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Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society

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40th Year Anniversary: 1977-2017

April 2017 Newsletter

Annual Spring Plant Sale:
April 22 & 23, 2017 from 9 AM to 4 PM
200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford

Huge selection of bromeliads, heliconias, orchids, gingers, succulents and many other tropical plants for sale!
(Pictures from August 2016 Plant Sale)



President's Message

March Meeting

We had a great **40th Anniversary Celebration** meeting in March with a fantastic presentation by Bud Martin. It had the wonderful feeling of a family history presentation focusing on the SBTPS. There were 49 attendees and \$843 was raised in the silent auction for the benefit of the BSI. *Can't wait until Part II on October 15th!*

What's New for the Annual Spring Plant Sale?

We are expecting a great turnout for our plant sale on April 22nd and 23rd. With 17 vendors, we will have a wonderful selection of Bromeliads and other tropical plants. We also expect to have a lot more orchids available than in recent plant sales.

We will be accepting most credit and debit cards (all cards with Visa, MasterCard, Amex and Discover logos) like we did in August. However, *we will now also be accepting payments made in the form of Apple Pay, Google Pay and Samsung Pay.* If you have a card of some sort, we will likely be able to accept it to pay for the **many great Bromeliads and tropical plants that you just have to have!** (And we still take cash and checks.)

And, for the first time, we will have a booth outside. It will feature orchid and other plant supplies as well as unique metal plant holders that are available nowhere else. I have acquired a few of these planters myself and I expect that they will sell out!

Be sure to wear your 40th anniversary t-shirts to the plant sale!

New SBTPS Logo Items

We will have some new logo merchandise available at the plant sale. There will be a small number of spectacular *hanging decorative ceramic tiles* (8" x 8") for \$18 (retail value, \$35). We also hope to have some *men's polo shirts* (L and XL) with an embroidered logo for only \$18, if they arrive in time. If the embroidered logo looks as good as we expect, other items will become available soon as well.

Business Matter for May Meeting

We will have a vote at our May meeting on acquiring a new lockable steel storage cabinet. More info on this will be sent out in an email after the plant sale.

Speakers Needed

We recently had several requests for Bromeliad speakers from various garden clubs. These are usually mostly small gatherings of less than 20 attendees. If this is something you would be interested in doing, just send us an email.

Favorite Bromeliad

Check out the 'Dean' to the right (bloom started in March) →

**May 21st meeting: Tom Wolfe
Basic Bromeliad Cultivation**

March Work Party

Our March work party at the Sanford Garden Club had five attendees (Colin Green, Dianne Borde-Sutherland, Mike Sutherland, Barbara Whittier and myself) who accomplished a lot in just two hours.

One task was to thin out some Bromeliad beds and I was ready to do it one plant at a time until Mike let me know a better method—just dig out a clump and then separate the plants. You learn something new every day!

---Greg Kolojeski



Dianne, Mike, Barbara & Colin



Greg, Dianne, Mike & Colin



xAndrolaechmea 'Dean' in bloom