



Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society

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July 2022 Newsletter

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

Our July meeting will feature
John Boardman with his presentation:

The Natives are Coming



John will be speaking about Florida's native Bromeliads. It will be a hands-on talk with John bringing live examples for the program. John will also bring 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 O through W are asked to bring side dishes.

John Boardman bio

John got hooked on bromeliads in 1982 after winning several bromeliads in a public television auction. He's been an active member of the Bromeliad Society of Central Florida since 1990, serving as President and Vice President. John is also a Bromeliad Society International Master Judge and enjoys participating in bromeliad shows as a committee member, competitor, and judge throughout Florida, Louisiana, and Texas.

John's plants have won many top awards in local shows and World Conferences, including an impressive 17 BSI "Best in Show" awards. His bromeliad collection thrives in a 35' x 30' greenhouse in St. Cloud, Florida. Neoregelias are his favorites, but he grows a wide variety of genera and has an extensive collection of variegated Chester Skotak creations

Annual Fall Plant Sale

The [Annual Fall Plant Sale](#) will be on August 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 to all members this month. The [Online Auction/Presale](#) part of the plant sale will start on July 30th.

Every member qualifies as a *tropical plant expert* to some degree and plant buyers 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 April plant sale set all kinds of records and we expect the sale in August to do quite well. All members are encouraged to participate both as volunteers and plant sellers. We will also have a special presale for members only on Friday from 4 to 6 the day before the regular sale opens to the public. Members will be able to shop in a non-hectic environment.

**Current Member Count:
SBTPS: 129; SGC: 130**

President's Message

June Meeting

We had 55 attendees at our June meeting which featured a fascinating presentation by Martha Pessaro on efforts to reintroduce *Tillandsia utriculata* at the Enchanted Forest. This month we will have another excellent presentation by John Boardman who will bring a great selection of bromeliads to sell.

I would like to thank those members who have been submitting pictures for possible use as a **Plant Picture of the Day** on the SBTPS Facebook page: Becki Iamaio, Gloria Johnson, and Dave & Cathy Schubert. Due to the high quality of such pictures, we are often able to use them. Feel free to send in your pictures as well to either of the email addresses shown at the top of this page.

--Greg Kolojeski



Pineapple Day!



July 17th will be our 2nd Annual **Pineapple Day!** at the **Sanford Garden Club**. Attendees are encouraged to wear pineapple apparel, prepare/provide pineapple food, and bring in pineapple artifacts/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 one of your favorites!

Vandalism at the Sanford Garden Club

The Sanford Garden Club building was vandalized in late June. A crow bar was used to force one of the front doors open which destroyed one of the new door locks. Also, the office was broken into. Nothing of value was taken as we don't really have much of anything of value in the building. However, a fire extinguisher was used to spray the floors, walls and curtains. A major cleanup was then required. Security options are being considered for the future.

Work Parties

We had our last outdoor work party of the season at the garden club on June 28th from 7:30 AM to 10 AM (it was hot and humid out there!). Thanks go out to Marion Crim, Joan King, Greg Kolojeski, Dave Schubert, and Barbara Whittier. Our next outdoor work party will be in the Fall.

We had an indoor work party to organize the WBC 2022 Plant Sale tags on June 20th. Thanks go out to Greg Kolojeski, Dave & Cathy Schubert, Norin Stone, and Sandi Wirth. After the sorting and compiling was done, Greg was able to use Marty Folk's SBTPS plant sale spreadsheet as a model to prepare one tailored to the WBC sale and the project was completed.

Donations

We had a donation of three large framed plant pictures and a number of bromeliad pictures and some books from the family of Sandra Kotlaba, a former SBTPS member who passed away in May.

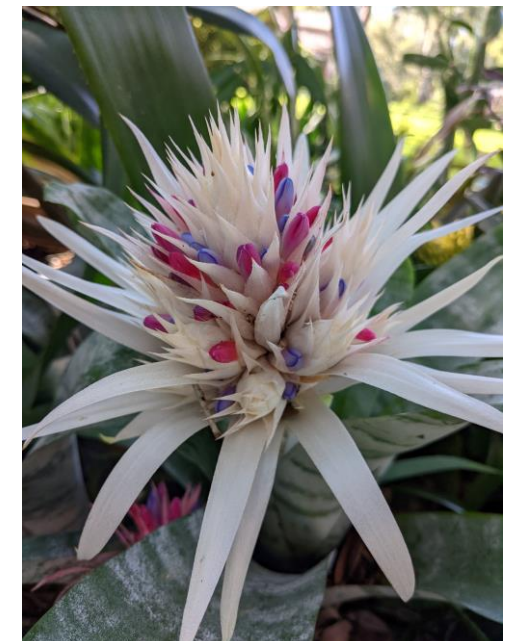
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August 20-21, 2022: 9-4 PM each day**



6/20/22 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Guzmania 'Tutti-Frutti' variegated



7/1/22 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Tillandsia funkiana by Cathy Schubert



7/6/22 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Aechmea fasciata 'White Spineless'