



Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society

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August 2026 Newsletter

2026 Annual Fall Plant Sale:
August 15th and 16th from 9 AM to 4 PM
200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford

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



Plants at the 2026 Spring Plant Sale

We have over two dozen members 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 has worked so well at recent plant sales.

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

Current Member Count: 119

August Plant Sale

The [Annual Fall Plant Sale](#) will be on August 15-16, 2026. 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 14th from 4 to 6 PM.** You will be able to shop early without the crowds and take your new plants home on Friday.

More Pictures from the 2026 Spring Plant Sale:



President's Message

July Meeting

We had 38 attendees for an excellent presentation by Dave Johnston on Orthophytums and Sincoraeas (and hybrids of those). Dave also brought lots of great plants.

--Greg Kolojeski

July Work Party at the Sanford Garden Club

We had a work party at the garden club on July 21st where several members (Tony Figueiredo, Greg Kolojeski, Dan Sawyer, and Barbara Whittier) trimmed trees, dug out bromeliad clumps, and planted a number of Alcantareas donated by Miguel Nicolas.

Refreshments at the Annual Fall Plant Sale

The SBTPS will be providing some of the refreshments for the August plant sale. Thanks go out to Telka diFate who will purchase and bring those refreshments to the plant sale.

The Sanford Garden Club

Our website at <https://www.sanfordgardenclub.com/> is frequently updated. Recently added were some pictures submitted by Paula White of a wedding at the garden club. This event was beautifully decorated as can be seen in the picture shown below.



September 20th Meeting: Greg Kolojeski
Blooming Bromeliads and
A Demo of the Sanford Garden Club Website
and a Members Market



7/9/26 & 7/28/26 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Vriesea erythrodactylon and
Aechmea 'Pinot Noir' by Greg Kolojeski



7/20/26 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Miguel's Alcantarea glaziouana striated



7/28/26 & 7/21/26 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Aechmea smithiorum x serrata by Greg K.
Bonnie's Aechmea 'Greg'



7/4/26 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Aechmea 'Grey Ghost' by John Boardman