



## Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society

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## January 2020 Newsletter

**Meeting Announcement:  
 Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM  
 200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford**

Our January meeting features Dennis Cathcart with his presentation: **Understanding Bromeliads.**



Dennis' presentation will be a fun program that covers Bromeliad basics and will also deal with the threats to Bromeliads. Dennis will also bring many Bromeliads for sale including a number of air plants (Tillandsias).

**There will no member sale at the January meeting other than our Members Silent Auction.**

*Please bring your plants to donate to the Door Prize Drawing and Plant Raffle for the benefit of the Society.*

Penny Bullard is sponsoring ½ of the meeting refreshments with the other ½ furnished by Debbie Krupar.

**Current Member Count:  
 SBTPS: 97; SGC: 102**

### Dennis Cathcart bio

For many years herpetology was my avocation, and in pursuit of this interest I spent many happy days on field trips to the Caribbean and Latin America. I became acquainted with exotic plants, sparking a new interest that has spanned over 40 years both as a collector and grower.

Linda and I own and operate [Tropiflora](#), established in 1976, which has become one of the largest collector-oriented exotic plant nurseries in the U.S. Tillandsias and other bromeliads are a specialty as well as a wide assortment of rare succulents, myrmecophytes, aroids, orchids and more. We published the 'Cargo Report' catalog/newsletter for 19 years until we retired it in favor of a web-based business plan in 2010. We still stay in touch with our customers throughout the world and try to bring them into the world we know, a fascinating one of adventure and beauty.

Our work with exotic plants, collecting, studying, photographing, writing and speaking about them has taken us to many countries. Exploring for new plant varieties is still one of our favorite activities, and we have made over 100 collecting trips to more than 27 countries from the Caribbean and Latin American to South East Asia, Africa and Madagascar. Linda often is a part of these travels roughing it along side of me. Our explorations have resulted in the introduction of a number of new species of bromeliads. Three species of bromeliads, an *Aechmea*, a *Neoregelia* and a *Vriesea*, carry the epithet *cathcartii*.

We were an exhibitor at the first Singapore Garden Festival for which we won a silver medal for our bromeliad exhibit. We have traveled widely throughout the U.S. as well as Australia, New Zealand, Venezuela, Brazil, Bahamas, Philippines, Java, Singapore and Thailand for speaking engagements. Dennis was keynote speaker at the 'Broms on the Arafura', Australia's Bromeliad Conference in April of 2011, and spoke at the 'Cool Broms' conference March 2013 in New Zealand and was the keynote speaker at the Australasian Bromeliad Conference in Sydney, Australia in April 2015.

### Group Photo from the Holiday Party in December



## President's Message

### December Party & January Meeting

We had 52 attendees at our annual holiday dinner party. Thanks go to Paula White (and her helpers Lani Berry and Alan Bennett) for putting together another great holiday party!

We will have two votes at our January meeting: parking lot resurfacing and changing the plant sale percentages. Detailed information on both will be sent out in the next week.

--Greg Kolojeski

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### Sanford Garden Club News

The SGC Board voted 4-0 to recommend that the members approve a resurfacing of the parking lot. It was hoped that a patching and resealing would be sufficient, but a more detailed review revealed the necessity for resurfacing. This will be discussed and voted on at the January meeting.

### Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society News

The SBTPS Board voted 3-0 to recommend that the members approve an increase of the SBTPS share of plant sale proceeds from 10% to 15%. This will be discussed and voted on at the January meeting.

### April Plant Sale

The **Annual Spring Plant Sale** will be here before you know it. It will be held on April 18-19, 2020. In order to participate as a plant seller, the Bylaws require attendance at two regular meetings in the prior 12 months.

### World Bromeliad Conference 2020 in Sarasota

The Bromeliad Society International's **World Bromeliad Conference 2020** will be held in Sarasota, FL on June 10-13, 2020. The lowest registration rate is available until January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. You must be a BSI member to register. If you have never been a member of the BSI, a new **first-time member rate** is available for as little as \$15. The easiest way to join and register is to do it online at <https://www.bsi.org/>.

### SBTPS Membership Renewal

2020 Membership Dues are \$15 for an individual or \$20 for a dual membership. You can renew your membership at the meeting or mail your check to Sudi Hipsley, SBTPS Treasurer, 6616 Tusawilla Dr, Leesburg, FL 34748-9190. If you joined in October or later in 2019, your 2020 membership is already included. To stay on the membership roster and be able to participate in the April plant sale, payment should be made by the end of February. When you are a member of the SBTPS, you also become a member of the Sanford Garden Club.

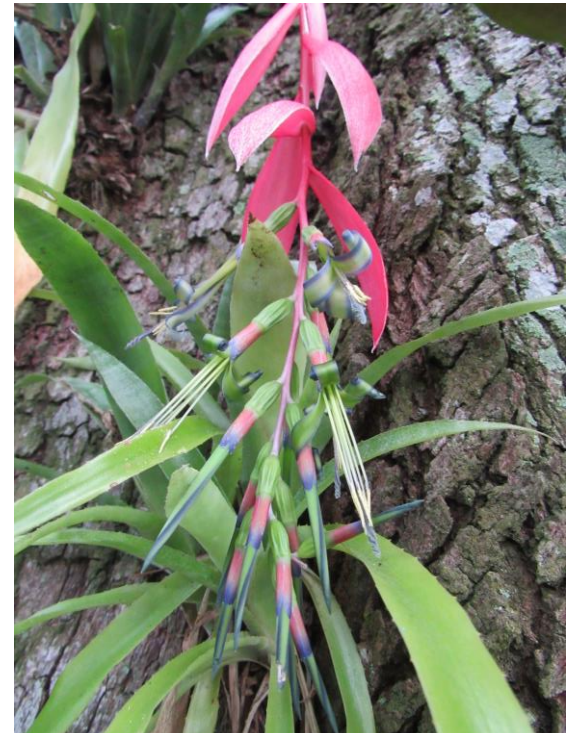
**February 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting:  
A Field Trip to  
McCrary's Sunny Hill Nursery**



1/4/20 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)  
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1/1/20 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)  
[Billbergia venezuelana](#)



12/28/19 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)  
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