



Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society

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September 2019 Newsletter

**Meeting Announcement:
Sunday, September 15th at 2 PM
200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford**

Our September meeting features Kenneth Stokes with his presentation: **What's in a Name?**



Kenneth's presentation will not be a boring lecture on nomenclature. Names and what they mean are important to Bromeliad collectors when they communicate. Real communication is only possible when the words mean the same things to both parties. This program will help the listener make sense out of all the long un-pronounceable names. Spelling, tag writing, and pronunciation will all be covered. Ken will also bring Bromeliads and other tropical plants for sale.

There will be no member sale at the September meeting other than our Members Silent Auction.

Please bring your plants to donate to the Door Prize Drawing and Plant Raffle for the benefit of the Society.

Refreshments for the meeting will be sponsored by Linda Acevedo-Vega and Lynette Taylor.

**Current Member Count:
SBTPS: 89; SGC: 94**

Kenneth Stokes bio

Kenneth is a life-long Floridian. He was born in Melbourne, moved to Miami as young man and was then transferred to Tampa by his employer to open a new business. He eventually started his own furniture manufacturing business, selling to the national interior design trade. He continues in the same field today doing antique restoration and operating a gallery of art, architectural and interior furnishings.

Following in the footsteps of his grandmother and mother, he has always been interested in plants. He began collecting wild plants as a child to put in their large rural garden. He now has an extensive collection of tropical plants in his south Tampa garden.

Kenneth has been involved in many plant societies and joined the [Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay](#) in 1995. He has also been a member of the [Sarasota Bromeliad Society](#) and has served in a number of positions in both. He has been doing public speaking for most of his life in business, religious and social organizations. He is also the author of four literary novels. He uses the skills he developed over the years to pull together fresh presentations, utilizing real examples to illustrate what is being said.

SBTPS 2019 Annual Fall Plant Sale:



President's Message

August Plant Sale

The **2019 Annual Fall Plant Sale** had our third highest ever sale results. It set records for the highest ever purchase by a non-member (\$830) and for even higher total purchases by a member. We had numerous volunteers with some of our newest members having a big impact. Some of our DeLand members instituted a ticketing process at the Holding Table that made sure that plants went only to those who placed them there. We even signed up 4 new members at the sale. Thanks go out to everyone who made this event such a huge success. Our next SBTPS plant sale will be April 18-19, 2020.

--Greg Kolojeski

Sanford Garden Club News

The SGC has been exploring options for replacing its window coverings (currently 20+ year old draperies). We had two company reps visit and prepare bids and will soon have a third rep stopping by as well.

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The September meeting will have a vote on SBTPS **charitable contributions** for 2019. Members will soon receive an email on this topic.

Florals Fantastica™

The SGC's new fundraiser is next month, Oct. 18-20, 2019. We should have a number of great displays including a **Wall of Bromeliads** and **Towers of Caladiums**. We need more displays and all members will soon be receiving an email with more information. Members pay no fee to enter a display and will also have free attendance while the general public will pay \$5 to gain entrance. Entry tickets for the event have already been ordered and outdoor signs will be ordered soon.

2019 Bromeliad Extravaganza in Orlando

The **Bromeliad Extravaganza** is just a few weeks away on September 20-22, 2019. Bromeliad sellers from across the state will be present with a wide variety of offerings. For more information, just go to BromeliadX.com.

World Bromeliad Conference 2020 in Sarasota

WBC 2020 is scheduled for June 10-13, 2020. Information is available at the WBC menu on the [BSI website](#) where you will find details on the international speaker lineup, conference registration, and the hotel. Private garden visits will now be included with two optional bus tours. One of the private gardens includes over 3,000 Bromeliads and 600 orchids with 27 sitting areas on 1½ acres.

Florals Fantastica: October 18-20, 2019



8/25/19 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Green Shell Ginger (Alpinia zerumbet)



8/26/19 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Neoregelia cruenta



8/13/19 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Bottlebrush Ginger (Hedychium coccineum)