



Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society

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August 2022 Newsletter

**2022 Annual Fall Plant Sale:
August 20th and 21st from 9 AM to 4 PM
200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford**

The SBTPS plant sale features a large selection of Bromeliads, Gingers, Orchids, and many other tropical plants.



Plants at the 2022 Spring Plant Sale

We have 27 members signed up so far as vendors and hope to have many more as volunteer helpers, tag takers, and cashiers. Saturday morning will be particularly busy as customers will line up outside prior to opening and we will be quite busy all morning long. Then it will change to a more moderate but steady pace for the rest of the sale. We can use the help of members as volunteers during the sale and especially for Saturday morning.

We will have the same wide aisles and controlled access (up to 40 customers at one time) that worked so well at recent plant sales.

Be sure to wear your SBTPS logo t-shirts or polo shirts to the plant sale. It will make it easy for our customers to find someone knowledgeable to answer their questions.

August Plant Sale

The **Annual Fall Plant Sale** will be on August 20-21, 2022. 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.

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.

Our [Online Auction/Presale](#) started on July 30th at 9 AM and runs through August 15th at 9 PM. It features a number of unusual and hard-to-find plants including some larger Alcantareas. It's well worth checking out if you haven't already.

The Friday preceding the sale features the same changes that were implemented in April. Setup will commence at 11 AM and end at 3:30 PM. **There will be a Presale for Members Only on Friday, August 19th from 4 to 6 PM.** You will be able to shop early and take your new plants home on Friday.

More Plants from the 2022 Spring Plant Sale



**Current Member Count:
SBTPS: 133; SGC: 134**

President's Message

July Meeting

We had 58 attendees at our July meeting. John Boardman gave a presentation on native bromeliads which included a number of plants from his collection and those of other members. He also discussed how to control the bromeliad weevil. Both parts of the presentation generated a lot of interest with John handling a number of questions from the audience.

It was also **Pineapple Day** with many members wearing pineapple-themed apparel. Several members brought in pineapple artifacts from their collections. After another member showed a number of items, I remarked that I wasn't the only crazy collector to which some wag from the audience commented—yes, but you are the craziest! That was very much the highlight of the meeting for me!

Finally, I would like to thank the members who have been submitting their images for **Plant Picture of the Day**. As you can see from the pictures in the right column, we have been receiving a number of great pictures. This gives us more variety and a better selection of high-quality images to choose from. Keep those pictures coming! --Greg Kolojeski

Fran Morton



Fran Morton passed away on August 28, 2022 just three days short of her 100th birthday. Fran was a three-term President of the Sanford Garden Club and was an active member of the Wildflower Circle through 2020. The picture shown here was taken at a Wildflower Circle meeting at the SGC on Sept. 13, 2019.

Sanford Garden Club News

Earlier this month, the SGC Board reviewed the rental rates and voted to increase the rents by \$100 on Friday and Saturday and by \$50 for the other days of the week. Information on rental rates is online at <https://www.sanfordgardenclub.com/rentals>.

SBTPS Memberships

Membership growth continues at a brisk pace. The following chart shows the number of members as of the August newsletter publication date over the last five years:

2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
133	103	94	92	72

SBTPS Memberships, both new and renewal, may be paid for online at <https://sbtps.square.site/>.



7/13/22 and 8/8/22 **Plant Picture of the Day:**
Heliconia latispatha 'Red Yellow Gyro'
Aechmea 'Pinot Noir'
 (Pictures by Greg Kolojeski)



7/23/22 and 7/16/22 **Plant Picture of the Day:**
Neoregelia 'Big Bopper' **Billbergia brasiliensis**
 (Pictures by Mike Saunders & Sandi Wirth)



8/7/22 and 7/31/22 **Plant Picture of the Day:**
Tillandsia capitata 'Yellow Star'
Tillandsia capitata 'Marron'
 (Pictures by Tish Ramsey & Cathy Schubert)

September 18, 2022 Meeting:
 Dave Johnston: Basic Bromeliad Culture