



Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society

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October 2021 Newsletter

**Meeting Announcement:
Sunday, October 17th at 2 PM
200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford**

Our October meeting features Terrie Bert
with her presentation:

A Survey of Common & Unusual Bromeliads



Terrie Bert will bring about 200 bromeliads from many genera and talk about growing them in Central Florida. She will also include information on the ecology and history of the various genera as well as humorous stories about growing bromeliads.

The bromeliads Terrie brings will also be for sale after the talk and other bromeliads will be for sale before the talk. We expect high demand for the plants and there may be an initial limit on the number of plants each member may acquire at first until everyone has had a chance to acquire some.

**November 21st Meeting:
Orchid presentation
by Priscilla Debler,
the Orchid Nanny**

Terrie Bert bio

Dr. Terrie Bert has been a member of the Sarasota Bromeliad Society ([SBS](#)) since 1987 and the Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society since 1997. She has held multiple offices in the Sarasota Bromeliad Society and served as annual show chair or co-chair for 10 years. She also served the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies ([FCBS](#)) as a representative and officer for eight years and has authored articles for the FCBS Newsletter.

For the Bromeliad Society International ([BSI](#)), Terrie has been a Florida Director, chaired several international committees, judged several shows, contributed articles to the BSI Journal, and has been an invited speaker at world conferences. Currently, she is Curator of the Wally Berg Award of Excellence and a Master Judge.

Terrie has given over 150 presentations on bromeliads to numerous U.S. (Florida, Louisiana, California) and international bromeliad societies (Australia, New Zealand) and other groups, including regional and international bromeliad conferences. She cultivates about 2,500 bromeliads in 45 genera. She's won multiple top awards in local bromeliad shows and BSI world conferences.

Terrie has a Ph.D. in marine biology and recently retired from her position as a research scientist for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

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.

**Current Member Count:
SBTPS: 117; SGC: 120**

President's Message

September Meeting

We had 55 attendees at our September meeting. We enjoyed Kenneth Stokes' detailed and very informative presentation and had an opportunity to acquire many of the uncommonly seen plants that he brought. It is nice to see so many of our speakers bringing unusual and hard-to-find plants for us. This month's speaker, Terrie Bert, will also bring a wide selection of hard-to-find Bromeliads.

September's meeting had two business items on the agenda and the meeting went a little longer than desirable. This month's meeting has nothing on the business agenda other than the usual financial report and so it should be more typical in length.

--Greg Kolojeski

Sanford Garden Club News

The members unanimously voted to approve a new plant sale for the benefit of the Sanford Garden Club. The inaugural sale will be held on Saturday, Oct. 30th, and will be an annual event. This plant sale will feature commercial vendors who will be responsible for their own setup and collection of funds for all plant sales plus sales tax. As a result, very few volunteers will be needed for this event. The SGC and SBTPS will promote the sale in the same way that they do with the very successful April and August sales.

Six vendors have agreed to rent space so far:

- Mike's Bromeliads (Miami)
- Advanced Bromeliads (Sarasota)
- McCrary's Sunny Hill Nursery (Eustis)
- Tropify (Sanford)
- Hicks Orchids and Supplies (Orlando)
- Orchid Nanny (Apopka)

In addition to the plants for sale indoors, there will be an outdoor tent selling orchid supplies and the Cuplet Fern Chapter of the Native Plant Society will be selling native plants outside. As with previous sales, these outdoor activities will help promote the indoor event attracting more buyers.

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The members unanimously voted to approve \$1,500 to or for the benefit of three charitable organizations with \$500 each for the FCBS, the BSI, and Nehrling Gardens. The FCBS contribution will be for the Jay Thurrott Memorial Fund and the BSI contribution will be in the form of purchases of BSI memberships for SBTPS members who are not already BSI members. SBTPS members will soon be receiving an email with details on how to apply for those memberships which will, in effect, be free for them.



9/14/21 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
[Wittrockia superba](#) (picture by Cathy)



10/8/21 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
[Alcantarea brasiliana](#)



9/7/21 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
[Aechmea 'Peggy'](#)