



### Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society

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## September 2021 Newsletter

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

Our September meeting features Kenneth Stokes with his presentation:

### Various Growth Habits of Bromeliads



### Kenneth Stokes bio

Kenneth is a life-long Floridian. He was born in Melbourne, moved to Miami as young man and was then transferred to Tampa by his employer to open a new business. He eventually started his own furniture manufacturing business, selling to the national interior design trade. He continues in the same field today doing antique restoration and operating a gallery of art, architectural and interior furnishings.

Following in the footsteps of his grandmother and mother, he has always been interested in plants. He began collecting wild plants as a child to put in their large rural garden. He now has an extensive collection of tropical plants in his south Tampa garden.

Kenneth has been involved in many plant societies and joined the [Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay](#) in 1995. He has also been a member of the [Sarasota Bromeliad Society](#) and has served in a number of positions in both. He has been doing public speaking for most of his life in business, religious and social organizations. He is also the author of four literary novels. He uses the skills he developed over the years to pull together fresh presentations, utilizing real examples to illustrate what is being said.

Kenneth's presentation will cover the various ways Bromeliads grow and evolve over the life of the plants, from the regenerative process, changes in leaves and size to how and where they bloom. Ken will also bring great Bromeliads for sale.

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

Our main course for the refreshment break will be Pulled Pork which will be prepared by the husband of one of our members. Members whose last names begin with the letters A through C are requested to bring side dishes.

**Current Member Count:**  
SBTPS: 115; SGC: 118



Plants at the August Plant Sale



## President's Message

### August Plant Sale

We had a spectacular **Annual Fall Plant Sale** which set a number of sales records: Best August Sale, Best Online Auction/Presale, and Best Sunday sales day. The sale was incredibly well organized with no plants with water in them, no plants with loose toppings, and just one loose tag found.

We also had the most plant sellers ever with 30 members selling. Our checkout was more efficient than ever with an improved streamlined approach. Bonnie, our fantastic Plant Sales Chair, even made sure that the good-looking guy who was the sole cashier only had one job—collecting payments. She thought it best that he should focus on only one task.

Even when you may think there's no way left to improve our plant sales, we somehow manage to do so. Finally, I would like to thank the many members who volunteered and made this sale such a great success!  
--Greg Kolojeski

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### Sanford Garden Club News

The SGC Board voted to approve the purchase of a grease trap which the City of Sanford Utility Department required us to have installed.

The SGC Board also voted to recommend that the Sanford Garden Club hold a special fund-raising event on October 30<sup>th</sup>. This recommendation will be discussed and voted on by the members at the September meeting.



Some of the many plants at the Annual Fall Plant Sale

October 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting: Terrie Bert  
Growing Beautiful Bromeliads in Central Florida



8/10/21 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)  
*Edmondia lindenii albomarginated*



8/21/21 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)  
*Portea alatisepala*



8/23/21 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)  
Bat Plant (*tacca chantrieri*)