



Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society

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January 2021 Newsletter

**Meeting Announcement:
Sunday, January 17th at 2 PM
200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford**

Our January meeting features
Tom Wolfe with his presentation:

The Kaleidoscope of Neos



Tom Wolfe will give a presentation on Neoregelia Bromeliads. Neos are Bromeliads that collectors grow for their attractive foliage rather than their blooms. Tom will also bring a very nice collection of Bromeliads for sale.

Please bring your plants to donate to the Door Prize Drawing and Plant Raffle for the benefit of the Society.

Refreshments for the January meeting will be provided by the SBTPS.

At the January meeting, we will practice social distancing and will require the use of face masks by all attendees.

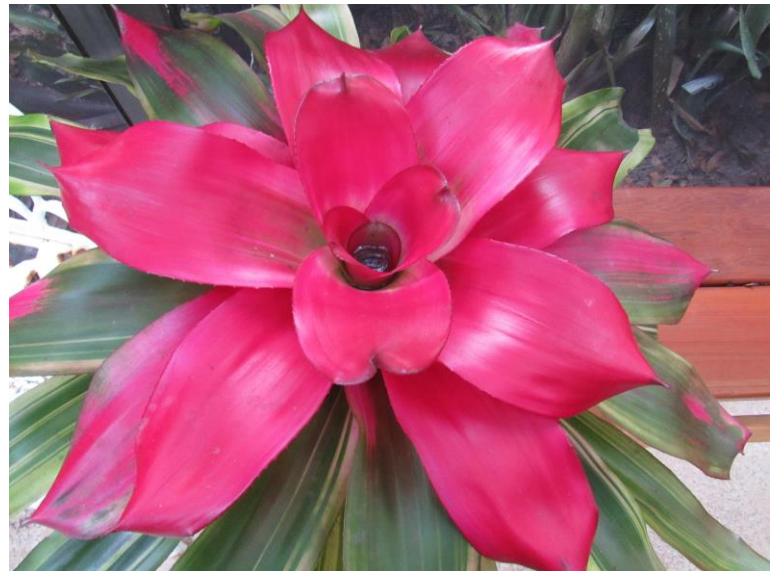
**Current Member Count:
SBTPS: 108; SGC: 113**

Tom Wolfe bio

Tom joined the *Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay (BGTB)* in 1965 where he has held many positions including President. He has been instrumental in encouraging and working with BGTB members to present annual shows, participate in community shows and sales, and refurbish bromeliad beds at Lowry Park Zoo, Eureka Springs Park, and Ybor City Museum State Park. Tom helps create displays at the Florida State Fair annually promoting bromeliads.

Tom has designed and installed many residential and commercial landscapes featuring bromeliads. He is in demand as a speaker throughout the United States presenting programs on bromeliads to garden clubs, botanical gardens, horticultural clubs and bromeliad societies.

Tom was General Chairman of the successful World Bromeliad Conference "Bromeliad Safari," held at Saddlebrook Golf & Tennis Resort and hosted by the BGTB. Tom became an accredited BSI Bromeliad Judge in 1982 and is now a Master Judge. He served on the BSI Board of Directors for 14 years serving as Director, Secretary, with 6 years as VP and 6 years as President. Tom is the first BSI President to serve two consecutive terms. Tom and his wife Carol live in Lutz and grow their bromeliads on their 2½ acres.



**1/1/21 Plant Picture of the Day:
Neoregelia 'Serendipity'**

President's Message

December Holiday Party

We had 31 attendees at the holiday party. Special thanks go to Dave & Cathy Schubert who provided all the wonderful food! We also had great decorations provided by Cheryl Reynolds and installed by Tim & Diana Dreggors. Food-server volunteers included Tracy Kochmann, Barbara Whittier and myself in addition to Dave & Cathy Schubert. After the meal, we had two members opening presents at the same time and were able to keep the total meeting time to less than two hours.

--Greg Kolojeski

World Bromeliad Conference 2021 in Sarasota

The Bromeliad Society International's **World Bromeliad Conference 2021** will be held in Sarasota, FL on June 9-12, 2021. The lowest registration rate is available until March 31st. You must be a BSI member to register. If you have never been a member of the BSI, a new **first-time member rate** is available for as little as \$15. The easiest way to join and register is to do it online at <https://www.bsi.org/>.

SBTPS Membership Renewal

2021 Membership Dues are \$15 for an individual or \$20 for a dual membership. You may renew your membership at a meeting or mail your check to Sudi Hipsley, SBTPS Treasurer, 6616 Tuscawilla Dr, Leesburg, FL 34748-9190. If you joined last year in October or later, your 2021 membership is already included.

What's in Bloom Now?

It's January and nothing's in bloom, right? No, every month will find many Bromeliads and other tropical plants in bloom.

You should expect to see the following in bloom right now:

Aechmea apocalyptica
Aechmea gamosepala
Aechmea kertesziae
Aechmea weilbachii forma viridisepala
Aechmea weilbachii forma leodiensis
Aechmea williamsii
Aechmea 'Bert'
Aechmea 'Blue Tango'
Aechmea 'David Barry'
Aechmea 'Little Harv'
Aechmea 'Yellowstone'
Billbergia manarae
Billbergia 'Hallelujah Variegated'
Billbergia 'Wicked'
Canistrum fosterianum
xAndrolaechmea 'O'Rourke'
xAndrolaechmea 'Paradise'
Brazilian Red Cloak (Megaskepasma erythrochlamys)
Camellias



12/30/20 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Tillandsia stricta



12/31/20 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Billbergia 'Hallelujah Variegated'



1/7/21 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Aechmea apocalyptica