



Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society

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May 2022 Newsletter

Meeting Announcement: Sunday, May 22nd at 2 PM 200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford

Our May 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.

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

Tom & Carol Wolfe bios

Tom joined the *Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay (BGTB)* in 1965 where he has held many positions including President and currently is a Director. He has been instrumental in encouraging and working with BGTB 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 monthly BGTB newsletter for eight years and is now the BGTB’s 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: 121; SGC: 122

June 19, 2022 Meeting
Martha Pessaro:
Weevil Threat to Bromeliads

President's Message

April Plant Sale

If you were at the **Annual Spring Plant Sale** on Saturday, April 23rd, you know how crazy it was! It was apparent early on that it was no normal plant sale. By the end of the day on Saturday, we had already broken our all-time record for the entire sale. That record was set just a year ago and we broke it by over 26% by the end of the day on Sunday.

Thanks go out to all the members including both sellers and volunteers for all your hard work on the plant sale. The sale resulted in the highest amount contributed to the SBTPS than any other previous sale. We will have more detailed information on those numbers at **our regular meeting on May 22nd**. Note that **the May meeting is one week later than usual**. If you show up at the garden club this coming Sunday, you will find a private rental event in progress.

--Greg Kolojeski

Some of the plants at the Annual Spring Plant Sale:



World Bromeliad Conference 2022

The Bromeliad Society International's **World Bromeliad Conference** (WBC 2022) is less than a month away on June 8-11 in Sarasota! You can still register online at the [BSI website](https://www.bromeliadsociety.com). There is a need for volunteers (baggers, tag takers, register operators, cashiers and more) to help out at the WBC Plant Sale on June 9-11. To be a volunteer, see Greg Kolojeski, WBC 2022 Conference Co-Chair, or email him at seminolebromeliadsociety@gmail.com. The Plant Sale will feature 18 vendors from California, Florida, Louisiana, Michigan, and Missouri with one even coming from Peru! The Plant Sale is open to the public on Friday, June 10th from 9 to 6 and on Saturday, June 11th from 9 to 4 with early access by WBC 2022 registrants only on Thursday evening from 7 to 9.



5/13/22 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Vriesea gigantea var. seideliana (AKA 'Nova')



5/5/22 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Caladium 'Burning Heart'



4/17/22 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Pink Hibiscus Shrub