



Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society

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September 2020 Newsletter

**Meeting Announcement:
Sunday, September 20th at 2 PM
200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford**

Our September meeting features
Jack Dunlop with his presentation:

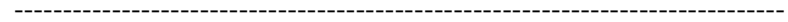
Getting to Know Honey Bees



Jack Dunlop bio

Jack Dunlop, Jr. is a Daytona Beach native who now lives in Ormond Beach. He is currently retired and was formerly a Florida general contractor and building official.

Jack's avocations include Koi keeper, orchid and bromeliad collector, and backyard beekeeper. He is a member of the UF Master Beekeeper program, Volusia County Beekeepers, Florida East Coast Koi Club, and the [Florida East Coast Bromeliad Society](#) where he is a current co-president as well as a rep to the [FCBS](#).



**9/6/20 Plant Picture of the Day:
Billbergia pyramidalis photo taken by Cathy in Orlando**

Refreshments for the September meeting will be provided by the SBTPS.

At the September meeting, we will practice social distancing and will require the use of face masks by all attendees.

Jack's presentation will cover a number of topics: Why are honey bees important to people? Are they endangered? What plants do they visit and why? Are Bromeliads dependent on them for pollination? How do they differ from other bees in Florida? What goes on in the hive? What is the life of the honey bee like? Do you want to be a beekeeper? And much more.

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

There will be a member plant sale as well as our usual Members Silent Auction.

**Current Member Count:
SBTPS: 100; SGC: 105**

**Member Garden Visits in DeLand:
October 18, 2020**

President's Message

August Plant Sale

We had a successful Annual Fall Plant Sale with 1,062 plants sold which was just slightly less than we sold in June. Our Saturday sales were actually up significantly, but our Online Auction and Sunday sales were down somewhat. We once again had a great turnout of members as volunteers and would like to thank all of you! At the sale, we also had a donation of \$250 made to the SBTPS in memory of Colin Green by James Hawkins who receives our special thanks!
--Greg Kolojeski

Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society News

The SBTPS Charitable Policy states that the "SBTPS (Society) intends to make appropriate charitable gifts on an annual basis in September when it has sufficient funds to do so." Due to a sharp reduction in garden club rental revenues due to COVID-19, the SBTPS Board (Greg, Sudi & Barbara) has voted 3-0 to recommend that no charitable gifts be made in 2020 and that recommendation requires a vote by the members at the September meeting. We hope to resume making charitable gifts in 2021.

We had a number of new members sign up (mostly during the plant sale) in August, so we now have 100 SBTPS members!

Sanford Garden Club News

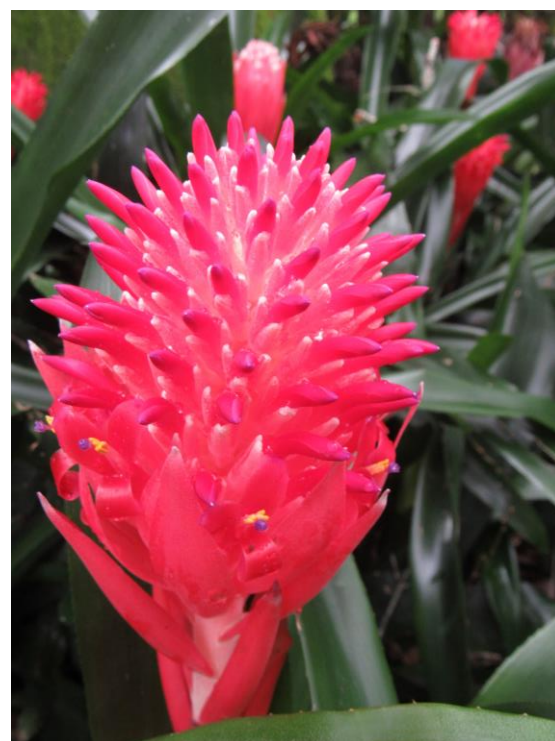
Although rentals are down this year, some events are being booked and held. One such Sept. event was threatened with a water turnoff. After being notified by Wildflower Circle member Paulette of what was not a small leak in a backflow valve, Barbara called Greg to notify the county utility dept. which he did on a Friday. They showed up and proceeded to shut the water off at the main meter valve and gave notice with a tag placed on the door. Lani called Greg on Sunday afternoon that renters had notified her that there was no water for their evening event. Greg called the county utility dept. and they were able to send out someone even though it was a holiday weekend. After Greg waited an hour at the SGC, the county rep showed up to explain the issues and turn on the metered water valve. The leak at the overflow valve was still present, but reduced to a trickle. On Labor Day, Greg returned to the SGC at Noon to shut off the backflow valve after the rooms were cleaned up by Joe, the cleaning person. Barbara scheduled a plumber for Thursday and Greg met him at the SGC to have the repair done.



9/5/20 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Costus lucanusianus 'Cameroon Queen'



9/9/20 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Neoregelia 'Sheba'



9/3/20 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Billbergia pyramidalis