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April 2025 Newsletter

2025 Annual Spring Plant Sale:
April 12th and 13th from 9 AM to 4 PM
200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford

The SBTPS plant sale features a large selection of Bromeliads, Orchids, Gingers and many other tropical plants.



Plants at the 2024 Fall Plant Sale

We have over 30 members including several new sellers signed up as vendors. Saturday morning will be particularly busy as customers will line up outside prior to opening and we will be quite 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 members as volunteers during the sale and especially for Saturday morning.

We will have the same wide aisles and controlled access (up to 45 customers at one time) that worked so well at recent plant sales.

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

Current Member Count: 117

April Plant Sale

The **Annual Spring Plant Sale** will be on April 12-13, 2025. 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.

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.

Plant setup is on Friday before the weekend sale. Setup will commence at 11 AM and end at 3:30 PM. **There will be a Presale for Members Only on Friday, April 11th from 4 to 6 PM.** You will be able to shop early without the crowds and take your new plants home on Friday.

Spring Fever in the Garden Event Booth:



SBTPS members Lynn Rounseville (with her husband Pete), Pam Reisen, and Greg Kolojeski staffed an [FCBS](#) booth at the Spring Fever in the Garden event in Winter Garden on April 5th and 6th. Information on the SBTPS Annual Spring Plant Sale and the 2025 Extravaganza was handed out. Booth setup at 6:00 AM on Saturday was accomplished by Debbie Turner and Greg.

President's Message

March Meeting

We had 58 attendees for a very interesting presentation by Alex Bello which included lots of detailed information on Billbergias. Alex also reported having the highest level of plant sales we have ever seen for a speaker! --Greg Kolojeski

Sanford Historic Garden Tour Booth

The SBTPS had a booth at the Sanford Historic Garden Tour that was staffed by Cathy and Dave Schubert on April 5th. Information on the Annual Spring Plant Sale, the 2025 Extravaganza and SBTPS membership was handed out. There were plant sales with the usual percentage donated to the SBTPS.



4/2/25 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
[Neoregelia 'Band Tastic'](#) (Skotak)
by John Boardman



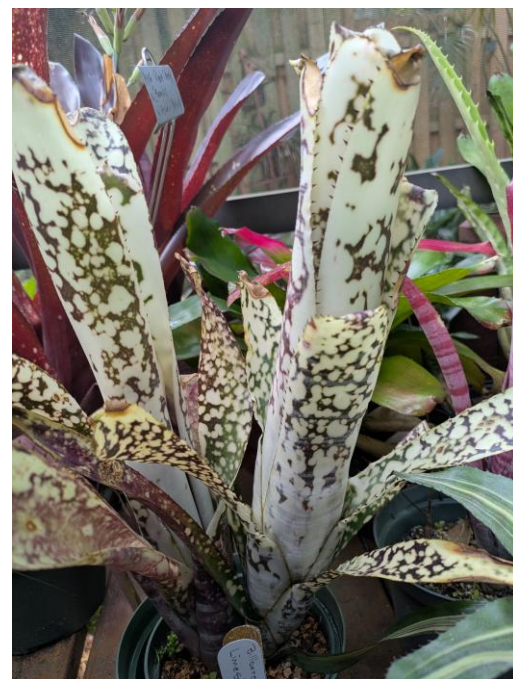
3/18/25 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
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2025 Bromeliad Extravaganza

The SBTPS will host the **2025 Bromeliad Extravaganza** on September 26-27, 2025 at the Ramada Gateway hotel in Kissimmee. The hotel rate is only \$85.80 plus tax with free parking. *It is recommended that you book the hotel as soon as possible.* The registration fee of \$125 includes two dinners, early admission to the biggest Bromeliad sale of the year in Florida and admission to three seminars.

Detailed information about the Extravaganza is available at BromeliadX.com. One of three seminar speakers has been announced: **Leonardo M. Versieux** from Brazil. Vendors are currently being signed up for the Bromeliad sale.

May 18th Meeting: Steve Beaudoin
Hohenbergias



3/28/25 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
[Billbergia 'Limestone'](#)