



Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society

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April 2020 Newsletter

Meeting Announcement: April Meeting Canceled

Our next meeting is scheduled for May 17th
with the Annual Spring Plant Sale now
scheduled for June 20-21.

Special News for Bromeliad Enthusiasts:

The World Bromeliad Conference (now **WBC 2021**) in Sarasota, Florida, was rescheduled for June 9-12, 2021. For more information, just go to [BSI.org](https://www.bsi.org) and click on the WBC menu. To register for WBC 2021, you need to become a BSI member if you are not already one.

If you are not already a member of the BSI, there is now a new rate of only **\$15 for a First-Time Member Electronic Only membership** (or \$35 if you prefer to receive the printed **BSI Journal** which is mailed locally from Lake Mary, FL). To register for **WBC 2021** (and become a BSI member, if you aren't one already), go to <https://www.bsi.org/new/world-bromeliad-conference-registration/>. If you prefer to register by postal mail; download and print a **WBC 2021 Registration Form** (at <https://www.sanfordgardenclub.com/sbtps>), fill it out, and send it in. Or, to join the BSI without registering for the conference, go to <https://www.bsi.org/new/join-the-bsi-or-renew/>.

If you previously registered for WBC 2020, that registration will carry over to WBC 2021 unless you cancel it. One advantage to keeping that registration is that the rate that was paid is lower than the \$315 registration rate currently in effect. In any case, you have the option to receive a 100% refund until Dec. 31, 2020.

Anyone who made a Hyatt Hotel room reservation for June 2020 should cancel that reservation. Hotel reservations for 2021 will be available starting 5/4/20.

**June 20-21, 2020:
SBTPS Annual Spring Plant Sale**

SBTPS Facebook Group

The SBTPS has a Facebook Group page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/SeminoleBromeliadGroup/>. Unlike a regular Facebook page, a Facebook **Group** page may only be accessed by Facebook members. You need to be a Group member to post. You can easily become a Group member by making a request at that page. And you do not need to be a SBTPS member to join the Group.



Lynette Taylor posted this picture & message on 4/1/20

Need help with identification of this one. It has only bloomed two or three times in the past twenty years. It has a spectacular inflorescence and I will post more photos once it reaches full bloom.

President's Message

March Meeting

We had 35 attendees at our March meeting. Little did we know at the time that it would be our last Bromeliad event for some time as 'social distancing' rules and social gathering size restrictions went in effect soon thereafter. We tentatively have a meeting scheduled for May 17th, but it remains to be seen whether it will actually come off as scheduled.

We had a fun meeting in March with several members (Cathy & Dave, Marty, and Lisa) bringing very nice plants for the Member Sale and the Members Silent Auction. We also had a great selection of plants on the Door Prize Drawing table and the Raffle tables.

--Greg Kolojeski

Sanford Garden Club News

All the rental events for April have either been canceled or rescheduled. May is currently fully booked with events and we will see whether they will ultimately be held.

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The **Annual Spring Plant Sale** was rescheduled for June 20th & 21st. 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. More information about the plant sale will be sent out by email in early June to all members.



4/6/20 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Aechmea serrata



4/4/20 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Billbergia amoena var. viridis



4/2/20 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Dendrobium thyrsoflorum orchid



4/7/20 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Alpinia hainanensis 'Pink Perfection' Ginger