



Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society

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July 2023 Newsletter

Meeting Announcement: Sunday, July 16th at 2 PM 200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford

Our July meeting will feature
Greg Kolojeski with his presentation:

Beautiful Bromeliads



Greg will present a slide show featuring plants from the World Bromeliad Conference (WBC 2022) and the Plant Picture of the Day feature on the SBTPS Facebook page.

*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 and have a **Members Market**.*

Our main course for this meeting's refreshment break will be furnished by the SBTPS. Members whose last names begin with the letters A through C should bring side dishes. All members are encouraged to bring pineapple food items.

Current Member Count: 125

Greg Kolojeski bio

Greg joined the SBTPS when he came to the Annual Spring Plant Sale in April, 2013. He started growing his first bromeliads (*Aechmea fasciata*, still his favorite) about six years earlier and discovered that bromeliads looked great and could be grown with little or no effort. Greg has been president of the SBTPS since 2015 and president of the Sanford Garden Club since 2018. He has also published and edited the [SGC/SBTPS website](#) and [monthly newsletter](#) since 2016. Greg has been posting a **Plant Picture of the Day** on the [SBTPS Facebook page](#) since May of 2017.

Greg became a director of the [Bromeliad Society International](#) (BSI) in 2017, its vice president from 2019 to 2022 and president starting in 2022. He was a co-chair of the [World Bromeliad Conference](#) which was held in June 2022 in Sarasota, Florida.

Annual Fall Plant Sale 2023

The [Annual Fall Plant Sale](#) will be on August 19th & 20th. 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 later this month.

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.

Our [Online Auction/Presale](#) starts on August 1st at 9 AM and runs through August 14th at 9 PM. Table setup will be on Thursday afternoon, August 17th. Plant setup commences at 11 AM and ends at 3:30 PM on Friday, August 18th. There will then be a Presale for Members Only from 4 to 6 PM on that Friday. Members will be able to shop early without the crowds and take their new plants home on Friday.

President's Message

June Meeting

We had 53 attendees at our June meeting which featured a great presentation by Chip Jones about Chester Skotak and his Bromeliad hybrids. Chester Skotak will be a speaker at the FCBS Extravaganza at the end of this month. You can expect to find a huge selection of wonderful Skotak hybrids at that event's plant sale and rare plant auction.

The SGC Board has decided to cancel the Sanford Garden Club Plant Sale originally scheduled for Oct. 14th. We will be focusing our efforts on the new December event at Nehrling Gardens and on our April and August sales.

--Greg Kolojeski



Pineapple Day!



July 16th will be our 3rd Annual **Pineapple Day!** at the **Sanford Garden Club**. Attendees are encouraged to wear pineapple apparel, prepare/provide pineapple food, and bring in pineapple artifacts/objects. Pineapple objects vary tremendously and may include vintage items as well as modern artifacts. Please bring in some of your most interesting pineapple objects whether they are beautiful, bizarre, unusual or just one of your favorites!

2023 FCBS Extravaganza

The [2023 FCBS Extravaganza](#) will be held on July 28-29, 2023 at the West Palm Beach Marriott. Guest Speakers are Eloise Beach, David Shiigi, and Chester Skotak. The registration fee is \$150 and **special hotel rates are available if booked by July 10th**. Registration includes a Friday night BBQ, early access to the plant sale, afternoon lectures, a Saturday night banquet, a rare plant auction and a silent auction.

December Event at Nehrling Gardens

The Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society will have a booth at the 12th Annual Amaryllis Festival at Nehrling Gardens in Gotha. This event will be held on Saturday, December 9, 2023 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. We will be able to promote the SBTPS and sell Bromeliads. Bonnie Friedrich will be Plant Sales Chair and Coordinator for this event. Nehrling Gardens has a fascinating history in the Bromeliad world with the property having been owned by Henry Nehrling and then Julian Nally. Go to https://www.fcbs.org/articles/Julian_Nally.htm to check out it out.

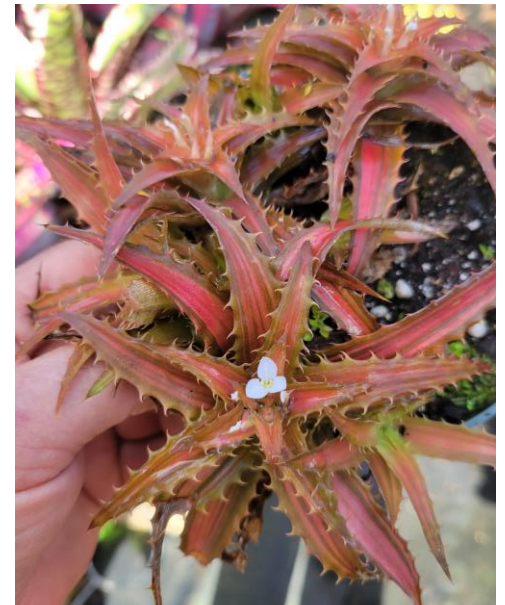
World Bromeliad Conference 2024

The Bromeliad Society International has announced **WBC 2024** which will be on **May 22-25, 2024** in West Palm Beach, Florida. Information on it may be found at wbc.bsi.org. Registration fees have not been increased from 2022 (lowest rate available until Dec. 31st) and a special hotel rate (available until the earlier of April 30, 2024 or whenever the allotted rooms are booked) is now available for booking in the Members Only part of the [BSI website](#). Keynote speaker will be New Zealand's Andrew Devonshire.

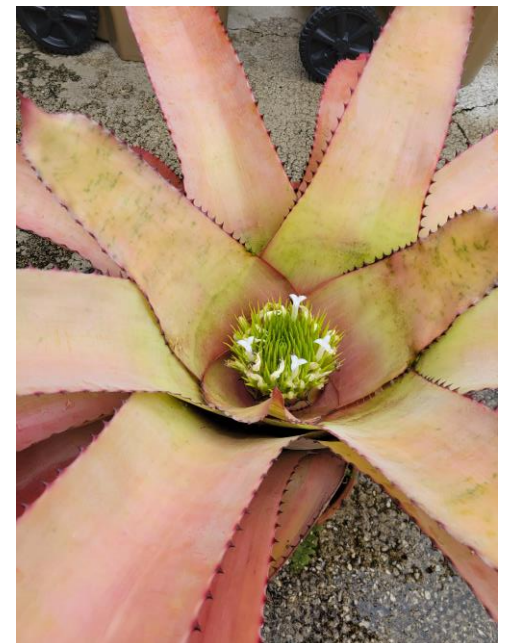
Annual Fall Plant Sale:
August 19-20, 2023: 9-4 PM each day



6/8/23 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Neoregelia 'Fruity Pebbles' (Leo Castro)



6/9/23 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Orthophytum saxicola by John Boardman



6/26/23 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
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