



Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society

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January 2019 Newsletter

**Meeting Announcement:
 Sunday, January 20th at 2 PM
 200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford**

Our January meeting features Dave Johnston with his presentation: **Bromeliads 101**.



Dave will be presenting a program on basic Bromeliad culture. With over 30 years of experience growing Bromeliads, Dave has seen it all. He will also bring Bromeliads for sale.

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

Refreshments for the meeting will be sponsored by Butch Force and furnished by the SBTPS.

Membership Renewal

2019 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 Tuscawilla Dr, Leesburg, FL 34748-9190. If you joined in October or later in 2018, your 2019 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.

Dave Johnston's bio

Dave started growing Bromeliads in 1985 and joined the [Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay](#) shortly thereafter. He was president of the Tampa club five times and served every position there except for secretary. Dave also was a representative to the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies ([FCBS](#)).

Dave joined the Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society in the late 1980's where he was president twice as well as being a director.

Dave's Bromeliad speaking began over 15 years ago as he was the in-house speaker on Bromeliads for [Sunken Gardens](#) in St. Petersburg for over a decade. Dave has given numerous presentations to Bromeliad societies over the last several years.

Scenes from the Holiday Party on December 16, 2018:



**Current Member Count:
 SBTPS: 83; SGC: 88**

President's Message

December Meeting

We had 38 attendees at our annual holiday dinner party. For the first time, we had professional decorations. The wonderful decorating job was accomplished by Maria Arenas of [Maria's Decorations](#). Thanks go to Paula White for putting together another great holiday party!

--Greg Kolojeski

New Website

The [Sanford Garden Club website](#) (which includes SBTPS pages) was completely redesigned and published the first week of January. It has a more modern design that makes greater use of images and is optimized for use with smartphones. There is a **Members page** which is accessed with a password and has downloadable files for Minutes, Plant Sale details, Bylaws and Member info. Previously, we used password-protected PDF files which still required a password to access even after being downloaded. The new site has a secure https web address: <https://www.sanfordgardenclub.com/>.

April Plant Sale

The **Annual Spring Plant Sale** will be here before you know it. It will be held a week earlier than usual on April 13-14, 2019 in order to avoid conflict with Easter weekend. In order to participate as a plant seller, the Bylaws require attendance at two regular meetings in the prior 12 months. Our March 17th meeting will feature our Plant Sales Chairman Alan Bennett with a presentation on **Preparing Plants for Show and Sale**.

2019 Bromeliad Extravaganza in Orlando

Be sure to put September 20-22, 2019 on your calendar for the **Bromeliad Extravaganza**. More info to come soon.

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. It is held every two years with the two prior locations being in San Diego and Houston. Greg Kolojeski, president of the [SBTPS](#), and Marian Kennell, president of the [Sarasota Bromeliad Society](#), are Conference Co-Chairs for WBC 2020.

Meeting Speakers and Programs

Sudi would like to get suggestions on topics for future programs and names of possible speakers. Many members have probably heard good speakers elsewhere who would also work for us. Let Sudi know by emailing her or by using the SGC or SBTPS email address shown at the top of this page.

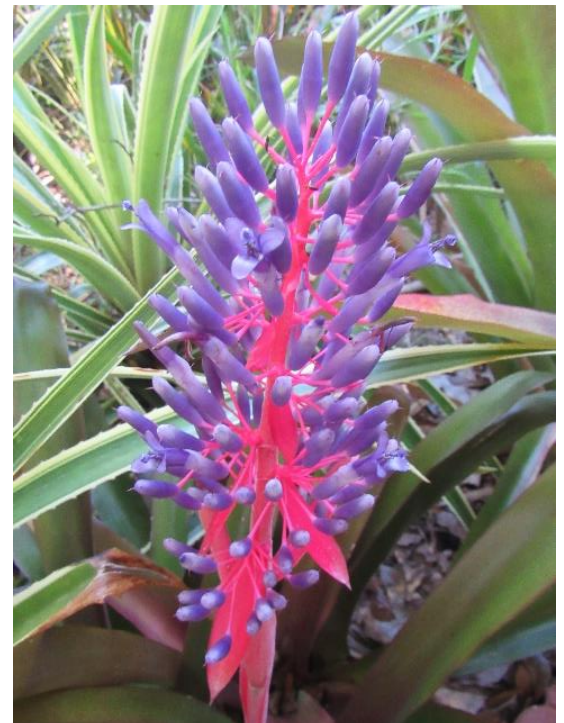
February 17th Meeting:
Kenneth Stokes: What's in a Name



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12/20/18 Plant Picture of the Day:
Dyckia goeringii



12/25/18 Plant Picture of the Day:
Portea alatisepala 'Wally Berg'