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January 2025 Newsletter

**Meeting Announcement:
 Sunday, January 19th at 2 PM
 200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford**

Our January meeting features Jonathan Lallier with his presentation:
Brilliant Bromeliads 101



Jonathan's presentation will tell us why he believes Bromeliads are the most interesting plants in the world. He will bring many to sell.

Please bring your plants to donate to the Door Prize Drawing and Plant Raffle for the benefit of the Society. We will also feature the Members Silent Auction.

Our main course for this meeting's refreshment break will be furnished by the SBTPS. Members whose last names begin with the letters A through C are requested to bring side dishes.

Jonathan Lallier bio

Jonathan Lallier, a co-owner of [Brilliant Bromeliads](#), is a dedicated bromeliads enthusiast with a deep passion for cultivating and nurturing these fascinating plants in his own backyard. Over the years, he has developed an impressive collection of various bromeliad species, cultivating an environment that allows them to thrive.

Jonathan's love for these unique plants goes beyond just growing them; he is committed to sharing his knowledge and passion with the broader plant community. Whether through participating in local plant societies or hosting educational workshops, he is eager to inspire others to explore the beauty and diversity of bromeliads.

Jonathan's backyard has become a haven for these stunning plants, and he hopes to continue fostering a greater appreciation for their vibrant colors, intricate forms, and easy-to-care-for nature.



Scenes from the Nehrling Gardens Plant Sale in December



Plant Gifts at the 2024 Holiday Party

President's Message

December Holiday Meeting

We had a great time at our 2024 Holiday Party with about 54 attendees. Thanks go out to Dave and Cathy Schubert who prepared the main courses and directed the set up. And thanks to the many members who brought a fascinating selection of tasty side dishes. Dinner was followed by the plant gift exchange with a wide selection of very nice Bromeliads.

2025 will see the Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society hosting its first **Bromeliad Extravaganza** (which is sponsored by the [FCBS](#)). Then, in 2026 we will celebrate the *100th Anniversary* of the Sanford Garden Club. And then 2027 will find us celebrating the *50th Anniversary* of the SBTPS! --Greg Kolojeski

SBTPS Membership Renewal

2025 Membership Dues are \$15 for an individual or \$20 for a dual membership. **You may renew your membership now online at <https://sbtps.square.site/> which is the recommended way of making your renewal.** We will send out email reminders very soon. If you joined last year in October or later, your 2025 membership is already included.

April Plant Sale

The **Annual Spring Plant Sale** will be here before you know it. It will be held on **April 12-13, 2025**. Our April and August plant sales are believed to be the biggest Bromeliad plant sales by any bromeliad society in Florida.

Nehrling Gardens Plant Sale

The Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society had a booth at the **13th Annual Amaryllis Festival** in December at Nehrling Gardens in Gotha. There was a wide selection of Bromeliads for sale.

2025 Bromeliad Extravaganza

The SBTPS will host the **2025 Bromeliad Extravaganza** on September 26-27, 2025 at the Ramada Gateway hotel in Kissimmee. The hotel rate is only \$85.80 plus tax with free parking. *It is recommended that you book the hotel as soon as possible.* The registration fee of \$125 includes two dinners, early admission to the biggest Bromeliad sale of the year in Florida and admission to three seminars.

Detailed information about the Extravaganza is available at BromeliadX.com. One of three seminar speakers has been announced: **Leonardo M. Versieux** from Brazil! He is the editor of the recently published book, **Alcantarea Giant Bromeliads from Brazil**.

**February 19th Meeting: David Sand
Bromeliad Hybridizing**



**1/5/25 Plant Picture of the Day:
Guzmania lingulata variegated (Skotak)**



**1/7/25 Plant Picture of the Day:
Agave desmettiana 'Galactic Traveler'**



**12/11/24 Plant Picture of the Day:
Cordyline 'Exotica' (Ti plant)**

Current Member Count: 139