



Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society

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January 2023 Newsletter

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

Our January meeting features Kenneth Stokes with his presentation:

The Subtropical Landscape with Bromeliads



Kenneth will present landscaping principles and how to adapt gardens that exist into great ways to present Bromeliads with other tropical plants. Examples will include the shady/damp environment and sunny/dry garden. Kenneth will also bring great Bromeliads for sale.

Please bring your plants to donate to the Door Prize Drawing and Plant Raffle for the benefit of the Society. We will also feature the Members Silent Auction.

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: 148

Kenneth Stokes bio

Kenneth is a life-long Floridian. He was born in Melbourne, moved to Miami as young man and was then transferred to Tampa by his employer to open a new business. He eventually started his own furniture manufacturing business, selling to the national interior design trade. He continues in the same field today doing antique restoration and operating a gallery of art, architectural and interior furnishings.

Following in the footsteps of his grandmother and mother, he has always been interested in plants. He began collecting wild plants as a child to put in their large rural garden. He now has an extensive collection of tropical plants in his south Tampa garden.

Kenneth has been involved in many plant societies and joined the [Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay](#) in 1995. He has also been a member of the [Sarasota Bromeliad Society](#) and has served in a number of positions in both. He has been doing public speaking for most of his life in business, religious and social organizations. He is also the author of four literary novels. He uses the skills he developed over the years to pull together fresh presentations, utilizing real examples to illustrate what is being said.



Plant Presents at the 2022 Holiday Party

President's Message

December Holiday Meeting

We had a great time at our 2022 Holiday Party. Special thanks go out to Dave and Cathy Schubert who prepared the main courses and directed the set up. Thanks also go out to the many members who brought a fascinating selection of tasty side dishes.

There was a wide selection of plant items in the holiday presents. Included were many Bromeliads as well as some orchids and other tropical plants. We even had a 6½ foot Ficus Triangularis 'Variegata' tree. With our new speedy method of opening presents, our party was a fun 2-hour event.
--Greg Kolojeski

SBTPS Membership Renewal

2023 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. We will send out email reminders very soon. If you joined last year in October or later, your 2023 membership is already included.

Scenes from the 2022 Holiday Party



12/30/22 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Billbergia 'Wicked' by Dave Schubert



11/28/22 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Variegated Neoregelias by Marty Folk



1/1/23 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Ti Plants

February 19th Meeting: Dennis Cathcart
A Naturalist Visits Cuba