



Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society

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August 2025 Newsletter

2025 Annual Fall Plant Sale:
August 16th and 17th from 9 AM to 4 PM
200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford

The SBTPS plant sale features a large selection of Bromeliads, Orchids, Gingers and many other tropical plants.



Plants at the 2025 Spring Plant Sale

We have over 30 members including a number of new sellers signed up as vendors. Saturday morning will be particularly busy as customers will line up outside prior to opening and we will be quite busy all morning long. Then it will change to a more moderate but steady pace for the rest of the sale. We can use the help of members as volunteers during the sale and especially for Saturday morning.

We will have the same wide aisles and controlled access (up to 45 customers at one time) that worked so well at recent plant sales. And we will have outside vendors selling orchid supplies and native plants.

Be sure to wear your SBTPS logo t-shirts or polo shirts if you have one to the plant sale. It will make it easy for our customers to find someone knowledgeable to answer their questions.

August Plant Sale

The **Annual Fall Plant Sale** will be on August 16-17, 2025. 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.

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

Plant setup is on Friday before the weekend sale. Setup will commence at 11 AM and end at 3:30 PM. **There will be a Presale for Members Only on Friday, August 15th from 4 to 6 PM.** You will be able to shop early without the crowds and take your new plants home on Friday.

Pictures from the 2025 Spring Plant Sale:



President's Message

July Meeting

We had 50 attendees for an excellent presentation by Bryan Windham who brought a wide selection of Bromeliads including some of his unique bigenerics. --Greg Kolojeski

SBTPS Logo T-Shirts

T-shirts with the SBTPS logo on front and back may now be ordered online at <https://sbtps.square.site/> for pickup at the plant sale or the next SBTPS meeting. Besides being attractive for general wear around town, the t-shirts are perfect for volunteers at the SBTPS plant sales and the upcoming Bromeliad Extravaganza.

2025 Bromeliad Extravaganza

The SBTPS will host the [2025 Bromeliad Extravaganza](#) on September 26-27, 2025 at the Ramada Gateway hotel in Kissimmee. The hotel rate is only \$85.80 plus tax if you book the hotel before August 27th.

The registration fee of \$125 includes a Friday dinner and Saturday banquet, early admission to the biggest Bromeliad sale in Florida this year and admission to the seminars with three speakers (**Leonardo Versieux** from Brazil, **Bryan Windham** from Louisiana, and **Dennis Cathcart** from Florida). Access to the seminars will be limited to registrants. Registration also includes a Conference Logo bag with a \$10 plant sale coupon (*if you register by the end of August*), a free ticket to enter in a drawing for extra-early access to the plant sale on Friday evening, and access to several gardens of local Bromeliad society members early Sunday afternoon. *Only the Saturday plant sale and evening rare plant auction will be open to the public.*

See BromeliadX.com for more information where you may [register for the conference](#) and find detailed information on the hotel, speakers and vendors.

Extravaganza Volunteers Needed

The 2025 Bromeliad Extravaganza will be a major fundraiser for our society. We will need a number of volunteers to make it a success. Besides the plant sale on Friday evening and Saturday, we will need volunteers for registration, checking in rare plant donations, controlling access to the dinners, running the rare plant auction, and more. We will be contacting members with more information after our August plant sale.

Plant Pictures of the Day:



7/9/25: Neoregelia 'Flame On' (Kiehl) and
7/11/25: Neoregelia 'Artic Blast' (Skotak)
Pictures by Cathy Schubert



7/12/25: Nidularium rutilans and
7/27/25: Neoregelia 'Casablanca'
Pictures by John Boardman



7/30/25: Neoregelia 'Red Heat' (Skotak) and
7/8/25: Aechmea 'Big Harv'
Pictures by Greg Kolojeski

Current Member Count: 130

September 21st Meeting: Jason Mellica
Jason Mellica Bromeliad Hybrids for 2025