

# Dennis Cathcart



## Remembering Ray Coleman

Dennis' presentation, "Remembering Ray Coleman," begins by highlighting Ray's hybridizing work at Tropiflora. It then follows an expedition to Brazil, featuring visits with growers and collectors, and concludes with a field trip to the breathtaking Chapada Diamantina. The program closes with a silent tribute—a visual showcase of Ray's bromeliad hybrids, celebrating his enduring legacy.

## Biography

Dennis and his wife, Linda, are the founders of [Tropiflora LLC](#), a nursery established in 1976 and now celebrating its 50th year in business. Though Dennis and Linda are retired, their passion for plants lives on through their children—Robin and Scott—who now manage Tropiflora alongside a dedicated team of long-time employees.

A lifelong naturalist, Dennis has turned his focus toward writing, sharing his knowledge and love for the natural world. Even in retirement, Dennis and Linda continue to explore the globe, seeking unique plants and animals to study and photograph.

Dennis' deep involvement with the bromeliad community has connected him with some of the most prominent growers, collectors, and enthusiasts in the field. Notably, he met Ray Coleman in 1977 at the home of Tom Davis, a well-known Tampa bromeliad hybridizer. That meeting sparked a long-lasting friendship and collaboration that endured until Ray's passing in 2020.