



Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society

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March 2021 Newsletter

Meeting Announcement: Sunday, March 21st at 1:00 PM Garden Tours in Oviedo

We will be visiting four
Bromeliad gardens in Oviedo.
Address & Directions provided in email.

Garden Tours info:

The four gardens that we will be visiting are located within a half mile of each other with the first one located three blocks from the second property. The last three properties are in close proximity to each other. There will be ample parking available on the street.

#1, 1:00 p.m. (30 minutes):

LAKE HOME

The first property is a lake home that is beautifully landscaped with palms, oaks and cypress trees, bromeliads, and other tropical plants. The plants are located in the front of the property, around through the backyard along the side of the property with bromeliads nestled around the pool area, and then down steps to a pathway to clusters of bromeliads in a cypress trees lake area.

#2, 1:40 p.m. (15 Minutes):

SEMI-CIRCULAR RAISED BROMELIAD GARDEN HOME

The second property features a multi collection of various bromeliads in a raised plant bed located on the front of this corner lot under mature oak trees. There are also a few large bromeliads in the backyard area by the pool. This property is diagonally across the street to the third property we will be visiting.

Garden Tours info, continued:

The last two stops of the four gardens will be at the properties of our members Gladys Natividad & Rene Jubilag and Cathy & Dave Schubert.

#3, 2:00 p.m. (20 Minutes):

FRONT WALKWAY OF SUN-LOVING BROMELIADS HOME

The third stop features multiple sun-loving bromeliads along the front walkway with a splash of bromeliads in the front border and a garden pathway of bromeliads along the back side of the yard. This property also includes various Asian fruit and tropical trees as well as an herb garden and other exotic fruit plants including coffee trees. This property is adjacent to our last stop.

#4, 2:25 p.m. (30 Minutes):

BROMELIAD BACKYARD ROCK GARDEN HOME

This property has a basic front yard shaded by oak trees. The bromeliads are all in the back and side yards with a small nursery of bromeliads. The backyard is completely landscaped with bromeliads and other small plants and bushes. Included are a 50-inch Neoregelia 'Moby Dick', a gigantic xAndrolaechmea 'Dean', black bamboo, and a collection of Billbergias. Also included is a newer collection of Tillandsias.



President's Message

February Meeting

We had 43 attendees at our February meeting which featured a fascinating presentation on Florida native orchids by Prem Subrahmanyam.

Special thanks go out to Sandra Smith Fullerton who completed an audit of the financial records of the Sanford Garden Club and is auditing those of the Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society and also to Sudi Hipsley for providing those records and related information.
--Greg Kolojeski

SBTPS Membership Renewal

2021 Membership Dues are \$15 for an individual or \$20 for a dual membership. You may renew your membership at this month's meeting or mail your check to Sudi Hipsley, SBTPS Treasurer, 6616 Tuscawilla Dr, Leesburg, FL 34748-9190. If you joined last year in October or later, your 2021 membership is already included. When you are a member of the SBTPS, you also become a member of the Sanford Garden Club. *This is the last newsletter and meeting notification that can be sent to those who have not renewed.*

World Bromeliad Conference 2022

The Bromeliad Society International's **World Bromeliad Conference** in Sarasota has been rescheduled from June 2021 to June 8-12, 2022. All the speakers have been confirmed for 2022 including 5 international speakers. If the conference had not been rescheduled, there would have not have been any speakers or other attendees from outside the U.S. More information will be available soon at <https://www.bsi.org/>.

April Plant Sale

It is time for members to start preparing plants to sell in April. Interest in quality plants continues to be high and we expect to sell a lot of plants.

The **Annual Spring Plant Sale** will be on April 17th & 18th. We will need volunteers for the many roles including cashiers, tag takers, customer helpers (to help buyers take plants to their cars), and tropical plant experts to answer customer questions. More information about the plant sale will be sent out by email to all members this month.

Every member qualifies as a *tropical plant expert* to some degree and plant buyers will greatly value your advice. One of the most frequent comments we receive from plant buyers is how they love the information they get from our members at the plant sales.

<p>Annual Spring Plant Sale: April 17-18, 2021: 9-4 PM each day</p>



2/18/21 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
African Iris (*Diets iridioides*)



2/2/21 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
xQuesmea 'Quesnelia edmundoi'
x Aechmea orlandiana'



2/10/21 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Billbergia windii