



## Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society

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 Treasurer: (Open)  
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 FCBS Reps: Greg Kolojeski

## The Garden Club of Sanford, Inc.

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## December 2025 Newsletter

**Holiday Party Announcement:**  
**Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 PM**  
**200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford**

The December meeting will be our  
**Annual Holiday Dinner Party.**



**Cake at last year's Holiday Party**

The Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society will be providing the main dishes at the Holiday Party. This event is open to all members of the Sanford Garden Club and the Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society and their spouses, significant others, etc. There is no charge to members for this event.

There is still time left to sign up online and to select various dishes to bring. See the email sent to all members with this newsletter for more information.

**Current Member Count: 141**

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.

### **Wrapped Gifts at the 2024 Holiday Party**



**11/15/25 Plant Picture of the Day:**  
**Renanthera Kalsom 'Red Dragon' Orchid**





## President's Message

### November Meeting

We had 28 attendees at our November meeting which featured David Johnston speaking on Billbergias. He brought a number of great Bromeliads and sold all the Billbergias that he had available.

--Greg Kolojeski

### Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society News

At the November meeting, there was an election of the 2026 officers for the **Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society Board**. The following were elected unanimously by those voting:

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### Sanford Garden Club News

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Barbara, Dan and Greg worked on the SGC landscape at a work party on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Marc and Greg folded up and put away 22 tables on December 9<sup>th</sup> in preparation for the terrazzo floor to be machine scrubbed, finished and buffed on December 11<sup>th</sup>.

### SBTPS Membership Renewal

**2026 Membership Dues** are \$15 for an individual or \$20 for an annual membership. You may renew your membership online at <https://sbtps.square.site/> which is the recommended way of making your renewal. Email reminders will be sent out soon. If you joined this year in October or later, your 2026 membership is already included.

### Website Improvements and Rentals

Our website now includes a [Rental Calendar](#) that shows the Event Rental Dates that have been booked. The [SBTPS page](#) includes a listing of scheduled 2026 speakers and events. We have a great lineup of speakers with only one open date.

We are now entering our slower rental season which runs from now through the end of March or so. However, Sunday rentals remain brisk with baby showers being especially popular. With all the improvements at the Sanford Garden Club, we are also booking more weddings than in the past.

### Plant Pictures of the Day:



12/3/25: Neoregelia 'Melania' (Vinzant)

Picture by John Boardman (top left)

11/27/25: Billbergia 'Ellie Marie' (Magnuson)

Picture by Mike Saunders (top right)



11/11/25: Aechmea 'America'

11/29/25: Dyckia 'Pallaphat'

Pictures by Greg Kolojeski



11/9/25: Billbergia 'Wicked' (Baxley)

Picture by Dave Schubert

**January 18th Meeting: Kenneth Stokes  
Approaches to Being a Tropical Plant Collector**