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**February 2024 Newsletter**

**Meeting Announcement:  
Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM  
McCrorry's Bromeliads, Eustis**

Our February meeting will be a field trip to [McCrorry's Bromeliads](#).

**Pictures from our last visit to McCrorry's**



We are taking a field trip to the nursery at the invitation of member Evan McCrorry. If you've ever gone to any of the many art or crafts festivals in Central Florida and have seen a booth with some of most spectacular Bromeliads in bloom, you've almost certainly seen McCrorry's booth. Their plants are real showstoppers with lots of Guzmanias, Vrieseas and Aechmeas in bloom and very colorful Neoregelias!

For this field trip, we can use our own cars since there is lots of parking available at the nursery. It is located 32 miles northwest of the Sanford Garden Club just north of Sorrento and not too far from Mt. Dora. Use [Google Maps](#) to find it. The formal address is 35152 La Place Ct, Eustis, FL 32736 although map programs seem to use 35152 La Pl Ct, Eustis, FL 32736. You may call (352) 357-9876 on Sunday if you encounter any difficulties in finding the nursery.

**Current Member Count: 143**

**March 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting:  
David Sand from Michael's Bromeliads**

## President's Message

### January Meeting

We had 64 attendees for Alex Bello's presentation at the January meeting. Alex was quite happy with the interest shown by our members and also with his plant sales which turned out to be the highest sales we have heard about from any speaker to date. Our speakers have many good reasons to enjoy visiting with us!

--Greg Kolojeski

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### SBTPS Membership Renewal

**2024 Membership Dues** are \$15 for an individual or \$20 for a dual membership. **You may renew your membership now online at <https://sbtps.square.site/> which is the recommended way of making your renewal.** If you joined last year in October or later, your 2024 membership is already included.

### April Plant Sale

The **Annual Spring Plant Sale** will be held on April 20-21, 2024. Our April and August plant sales are believed to be the biggest Bromeliad sales by any bromeliad society in Florida.

### World Bromeliad Conference 2024

The BSI's **WBC 2024** will be **May 22-25, 2024** in West Palm Beach, Florida. Information on it may be found at [wbc.bsi.org](http://wbc.bsi.org). The speaker line-up has been announced: **Andrew Devonshire**, New Zealand; **Hiroyuki Takizawa**, Japan; **Peter Tristam**, Australia; **Pedro Nahoum**, Brazil; and from Florida: **Terrie Bert**, **Dennis Cathcart**, and **Herb Hill**. You need to [become a BSI member](#) in order to attend WBC 2024. **To obtain the lowest registration rate, you need to register no later than March 31, 2024.** It is likely to be a number of years before another WBC is held in Florida, so you shouldn't miss this opportunity!

### Optional Plant Tour on Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 2 PM

Prior to the tour of McCrory's Bromeliads at 2 PM, members also have the option to tour Miguel's place where there are over 40 Alcantarea species, hybrids, and bigenerics and many other Bromeliads. More info is in the email sent with this newsletter.



**1/19/24 Plant Picture of the Day:**  
**Alcantarea brasiliana**



**2/1/24 and 1/24/24 Plant Pictures of the Day:**  
**Billbergia 'Haley Grace' & Aechmea fosteriana**  
Pictures taken by John Boardman



**1/29/24 Plant Picture of the Day:**  
**Billbergia 'Arribella'**  
Picture taken by Mike Saunders