



# Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society

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## 40<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary: 1977-2017

### June 2017 Newsletter

**Meeting Announcement:**  
**Sunday, June 18, 2017 at 2 PM**  
**200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford**

Our June meeting features member Ken Hicks with his presentation: **Orchid Care and Potting Orchids.**



Ken will cover general care for orchids including watering, fertilizing, potting, and blooming. He will also discuss general problems like insects and fungus. Ken will demonstrate how to pot orchids and also how to use orchid supplies with bromeliads since orchids and many bromeliads are both epiphytic plants. There will be no slide show as the presentation will focus on how-to demonstrations.

Ken will bring a number of plants for sale including Phalaenopsis, Oncidium, Dendrobium (including Nobile Type), and Cattleya orchids. He will also bring some Bromeliads such as Neoregelias like 'Franca,' 'Tricolor Perfecta,' 'Rafael,' and 'Cotton Candy' as well as Tillandsias such as cyanea and others.

*Please bring your plants for Show & Tell and donate your extra ones to the raffle table to benefit our society.*

**Nancy Harris and Greg Spak will be providing the refreshments for the June meeting.**

### Ken Hicks bio

Ken is a family partner with [Hicks Orchids & Supplies](#) which has been in business for over 25 years. They specialize in orchid supplies like potting mix, wire hangers, fertilizer, wood baskets and more. They also sell orchids and bromeliads.

Ken had suggested the outdoor booth at our April sale which had orchid supplies and unique handcrafted metal plant holders. He also had plants for sale indoors including some very attractive orchids which did not stay on the sales tables for very long.



## President's Message

### May Meeting

Our May meeting had a lot of great plants both for sale and available in the plant raffle. Members who contributed plants really outdid them themselves! There was also a number of unique Show and Tell plants brought in by three members.

Our membership continues to grow and with it comes some growing pains. We will be asking members to silence their smart phones during meetings so that we will not hear ringing phones. And we have acquired a microphone and speaker that presenters will have the option of using and that we will be using for plant raffles.

### How to Buy Plants

Everyone knows how to buy plants. You look at what's available and then select something that looks good and seems a good value, right?

Well, there is another way. You walk up to the plant seller and you ask him, *What do want to sell me?* or *What do have here today that I'd be crazy not to take home?* As odd as this may sound, it is a wonderful way to find great plants. No one knows better than the seller what he has that is unusual, hard-to-find, or is a good value. Sellers will be flattered that you trust their judgement and will go out of their way to see that you are made happy. I have acquired some of my best plants this way.

### Business Matter for June Meeting

We will have a vote on whether to change the percentage that the SBTPS receives at plant sales from 15% to 10% with the balance going to the plant sellers. All members received detailed info on this proposal by email.

### Business Matter for July Meeting

We will be voting on a proposal concerning a charitable giving policy for the SBTPS. More info to come soon.

### Plant Picture of the Day Contest

At the May meeting, we had a Plant Picture of the Day contest. Members were presented with a number of plant pictures that were featured as the **Plant Picture of the Day** on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/SeminoleBromeliadSociety/> during May. You were asked to pick the least popular and the most popular pictures. Several of you correctly picked the 'Sweet Surrender' Rose picture as the least popular picture (it had 70 views). The most popular picture was a lot harder although a few of you did pick the Ananas 'Ivory Coast' pineapple picture which had 265 views or the Alcantarea regina inflorescence picture which had 260 views.

## Plant Raffle

Special thanks go out to our members for bringing so many plants for our Plant Raffle in May. There was a great selection with some unusual and hard-to-find items. Special thanks also to Lee Walls who donated two containers of books and other publications with some to become part of our library and others to be included in future raffles.

---Greg Kolojeski



Our May Speaker Tom Wolfe



Show and Tell Plants from George:  
*Tillandsia leiboldiana* var. *guttata* & *Pitcairnia bergii*



Door Prize Drawing & Raffle Plants

**July 16th meeting: Charlie Birdsong**  
**The Nidulariod Complex (includes short info on Edmundoa, Wittrockia, Canistrum, Canistropsis, and Nidularium)**