



Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society

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July 2025 Newsletter

Meeting Announcement:
Sunday, July 20th at 2 PM
200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford

Our July meeting features Bryan Windham
 with his presentation:

Growing & Hybridizing Terrestrial Bromeliads



Bryan's presentation will be about his hybrids and the characteristics he was trying to achieve including color, size and inflorescence. He will bring his terrestrial hybrids and just about every other genera that he grows including species and hybrids.

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 D through G are requested to bring side dishes.

Current Member Count: 129

Bryan Windham bio

Bryan started collecting Bromeliads in 1997. The first one he bought was at a craft fair he attended. It was a flashy Vriesea mounted on a piece of cypress driftwood. He joined the [River Ridge Bromeliad Society](#) where he was president for 20 consecutive years. Over the years he has made many terrestrial hybrids. His curiosity got the best of him and he started making bigenerics: Sincoraechmeas, Dyckliriums, Dyckcohnias, Pucohnias, Canmeas and more. He has also made many Aechmea hybrids. Bryan grows many other plants. He has 5000 square feet of greenhouses.

Some of the plants in Bryan's greenhouses:



Pineapple Day!



July 20th will be our 4th Annual **Pineapple Day!** at the **Sanford Garden Club**. Attendees are encouraged to wear pineapple apparel, prepare and provide pineapple food, and bring in pineapple artifacts and objects. Pineapple objects vary tremendously and may include vintage items as well as modern artifacts. Please bring in some of your most interesting pineapple objects whether they are beautiful, bizarre, unusual or just a favorite!

President's Message

June Meeting

We had 58 attendees at our June meeting where Mike McMahon had a very detailed and fascinating presentation on Vrieseas.

--Greg Kolojeski

Sanford Garden Club Improvements

The terrazzo floors in the office and in the public areas including the bathrooms were stripped, finished, and buffed in mid-June. The parking lot was resealed and repainted in June. New trash cans with dolly wheels were acquired. Barbara Whittier and Marion Crim painted baseboards and did touch-up painting.

Wi-Fi at the Sanford Garden Club

Wi-Fi was added at the Sanford Garden Club in July. The network is shown as SanfordGardenClub and uses a password that is posted at the garden club. We had numerous requests for Wi-Fi from renters in recent months.

SBTPS Logo T-Shirts

T-shirts with the SBTPS logo on front and back may now be ordered online at <https://sbtps.square.site/> for pickup at the next SBTPS meeting. Place your order early as there are a limited number of t-shirts in each size. Besides being attractive for general wear around town, the t-shirts are perfect for volunteers at the SBTPS plant sales and the upcoming Bromeliad Extravaganza.

2025 Bromeliad Extravaganza

The SBTPS will host the [2025 Bromeliad Extravaganza](#) on September 26-27, 2025 at the Ramada Gateway hotel in Kissimmee. The hotel rate is only \$85.80 plus tax with free parking. *It is recommended that you book the hotel using the new phone number that was recently posted online.* The registration fee of \$125 includes two dinners, early admission to the biggest Bromeliad sale in Florida this year and admission to 3 seminars.

All three speakers have been announced: **Leonardo Versieux** from Brazil, **Bryan Windham** from Louisiana, and **Dennis Cathcart** from Florida. Although Dennis has largely retired from giving presentations, he agreed to give his presentation on "Remembering Ray Coleman" which highlights Ray's hybridizing work at Tropiflora and then follows an expedition to Brazil featuring visits with growers and collectors and a field trip to the breathtaking Chapada Diamantina. **This presentation is one you should not miss!** See BromeliadX.com for more information where you may register and also check out an updated list of the Vendors (16 so far).

**SBTPS Annual Fall Plant Sale:
August 16-17, 2025: 9-4 PM each day**

Plant Pictures of the Day:



7/4/25: Neoregelia 'Innovator' by John Boardman



6/15/25: Alcantarea 'P.I.T.A.' (Skotak) and
6/13/25: xVriecantarea 'Red Giant'



6/18/25: Alcantarea 'Red Spots' and
6/16/25: xVriecantareas 'Volcano' & 'Inferno'



6/26/25: Aechmea 'Pronto' (white spineless fasciata)