



Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society

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April 2023 Newsletter

2023 Annual Spring Plant Sale:
April 15th and 16th from 9 AM to 4 PM
200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford

The SBTPS plant sale features a large selection of Bromeliads, Gingers, Orchids, and many other tropical plants.



Plants at the 2022 Fall Plant Sale

We have 25 members signed up so far as vendors. Saturday morning will be particularly busy as customers will line up outside prior to opening and we will be quite busy all morning long. Then it will change to a more moderate but steady pace for the rest of the sale. We can use the help of members as volunteers during the sale and especially for Saturday morning.

We will have the same wide aisles and controlled access (up to 45 customers at one time) that worked so well at recent plant sales.

Be sure to wear your SBTPS logo t-shirts or polo shirts to the plant sale. It will make it easy for our customers to find someone knowledgeable to answer their questions.

Current Member Count: 115

April Plant Sale

The **Annual Spring Plant Sale** will be on April 15-16, 2023. We will need volunteers for the many roles including cashiers, tag takers, customer helpers (to help buyers take plants to their cars), and tropical plant experts to answer customer questions.

Every member qualifies as a *tropical plant expert* to some degree and plant buyers will greatly value your advice. One of the most frequent comments we receive from plant buyers is how they love the information they get from our members at the plant sales.

Our [Online Auction/Presale](#) started on March 25th at 9 AM and runs through April 10th at 9 PM. Sales have been brisk with over 90 items posted for sale to date. Setup for the main sale is on Friday before the weekend sale. Setup will commence at 11 AM and end at 3:30 PM. **There will be a Presale for Members Only on Friday, April 14th from 4 to 6 PM.** You will be able to shop early without the crowds and take your new plants home on Friday.

More Photos from the 2022 Fall Plant Sale:



President's Message

March Meeting

We had 67 attendees at our March meeting which featured a fascinating presentation by Shane Maloy and Brett Weiss from Gabriella Plants. Their enthusiasm for plants was quite evident and members had a lot of questions for both of them.

--Greg Kolojeski

SGC Roof Repair/Replacement

At the March meeting, members unanimously approved a replacement of the lower section of the Sanford Garden Club's roof. Work should commence shortly after the permitting process is completed.

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 registration fee is \$150 **until April 30th** or \$175 thereafter and 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. There is an optional garden tour on Sunday. We will be running an ad in the Program Guide.

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.

Displays at the 2022 Fall Plant Sale:



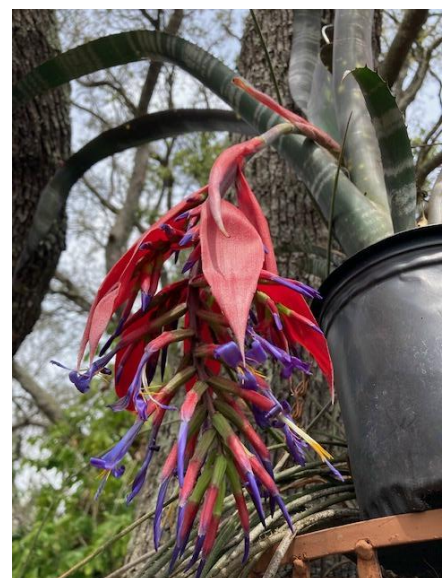
May 21st Meeting: Kenneth Stokes
Creative Mounting of Bromeliads



3/27/23 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Neoregelia 'Painted Delight'



3/26/23 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
xVriesgoudaea 'Supernatural'



3/22/23 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Billbergia 'La Vie en Rose'
by CathySchubert