



**Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society**

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**October 2022 Newsletter**

**Meeting Announcement:  
 Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM  
 200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford**

Our October meeting features Mike Michalski with his presentation:

**Trip to Costa Rica  
 & A Visit to Chester Skotak's Place**



Mike is pictured above with Nat DeLeon to the right. Mike's presentation will cover his trip to Costa Rica with a visit to world-renowned bromeliad hybridizer Chester Skotak's place and to ForemostCo Nursery.

*Please bring your plants to donate to the Door Prize Drawing and Plant Raffle for the benefit of the Society. We will also feature the Members Silent Auction.*

Our main course for the refreshment break will be provided by the SBTPS. Members whose last names begin with the letters D through G are requested to bring side dishes.

**Current Member Count:  
 SBTPS: 145; SGC: 146**

**Mike Michalski bio**

Mike has been collecting bromeliads since 1995 and has been hybridizing bromeliads for the last ten years. He is the proprietor of Mike's Bromeliads in Miami with his wife Patty Gonzalez.



**Patty Gonzalez with some of Mike's hybrids**



**Plants at Mike's Home in Miami at June, 2021 FCBS Meeting**

## President's Message

### September Meeting

We had 55 members at our September meeting for Dave Johnston's excellent presentation on Basic Bromeliad Culture. He brought a lot of plants and took very few home!

I hope everyone survived Hurricane Ian without too much damage and destruction. The winds were strong enough to knock over some trees around the area and create a lot of debris with fallen branches. Hopefully, you weren't subject to any of the flooding that was all too common.

--Greg Kolojeski

### Sanford Garden Club Plant Sale

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual **Sanford Garden Club Plant Sale** featuring commercial vendors will be held on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 5. A native plant sale will also be held outside. We hope all members will support our sale and stop by to buy a few plants. We will also need a handful of volunteers for set up and tear down.



Plants at the 2021 Sanford Garden Club Plant Sale

### Sanford Garden Club Plant Sale: Oct. 15, 2022

*Commercial Vendors will include:*

**Advanced Bromeliads (Sarasota)**  
**McCrary's Bromeliads (Eustis)**  
**Mike's Bromeliads (Miami)**  
**Orchid Nanny (Apopka)**

November 20, 2022 Meeting: Tom & Carol Wolfe  
Bromeliads in Paradise



10/5/22 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)  
**Cryptanthus argyrophyllus**  
Picture taken by Cathy Schubert



9/28/22 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)  
**Aechmea 'Bonnie's Pearl'**



9/17/22 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)  
**Aechmea tayoensis**