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November 2026 Newsletter

Meeting Announcement:
Sunday, November 15th at 2 PM
200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford

Our November meeting features Dr. Terrie Bert with her presentation, **What is a Bromeliad Collector?**



Terrie Bert will bring over 100 bromeliads from many genera and talk about growing them in Central Florida. She will include information on each plant she discusses with cultivation tips. A number of the bromeliads she brings are species that are not that common and will make great additions to members' collections. All the bromeliads Terrie brings will be for sale after the talk.

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

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 are asked to bring side dishes.

Current Member Count: 122

Terrie Bert bio

Dr. Terrie Bert has been a member of the Sarasota Bromeliad Society (SBS) since 1987 and the Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society since 1997. She has held multiple offices in the Sarasota Bromeliad Society and served as annual show chair or co-chair for many years. She also served the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies (FCBS) as a representative and officer for many years and has authored articles for the FCBS Newsletter.

For the Bromeliad Society International (BSI), Terrie has been the librarian, a Florida Director, a World Conference Show Chair and Australasian Conference Judges and Show Co-chair. She has also chaired several international committees, judged several shows, contributed articles to the BSI Journal, and has been an invited speaker at world conferences. Currently, she has been Curator of the Wally Berg Award of Excellence for 22 years, a Master Judge, and a member of the Judges Certification Committee.

Terrie has given over 200 presentations on bromeliads to numerous U.S. (Florida, Louisiana, California) and international bromeliad societies (Australia, New Zealand) and other groups, including regional and international bromeliad conferences. She cultivates more than 2,000 bromeliads in about 35 genera. She's won multiple top awards in local bromeliad shows and BSI world conferences.

Terrie has a Ph.D. in marine biology and is retired from her position as a research scientist for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.



Article on Sanford Garden Club's 100th Anniversary:
Lake Mary Life (November/December 2026 issue)

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Facebook Pages: https://www.facebook.com/SeminoleBromeliadSociety/
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Facebook Group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/SeminoleBromeliadGroup/

President's Message

October Meeting

We had 32 attendees at our October meeting. Our scheduled speaker, Marty Baxley, cancelled at the last minute due to a sudden illness.

Our members rose to the occasion and we had informative presentations put on by Pam Marion, Eloise Beach, and Cathy Schubert. Pam Marion and Dave Schubert brought in food provided by the SBTPS. Steve Beaudoin, Wayne Petrovich, and Barbara Whittier helped with setup. Also, several members collected plants from the garden club landscape so that there was a respectable selection for the Door Prize Drawing. –Greg Kolojeski

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Plant Pictures of the Day:





10/25/26: Ae. 'Skotak's Wild Ace' *by John Boardman*
10/29/26: Nidularium procerum by *Greg Kolojeski*



9/28/26: Goudaea ospinae 'Ice' *by Greg Kolojeski*



10/18/26: Aechmea mexicana albo. *by Greg Kolojeski*

December 20th Meeting at 1:00: Holiday Party