



Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society

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March 2020 Newsletter

Meeting Announcement:
Sunday, March 15th at 2 PM
200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford

Our March meeting features Carol Hoffman with her presentation: **Plant Propagation.**



Neoregelias in front of the Sanford Garden Club

Carol Hoffman is a Florida native with a passion for plants—all plants. Since she couldn't afford to buy as many plants as she wanted, she learned to propagate her own plants. Carol has been a Master Gardener for 15 years. She has been managing the greenhouse for the Lake County Master Gardeners for the past ten years where they propagate more than 4,000 plants for their program. Carol's presentation is propagation for beginners and she will have a handout on techniques. This will be a hands-on program where members may try their hand at propagation, if they choose. Come prepared to do and learn!

There will be a member sale at the March meeting as well as the usual Members Silent Auction.

Meeting refreshments will be furnished by Lani Berry and Paula White.

A Roof Tour at the Sanford Garden Club

An inspection of the roof on February 28th found it to be in excellent shape with no obvious problems or issues.

Looking West towards 17-92:



Looking down at Fairmont Drive:



President's Message

February Field Trip

There were about 40 attendees at the [McCroxy's Sunny Hill Nursery](#) field trip. There were thousands of plants in bloom and members acquired quite a few gorgeous looking Bromeliads.

It's hard to believe that Winter has effectively ended and we are now about to enter plant sale season. Many of us were fortunate enough to have no frost in our gardens for the second year in a row. We should have lots of great plants available for the SBTPS Annual Spring Plant Sale. Our plant sale one year ago was our most successful one ever. Will we do even better this year?
--Greg Kolojeski

Sanford Garden Club News

Barbara, Butch & Greg had the opportunity to get up on the roof of the garden club building to inspect it. It was found to be in excellent shape. The roof is a rubber-coated or EPDM flat roof that was originally installed in 2009 and was last resealed and patched in 2016. When properly maintained, this type of roof can last for 30 years or more. Generally, maintenance can be expected to be required about every five years or so.

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The **Annual Spring Plant Sale** will be on April 18th & 19th. Updated Plant Sales Rules and Promotional flyers are now available in the [Members section of the website](#). We will need volunteers for the many roles including cashiers, tag takers, customer helpers (to help buyers take plants to their cars), and tropical plant experts to answer customer questions. More information about the plant sale will soon be sent out by email to all members.

Every member qualifies as a *tropical plant expert* to some degree and plant buyers will greatly value your advice. One of the most frequent comments we receive from plant buyers is how they love the information they get from our members at the plant sales.

SBTPS Membership Renewal

2020 Membership Dues are \$15 for an individual or \$20 for a dual membership. You can renew your membership at the meeting or mail your check to Sudi Hipsley, SBTPS Treasurer, 6616 Tusawilla Dr, Leesburg, FL 34748-9190. If you joined in October or later in 2019, your 2020 membership is already included. When you are a member of the SBTPS, you also become a member of the Sanford Garden Club. *If you did not renew your membership by the end of February, your membership has lapsed and you won't be receiving any more newsletters and monthly emails until we receive your renewal.*

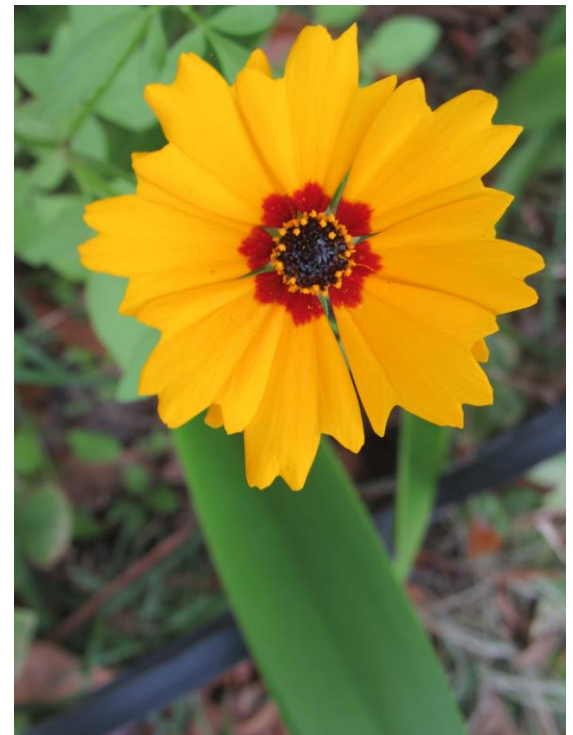
**April 18-19, 2020:
Annual Spring Plant Sale**



**2/6/20 Plant Picture of the Day:
Billbergia 'Catherine Wilson'**



**2/24/20 Plant Picture of the Day:
Aechmea 'Bert' variegated**



**2/25/20 Plant Picture of the Day:
Coreopsis basalis (Golden Mane)**