



Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society

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November 2023 Newsletter

**Meeting Announcement:
Sunday, November 19th at 2 PM
200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford**

Our November meeting features Marty Baxley with his presentation:
Life in Ecuador



Marty's presentation will cover his trip to the Amazon through Ecuador and will cover more than plants. A group of SBTPS members visited his nursery back in July of 2022 and found a number of greenhouses stuffed with a wonderful selection of bromeliads including many not often seen. He will bring a large selection to sell.

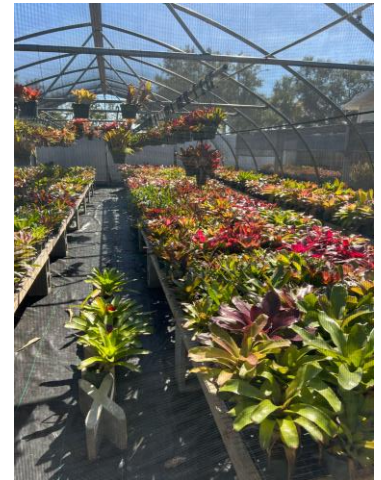
Please bring your plants to donate to the Door Prize Drawing and Plant Raffle for the benefit of the Society. We will also feature the Members Silent Auction.

Our main course for this meeting's refreshment break will be furnished by the SBTPS. Members whose last names begin with the letters D through G are requested to bring side dishes.

Current Member Count: 134

Marty Baxley bio

Marty started growing bromeliads in 1986 when he found some growing in the yard of the house he moved into. It was a snowball effect as he became addicted to bromeliads. He was working and retired from the post office, but built a bromeliad nursery on the side. He got heavy into making hybrids. After retirement, Marty turned the [nursery](#) into a wholesale business from which he supplies many nurseries and brokers in the St. Petersburg area.



Sudi being honored at last month's FCBS meeting:



President's Message

October Meeting and Sudi's Retirement

We had 50 attendees at our October meeting for a wonderful presentation by Terrie Bert. Terrie brought about 200 plants for sale and left with less than 10!

We now honor Sudi Hipsley who has held at least one (and most often two: Treasurer and VP) board positions at the SBTPS and SGC over the last ten years. Our thanks go out to her for all the contributions she has made to us over the years and wish her well in her 'retirement'!

--Greg Kolojeski

Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society News

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Holiday Party for 2023

Our Holiday Party is on December 17th at 1:00 PM. All members will receive more information soon in an email.

World Bromeliad Conference 2024

The BSI's **WBC 2024** will be **May 22-25, 2024** in West Palm Beach, Florida. Information on it may be found at wbc.bsi.org. The full lineup of speakers has been announced: **Andrew Devonshire**, New Zealand; **Hiroyuki Takizawa**, Japan; **David Fell**, Hawaii; **Peter Tristam**, Australia; **Pedro Nahoum**, Brazil; and from Florida: **Terrie Bert**, **Dennis Cathcart**, and **Herb Hill**.

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. We have six members who will bring plants to sell.

**SBTPS Bromeliad Plant Sale
at Nehrling Gardens:
Saturday, December 9, 2023, 9 AM to 3 PM**



**10/15/23 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Nidularium 'Mayhem'**



**10/12/23 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Alcantarea 'Aurora'**



**11/7/23 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Androlepis 'Party Dress' by John Boardman**