifts at the 2022 Holiday Party

The SBTPS will be providing the main dishes (Turkey, Ham with Pineapple, and Smoked Sausage prepared by members) for the Holiday Party. There is still time to sign up online and select a side dish to bring. This event is open to all members of the Sanford Garden Club/SBTPS and their spouses, significant others, etc. There is no charge to members for this event.

**January 21st Meeting: Alex Bello
Tillandsias**

Holiday Party Pictures from 2022



We will, of course, have the ever-popular plant gift exchange. Everyone who wants to participate should bring a plant gift (Bromeliad(s) or other great tropical plant(s)—no Poinsettias) valued at \$20 or more. Wrap your present holiday gift-style in a way that it will be easy to open (go easy on the tape). It wouldn't hurt to put a note inside at the top with the name of the plant(s). We will draw tickets to determine the order to select and open the presents.

Current Member Count: 140

President's Message

November Meeting

There were 61 attendees at our November meeting for Marty Baxley's fascinating presentation on *Life in Ecuador*.

--Greg Kolojeski

Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society News

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Sanford Garden Club News

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The current Sanford Garden Club Board voted 4-0 to increase rental rates effective December 1st. The new rates may be found at <https://www.sanfordgardenclub.com/rentals>.

SBTPS Membership Renewal

2024 Membership Dues are \$15 for an individual or \$20 for a dual membership. You may renew your membership online at <https://sbtps.square.site/> which is the recommended way of making your renewal. We will send out email reminders in the near future. If you joined this year in October or later, your 2024 membership is already included.

Holiday Party for 2023

Our Holiday Party is December 17th at 1:00 PM. See the email accompanying this newsletter for information on how to sign up.

December Event at Nehrling Gardens

The Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society will have a booth at the [12th Annual Amaryllis Festival](#) at Nehrling Gardens in Gotha. We expect to have a great selection of Bromeliads. This is our first time participating at this event and the weather forecast suggests that we will have a beautiful day!

**SBTPS Bromeliad Plant Sale
at Nehrling Gardens:
Saturday, December 9, 2023, 9 AM to 3 PM**



11/19/23 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Neoregelia 'Untamed Tiger' by John Boardman



11/13/23 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Vriesea gigantea var. seideliana (AKA 'Nova')



12/1/23 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
**Aechmea orlandiana 'Al's Coppertone'
by John Boardman**