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December 2024 Newsletter

Holiday Party Pictures from 2022

Holiday Party Announcement:
Sunday, December 15th at 1:00 PM
200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford

The December meeting will be our **Annual Holiday Dinner Party** where we get to exchange gifts and eat good food.



Plant Gifts at the 2023 Holiday Party

The Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society will be providing the main dishes (prepared by Dave Schubert) at the Holiday Party. This event is open to all members of the Sanford Garden Club and the Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society and their spouses, significant others, etc. There is no charge to members for this event.

There is still a little time left to sign up online and to select various dishes to bring. See the email sent to all members with this newsletter for more information.



We will, of course, have the ever-popular plant gift exchange. Everyone who wants to participate should bring a plant gift (Bromeliad(s) or other great tropical plant(s)—no Poinsettias) valued at \$20 or more. Wrap your present holiday gift-style in a way that it will be easy to open (go easy on the tape). It wouldn't hurt to put a note inside at the top with the name of the plant(s). We will draw tickets to determine the order to select and open the presents.

January 19th Meeting:
Jonathan Lallier
From Brilliant Bromeliads

Current Member Count: 139

President's Message

November Meeting

There were 48 attendees at our November meeting for Stephanie LaRusso's very informative *Bromeliad Whispering* presentation. She brought a lot of great plants and took very few home.

--Greg Kolojeski

Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society News

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Sanford Garden Club News

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SBTPS Membership Renewal

2025 Membership Dues are \$15 for an individual or \$20 for an annual membership. You may renew your membership online at <https://sbtps.square.site/> which is the recommended way of making your renewal. Email reminders will be sent out soon. If you joined this year in October or later, your 2025 membership is already included.

December Event at Nehrling Gardens

The Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society will have a booth at the [13th Annual Holiday Amaryllis Festival](#) at Nehrling Gardens in Gotha. This event will be held on Saturday, December 14, 2024 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. We will be there to promote the SBTPS and sell some Bromeliads. Early weather forecasts suggest that it will be a very nice sunny day.

2025 Bromeliad Extravaganza

The SBTPS and SGC Boards unanimously approved the hosting of the **2025 Bromeliad Extravaganza** which will be held on September 26-27, 2025 at a hotel near Disney. A hotel contract is under review and will be signed shortly. The registration fee will be \$125 and there will be a **special hotel rate of only \$85.80** plus tax. The hotel has a large meeting space area which will be used for the plant sale. Construction of an informational webpage is already underway.



11/25/24 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Neoregelia 'Gloriosa' (Skotak)



11/17/24 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Orthophytum 'Warren Loose'



11/29/24 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Neoregelia 'Cat of Many Colors' (Vinzant)
by John Boardman