



## Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society

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## July 2021 Newsletter

**Meeting Announcement:  
Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM  
200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford**

Our July meeting features Jason Mellica  
with his presentation:

**Rise of the Tiger Neo's: Mellica's Hybrids**



Jason has been growing, hybridizing, and selling Bromeliads since 1998. He has made numerous crosses of Neoregelias and Vrieseas. He will bring many of them to sell at our meeting (including 85 plants in 6" pots and about 40 offsets). There will be lots of fascinating Bromeliads to acquire that you have not seen before!

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

Refreshments for the July meeting will be provided by the SBTPS. Members are encouraged to bring additional side dishes that incorporate Pineapples.

**Current Member Count:  
SBTPS: 102; SGC: 105**

## Jason Mellica bio

Jason received his Bachelor of Science in Botany from the University of Florida. He did an internship at [Marie Selby Botanical Gardens](#) where he developed an interest in Bromeliads. He has studied Bromeliads in the wild in Northeastern South America with over 20 trips to Venezuela and Guyana. His [Advanced Bromeliads](#) business is based in Sarasota.



**Neoregelia 'Poseidon's Poison'**



**Neoregelia 'Artemis'**



## President's Message

### June Meeting

We had 64 attendees at our May meeting which featured Steve Byram's very informative presentation on shade-loving plants and how to acquire them at a low cost.

It is time to start preparing your plants for our August plant sale. There continues to be an insatiable demand for high quality plants at local plant sales and we should do our best to satisfy that demand!  
--Greg Kolojeski



## Pineapple Day!



July 18<sup>th</sup> has been declared **Pineapple Day!** at the **Sanford Garden Club**. Attendees are encouraged to wear pineapple apparel, prepare/provide pineapple food, and bring in pineapple artifacts/objects. We will take pictures of members in their pineapple-themed apparel (some to be included in the next newsletter), savor the pineapple food, and ogle and admire the pineapple artifacts. We will even recognize some of the pineapple artifacts with special awards in categories such as "most unusual", "most useful" and "most artistic". Finally, we will test your knowledge of **Ananas!**

## Refreshment Policy

We had a short discussion at the June meeting of some possible changes to our Refreshment Policy. All members will soon be sent an email that provides information on our current policy and the proposed changes. We plan to have a brief discussion followed by a vote on the proposed changes at the July meeting.

## Annual Fall Plant Sale

The **Annual Fall Plant Sale** will be on August 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>. 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. We had about two dozen plant sellers in April and we expect to have even more this time around!

Every member qualifies as a *tropical plant expert* to some degree and plant buyers 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.

**Annual Fall Plant Sale:  
August 14-15, 2021: 9-4 PM each day**



6/30/21 **Plant Picture of the Day:**  
**xSincoregia 'Galactic Warrior'**



6/28/21 **Plant Picture of the Day:**  
**Lutheria (formerly Vriesea) 'Splenet'**



6/21/21 **Plant Picture of the Day:**  
**Brassolaelia Golden Glory Orchid**  
Picture taken by Dave Schubert