



Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society

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January 2022 Newsletter

**Meeting Announcement:
Sunday, January 16th at 2 PM
200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford**

Our January meeting features
Jason Mellica with his presentation:

Mounting Stoloniferous Bromeliads on Driftwood



Jason will bring a number of Bromeliad hybrids to sell at the meeting. He last spoke at our meeting in July 2021 and also participated in October's Sanford Garden Club Plant Sale.

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

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

**Current Member Count:
SBTPS: 121; SGC: 124**

**February 20th Meeting:
A Field Trip to
McCrary's Bromeliad Nursery**

Jason Mellica bio

Jason received his Bachelor of Science in Botany from the University of Florida. He did an internship at [Marie Selby Botanical Gardens](#) where he developed an interest in Bromeliads. He has studied Bromeliads in the wild in Northeastern South America with over 20 trips to Venezuela and Guyana. His [Advanced Bromeliads](#) business is based in Sarasota.

Jason has been growing, hybridizing, and selling Bromeliads since 1998. He has made numerous crosses of Neoregelias and Vrieseas.

Holiday Party Pictures from December



President's Message

December Holiday Party

We had over 50 attendees at the holiday party. Special thanks go to Dave & Cathy Schubert who provided the main courses. Dave baked the ham in a homemade crusted rye dough, an old German recipe which steams the ham in its juices. Food servers were Telka Difate, Tim Dreggors, Al & Bonnie Friedrich, Tracy Kochmann, Greg Kolojeski, Dave & Cathy Schubert, John Vecchitto, and Barbara Whittier with John Boardman bringing each table of attendees to the food line and Sandra Smith Fullerton drawing the tickets to determine the order for opening plant gifts. Members brought a great selection of wonderful side dishes. Thanks go out to everyone who made this such a fun event!

--Greg Kolojeski

Sanford Garden Club News

Major repairs were made this month to the irrigation system with some additional repairs to be scheduled soon. Also, additional tree trimming and removal will occur prior to this month's meeting. The SGC Board is exploring replacement of all the indoor fluorescent light fixtures and ballasts with LED light fixtures.

Wildflower Circle

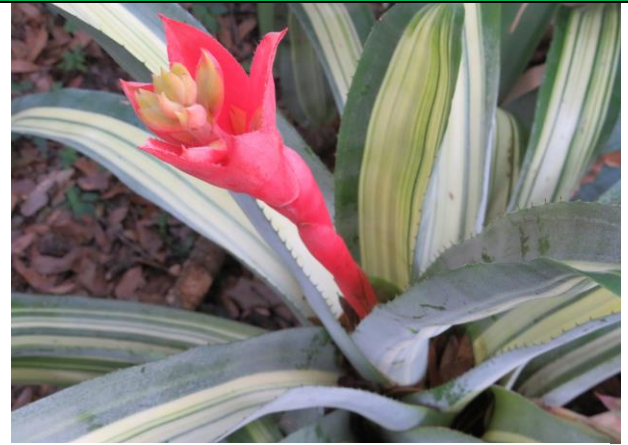
Starting this month, the Wildflower Circle has changed its monthly meeting time to the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM. This month's meeting at the garden club is on January 11th with a topic of "Making a Pollinator Picnic Hamper." Visitors are always welcome. The Wildflower Circle now publishes a monthly newsletter with links to them found at their webpage at <https://www.sanfordgardenclub.com/wildflower>. Paula White is the president and secretary and Paulette White the treasurer of the Wildflower Circle.

April Plant Sale

The **Annual Spring Plant Sale** will be here before you know it. It will be held on April 23-24, 2022 which is a week later than might normally be expected since Easter is the previous weekend. It is not too early to start preparing your plants for the Spring sale which is generally our biggest plant sale of the year.

SBTPS Membership Renewal

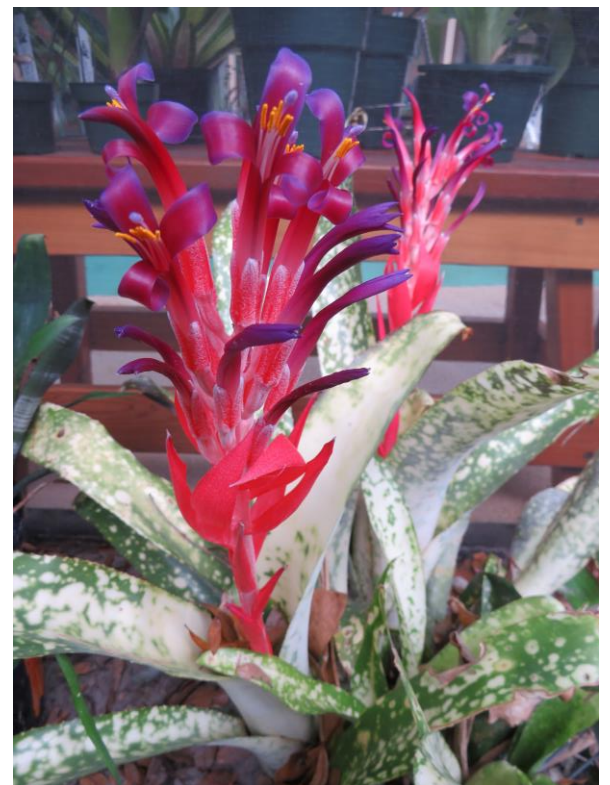
2022 Membership Dues are \$15 for an individual or \$20 for a dual membership. You may renew your membership at a meeting or mail your check to Sudi Hipsley, SBTPS Treasurer, 6616 Tusawilla Dr, Leesburg, FL 34748-9190. If you joined last year in October or later, your 2022 membership is already included. To stay on the membership roster and be able to participate in the April plant sale, payment should be made by the end of February. When you are a member of the SBTPS, you also become a member of the Sanford Garden Club.



1/7/22 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Aechmea 'Loie's Pride'



12/30/21 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Aechmea 'Bert' variegated



12/21/21 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Billbergia 'Fantasia'