



Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society

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May 2023 Newsletter

**Meeting Announcement:
Sunday, May 21st at 2 PM
200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford**

Our May meeting features Kenneth Stokes
with his presentation:

Creative Mounting of Bromeliads



Kenneth's presentation will include examples of mounting on live trees, various kinds of wood, and also on stone. He will bring a number of great Bromeliads and other plants 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 H through N are requested to bring side dishes.

Current Member Count: 122

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.



Plants at the 2023 Annual Spring Plant Sale

President's Message

April Plant Sale

Another great plant sale is over. It turned out to be the 3rd best plant sale ever for the SBTPS. Friday was 3rd time we had a Members Presale and it had the best results ever. Saturday wasn't as busy as the Saturdays for our 2022 sales, but it still had excellent results. And Sunday was our 3rd best ever Sunday.

I would like to thank everyone for the wonderful job they did at the plant sale. We had a fantastic variety of plants for sale and the sale was exceptionally well managed. Special thanks go out to Bonnie Friedrich whose strict tag rules (every plant checked when brought in and meticulous handling of the tags at the time of checkout) resulted in a near perfect match between the tags counted and collections. I would like to remind members that they should never remove tags prior to checkout. Things went so well, maybe I'll consider staying home for the next sale as well (not going to happen!).

--Greg Kolojeski

SGC Roof Repair/Replacement

The roof work was completed on May 1st. The handyman will be replacing the damaged ceiling tiles in the back storage room in addition to some other work.

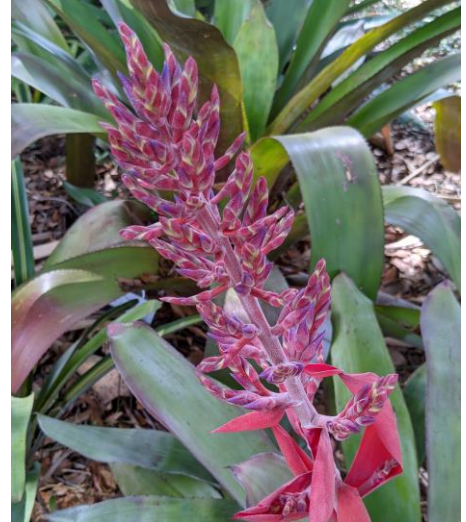
2023 FCBS Extravaganza

The [2023 FCBS Extravaganza](#) will be held on July 28-29, 2023 at the West Palm Beach Marriott. Guest Speakers are Eloise Beach, David Shiigi, and Chester Skotak. The early bird registration fee of \$150 has been extended **until May 31st** and will be \$175 thereafter. Registration includes a Friday night BBQ, early access to the plant sale (with over 20 plant sellers!), afternoon lectures, a Saturday night banquet, a rare plant auction and a silent auction. Attendance is expected to be in the 150 to 200 range. There is an optional garden tour on Sunday.

World Bromeliad Conference 2024

The Bromeliad Society International has announced **WBC 2024** which will be on **May 22-25, 2024** in West Palm Beach, Florida. This is the first time that two World Bromeliad Conferences will be held back-to-back in the same state (WBC 2022 was in Sarasota). Information on it may be found at wbc.bsi.org. What's so great about West Palm Beach? Check out a recent article in Travel & Leisure, [This Idyllic Florida City Is a Hidden Gem Near Palm Beach, and Just As Chic and Happening](#). It is expected that registrants will be able to reserve hotel rooms at the special rate starting in June.

June 18th Meeting: Chip Jones
Variegated Neoregelia Breeding by Chester Skotak
and Other Works of a Bromeliad Magician



4/22/23 Plant Picture of the Day:
Aechmea 'Yamamoto's Flamingo'



4/26/23 Plant Picture of the Day:
Ananas by Gloria Johnson



4/28/23 Plant Picture of the Day:
Neoregelia 'Legend' by John Boardman