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Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society

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March 2016 Newsletter

**Meeting Announcement:
March 20, 2016 at 2 PM
200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford**

Our March meeting will feature a presentation by our fellow member Marty Folk on the topic:

Why Bromeliads?



In "Why Bromeliads?", Marty uses images from a large collection of personal photos to:

- outline a little history about how and when bromeliads were brought into captivity,
- give reasons why bromeliads have grown in popularity not only in Florida, but in many other states and countries,
- show why there are societies dedicated to the plants,
- explain how bromeliads are hybridized to enhance the variety, and
- cover other topics (some might surprise you) to provide an "appreciation of bromeliads" that will appeal to the beginner and expert alike.

Marty will bring bromeliads to sell.
There will be member plant sales.

Please bring your plants for Show & Tell and donate your extra ones to the raffle table to benefit our society.

Marty Folk's Bio

Marty's father shared a bromeliad with him 25 years ago and thus began his long-time hobby of growing these wonderful plants. He also grows other tropical plants such as orchids, ginger, and Heliconias; but bromeliads are his favorite.

Marty is active in the Bromeliad Society of Central Florida as well as the SBTPS. He was on the planning committees for the 2009 Extravaganza and the 2012 World Bromeliad Conference in Orlando and currently serves on the board of directors for the Bromeliad Society International.

Since retiring from a career in wildlife biology several years ago, Marty volunteers five days a week at a non-profit called *Give Kids the World Village* where kids with life-threatening illnesses (and their families) come from all 50 states and 75 other countries for a week-long dream vacation near the theme parks.



Bromeliads in front of Sanford Garden Club in February

President's Message

We had five plants that sold in the **Collector's Corner** auction at the February meeting: *Acanthostachys pitcairnioides*, *Aechmea fraudulosa*, *Dyckia jonesiana*, *Neo. chlorosticta*, and *Neo. 'Zoe.'* Most of these *collector plants* had multiple bids. Don't miss out—be sure to check out the auction plants this month.

--Greg Kolojeski

SBTPS T-Shirt

Every wardrobe needs a fashionable SBTPS T-Shirt. To order, just click on the following link: <http://www.cafepress.com/cp/customize/product2.aspx?clear=true&number=1712213202> or go to <https://www.facebook.com/SeminoleBromeliadSociety> and click on the link there. Be sure to take advantage of any discount coupons shown at the site.

You can order in any size with the design shown or make any changes you want to colors, fonts, text, and pictures. *Great to wear when you go to plant shows or even to the mall.* You may find that passers-by will question you about bromeliads or even ask for info about the SBTPS!



SBTPS T-Shirt (Front & Back)

April 16th & 17th will be the SBTPS Annual Spring Plant Sale, 9 to 4 on both days



February Show and Tell plant from George A.: *Orthophytum 'Warren Loose'*

Lani Berry & Jackie Vanhorn will provide refreshments for the March meeting.



Neo. 'Yang' from Paradiso Tropic at Feb. meeting

Interesting Facts about the Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society

The SBTPS By-Laws (dated Feb. 2009) provides for a "duel" membership. Since the dictionary defines duel as "a contest with deadly weapons arranged between two people...", that is quite a membership category!