



Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society

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November 2022 Newsletter

**Meeting Announcement:
Sunday, November 20th at 2 PM
200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford**

Our November meeting will feature
Tom & Carol Wolfe

Bromeliads in Paradise



Tom and Carol's presentation will use PowerPoint to show many specimen bromeliads photographed by Carol. The presentation includes a narration of interesting stories and experiences with bromeliads and bromeliad enthusiasts and pioneers. Tom and Carol will bring bromeliads for sale from their private collection.

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 H through N are requested to bring side dishes.

Tom & Carol Wolfe bios

Tom joined the *Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay* (recently renamed the *Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society of Tampa*) in 1965 where he has held many positions including President and currently is a Director. He has been instrumental in encouraging and working with society 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 was the first BSI President to serve two consecutive terms.

Carol was editor of the Tampa society's monthly newsletter for eight years and is now its Vice President. She has been the editor of the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies newsletter (which features many gorgeous photographs taken by Carol) since 2014. Tom and Carol live in Lutz and grow their bromeliads on their 2½ acres.

**Current Member Count:
SBTPS: 147; SGC: 148**

President's Message

October Meeting and SGC Plant Sale

We had 45 attendees at our October meeting at which Mike Michalski spoke about and showed slides from his trip to Costa Rica. He also brought a huge selection of bromeliads to sell.

Our second annual Sanford Garden Club Plant Sale had a big selection of Bromeliads and Orchids from four vendors. Next year's SGC plant sale will be on October 14, 2023.

--Greg Kolojeski

Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society News

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Holiday Party for 2022

Our Holiday Party is on December 18th at 1:00 PM. All members will receive more information soon in an email.

2023 Bromeliad Extravaganza

Bromeliad Extravaganzas are held in Florida in years when there is no World Bromeliad Conference. The **2023 Bromeliad Extravaganza** will be held on July 28-29, 2023 at the West Palm Beach Marriott, 1001 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach, FL 33401. Hotel reservations should be made ASAP to get the special \$139 hotel rate with ½ price parking (\$8 per day). Speakers will be Chester Skotak, Eloise Beach, and David Shiigi. The \$150 registration fee includes the opening night barbecue/welcome reception and plant pre-sale on Friday night and speaker presentations and rare plant auction and dinner on Saturday. For more information and to register and make hotel reservations, go to BromeliadX.com or FCBSExtravaganza.org.

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December 18, 2022 at 1:00 PM**



10/9/22 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Cactus Bloom at the SGC



11/6/22 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Aechmea 'Ka'u' picture by Paula White



10/22/22 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Pagoda Plant picture by Dave Schubert