



### Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society

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## October 2019 Newsletter

### Florals Fantastica™

Friday to Sunday, October 18-20  
9-5 each day  
200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford



Caladiums for Towers of Caladiums

**Florals Fantastica™** is a new annual fund-raising event for the Sanford Garden Club. It includes attractive **plant displays** (Hortus Exotica, Towers of Caladiums, World of Variegation, October Tea Garden, Boomeliads, Vibrant Vrieseas, Natures Wonders and What Better, A Garden), **floral artwork** on display for sale in an [online auction](#), several hundred special **plants for sale** (priced at \$20 and up), and **floral beverages** such as *nam dok anchan* (Thai color-changing tea). A **plant raffle** will feature free plants (including some from the plant displays available at the close of the event) that will be awarded to attendees who use their ticket stubs to enter. Raffles will be held hourly.

The admission fee to the public for attending this event is \$5 with free admission to members of the Sanford Garden Club (the Wildflower Circle and the Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society).

Current Member Count:  
SBTPS: 92; SGC: 97

### Artwork for sale at Florals Fantastica online auction

Florals Fantastica will have special artwork on display. This is original artwork that was used for seven BSI Journal covers 56 to 60 years ago! The [online auction](#) will conclude at 5:00 PM on October 20<sup>th</sup>.



### Wildflower Circle

The Wildflower Circle had their first meeting of the season on Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>. Attending were June, Paulette, Paula, and Fran. They graciously invited Barbara and Greg (who were at the SGC to meet with a vendor to discuss window shades) to join them.





## President's Message

### September Meeting

We had 36 attendees at our September meeting. Kenneth Stokes had a very interesting presentation on **What's in a Name?** Now we all know how to correctly pronounce those unusual Bromeliad names, right? Kenneth also brought a great selection of plants including many unusual tropical plants that are rarely seen.

We are making final preparations for our new event, **Florals Fantastica**. Eight members will have displays with a lot of thought and originality going into their presentations. Our greatest remaining need is for volunteers to staff this event.

--Greg Kolojeski

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### Sanford Garden Club News

The SGC had a third company rep visit to present window covering options. The SGC Board is reviewing the proposals.

### Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society News

At the September meeting, there was a discussion and vote on charitable gifts by the SBTPS. A total of \$500 in charitable gifts was approved unanimously by the members with \$250 going to the [Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies](#) (FCBS) and \$250 to the [Bromeliad Society International](#) (BSI) with \$1,000 earmarked for a Sanford Garden Club improvement fund. In addition, there was a unanimous vote by the members to change the Refreshment Policy by giving the Board the flexibility to set a sponsorship amount that is lower than the reimbursement amount.

### Elections

The November meeting will feature elections of officers for both the **Sanford Garden Club** and the **SBTPS**. More information on the elections will be forthcoming by email.

### 2019 Bromeliad Extravaganza in Orlando

Many SBTPS members attended this wonderful September event which was hosted by the [Bromeliad Society of Central Florida](#).

The [Bromeliad Society International](#) (BSI) had an all-day meeting on Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> at the event hotel. SGC and SBTPS president Greg Kolojeski was elected vice president of the BSI. Ben Klugh, a previous president and treasurer of the SBTPS, continues as the treasurer of the BSI. The next major Bromeliad event will be the BSI's [World Bromeliad Conference](#) (WBC 2020) which will be held on June 10-13, 2020 in Sarasota, Florida. Discussions continue for WBC 2022 with an international location being a strong possibility.

**Bob Smedley:**  
**Mounting Bromeliads and Landscape Display**  
**November 17, 2019**



9/29/19 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)  
**Brazilian Red Cloak**



10/04/19 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)  
**Dwarf Poinciana (Caesalpinia pulcherrima)**



10/03/19 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)  
**Aechmea purpureorosea**