

Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society

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October 2020 Newsletter

Meeting Announcement: Sunday, October 18th at 1:30 PM Garden Tours in DeLand

Lynn Rounseville, 1:30 PM Jacquie 'Krickett' Petrovich, 2:30 PM Address & Directions provided in email



We are privileged to be able to visit two of our DeLand members' wonderful gardens. Lynn's 14-acre property is only 3½ miles from Krickett's 9-acre property. Lynn and Krickett will provide beverages and members are welcome to bring picnic lunches and snacks.

Garden Information

We will visit Lynn's place first. Her property, which borders on scenic Lake Daugherty, was carved from a 628-acre orange grove/dairy farm that suffered from freezes back in the 80's. Most of the property is shaded by Tangerine and Oak trees. The gardens include Sago Palms, Crepe Myrtles, Gingers, Heliconias, and Coonties in addition to Bromeliads.

Our next stop will be Krickett's property. The gardens were started in 1964 by the original owner who tended for them for 12 years. The next owner added more to them over 35 years and now Krickett has continued in that tradition. There are trails which include benches and swings for rest stops as we visit the Glenn (with a pond and small waterfall), an Orchid Walk, two Bromeliad "holding areas", and the Point with mostly Bromeliads. The gardens also include Gingers, Philodendrons, and **Dragons**!





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President's Message

September Meeting

We had 37 attendees at September's meeting. Jack Dunlop's fascinating presentation on honey bees was well received with numerous questions from members.

There was a unanimous vote to not have any charitable contributions by the SBTPS this year due to reduced revenues. We hope to resume making such contributions next year.

-- Greg Kolojeski

Current Member Count: SBTPS: 102; SGC: 107

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After agreeing to chair the Nominations Committee once again, Butch contacted the current officers of the SBTPS and SGC. All the officers agreed to run again. If other members have an interest in running, they should contact Butch or Greg. The elections will be held at November's meeting and, as usual, nominations may be made from the floor.

Planning for December 20th's Holiday Party commenced after discussion at the September meeting where a 2020 Holiday Party Committee (Dave Schubert, Barbara Whittier, and Greg Kolojeski) was formed. Members will not be preparing or bringing any food this year. All the food will be catered and members will not be serving themselves. Member contributions will be \$10 per adult with RSVP two weeks prior to the party. We will, of course, have a plant gift exchange. More information will be sent to all members in November.

Sanford Garden Club News

Last month's newsletter included a backflow saga that ended with a plumber scheduled. When the plumber arrived, he quickly repaired the backflow valve with new seals. However, he diagnosed two further problems. He found black specks in the old seals which suggested the presence of very old ungalvanized piping in all or part of the run from the street to the building. That piping will need to be replaced at some point. A more pressing problem was that there was clearly a leak somewhere in the irrigation system.

An irrigation system repairman was scheduled for another day. When he arrived, he quickly located the problem. Two of the six zone valves were not closing fully and needed repair. Luckily, that was an easy and inexpensive fix. Fortunately, there were no leaks in the underground irrigation system. If there had been, that would likely have been harder to find and more costly to repair.

> **November 15th Meeting: Steve Hoppin: Cryptanthus**



9/17/20 Plant Picture of the Day: Neoregelia 'Serendipity



9/30/20 Plant Picture of the Day: Blue Ginger (Dichorisandra thyrsliflora)



10/5/20 Plant Picture of the Day: Aechmea 'Candy Stripe'