



Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society

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August 2024 Newsletter

**2024 Annual Fall Plant Sale:
August 17th and 18th from 9 AM to 4 PM
200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford**

The SBTPS plant sale features a large selection of Bromeliads, Gingers, Orchids, and many other tropical plants.



Plants at the 2024 Spring Plant Sale

We have 29 members signed on as vendors so far and hope to have many more as volunteer helpers. Saturday morning will be particularly busy as customers will line up outside prior to opening and we will be quite busy all morning long. Then it will change to a more moderate but steady pace for the rest of the sale.

We will have the same wide aisles and controlled access (up to 45 customers at one time) that has worked so well at recent plant sales.

Be sure to wear your SBTPS logo t-shirts or polo shirts to the plant sale. It will make it easy for our customers to find someone knowledgeable to answer their questions.

August Plant Sale

The [Annual Fall Plant Sale](#) will be on August 17th & 18th. We will need volunteers for the many roles including cashiers, tag takers, carryout loaders (to help buyers take plants to their cars), and tropical plant experts to answer customer questions.

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 [Online Auction/Presale](#) runs from August 3rd at 9 AM to August 12th at 9 PM. Table setup will be on Thursday afternoon, August 15th from Noon to 3. Plant setup starts at 11 AM and ends at 3:30 PM on Friday, August 16th. There will then be a **Presale for Members Only from 4 to 6 PM on Friday, August 16th**. Members will be able to shop a day early without the crowds.

More Plants from the 2024 Spring Plant Sale



Current Member Count: 138

**September 15th Meeting:
Jason Mellica, Bromeliad Hybridizer**

President's Message

July Meeting

We had 60 attendees at our July meeting for a very informative hands-on presentation by John Boardman and Pam Marion with them bringing great plants as well. --Greg Kolojeski

Sanford Garden Club News

We had a work party (Barbara, Greg and Marion) at the Sanford Garden Club on July 29th with the work focused on weeding and thinning out of plants along Fairmont Drive and in front of the building in preparation for the August plant sale.

December Event at Nehrling Gardens

The Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society will again have a booth at the [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 able to promote the SBTPS and sell Bromeliads.



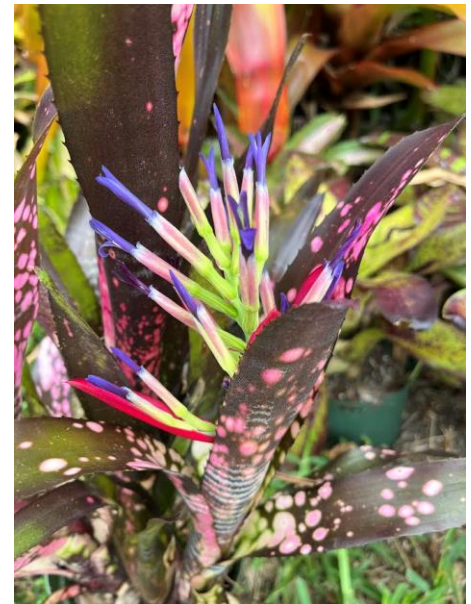
6/23/24 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Aechmea fasciata bromeliads by Mike Saunders



6/30/24 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Aechmea fasciata 'White Spineless' by Greg K.



7/25/24 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Neoregelia 'John Boardman' by John Boardman



7/9/24 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Billbergia 'Colorzone' by Sandi Wirth