



Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society

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March 2022 Newsletter

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

Our March meeting will feature
our own members discussing

How to Prepare for a Florida Freeze.



Our members will discuss the freeze that many experienced this year and how they handled it. For some, it was the first freeze in 4 years. Some had little to no damage while other members had devastating losses.

*Please bring your plants to donate to the Door Prize Drawing and Plant Raffle for the benefit of the Society. **There will be a Members Market which means that members may bring plants to sell.***

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

April Plant Sale

It is time for members to start preparing plants to sell in April. Interest in quality plants continues to be high and we expect to sell a lot of plants.

The **Annual Spring Plant Sale** will be on April 23-24, 2022 which is a week later than usual since Easter is the previous weekend. We will need volunteers for the many roles including cashiers, tag takers, customer helpers (to help buyers take plants to their cars), and tropical plant experts to answer customer questions. More information about the plant sale will soon be sent out by email to all members.

We will once again have an [online auction](#). It will start on April 2nd at 9 AM and run through April 18th at 9 PM.

Every member qualifies as a *tropical plant expert* to some degree and plant buyers will 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.

New!

There will some big changes for the Friday preceding the sale. Setup will now commence at 11 AM and end at 3:30 PM. **There will be a Presale for Members Only on Friday, April 22nd from 4 to 6 PM.** You will be able to shop early and take your new plants home on Friday. Thanks go to Bonnie, our Plant Sales Chair, for proposing this idea.

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The new SBTPS T-shirts with logos on both sides will be available for distribution at the March 20th meeting. 18 members ordered and prepaid for 33 shirts. We will have a limited number of additional T-shirts available for sale at the March meeting and the April plant sale. Such trendy shirts are the perfect thing to wear to our plant sales and meetings and, for that matter, just about anywhere!

**Current Member Count:
SBTPS: 126; SGC: 129**

**Annual Spring Plant Sale:
April 23-24, 2022: 9-4 PM each day**

President's Message

February Meeting

There were about 100 attendees from 3 Bromeliad societies at our field trip to McCrory's Bromeliads. Evan conducted a wonderful tour and had plants offered for sale at very low prices. One of our members bought 92 plants!

The March issue of Tuscawilla Today has an exciting (well, it's exciting to me!) article titled [Meet Gregory Kolojeski](#) which is mostly about Bromeliads. It is only available online in March when it may be viewed or downloaded. --Greg Kolojeski

Sanford Garden Club News

We have already had two SGC Work Parties for landscape work in March. Thanks go to the volunteers: Marion Crim, Bonnie Friedrich, Joan King, Greg Kolojeski, and Barbara Whittier.

When you enter the Sanford Garden Club building for the March meeting, you won't recognize the place. The inside has a totally new look. All the public area walls have been painted a light gray, new baseboards have been installed and all the window coverings in the main room have been replaced with slate gray sheers. Special thanks go to Lani and Paula who came up with the design ideas and installed the new window coverings. The SGC Board agreed with all their ideas and voted 4-0 to fund the improvements.

SBTPS Membership Renewal

2022 Membership Dues are \$15 for an individual or \$20 for a dual membership. You may renew your membership at a meeting or mail your check to Sudi Hipsley, SBTPS Treasurer, 6616 Tuscawilla Dr, Leesburg, FL 34748-9190. If you joined last year in October or later, your 2022 membership is already included. All SBTPS members are also members of the Sanford Garden Club. *This is the last newsletter and meeting notification that can be sent to those who have not renewed.*

World Bromeliad Conference 2022

The Bromeliad Society International's **World Bromeliad Conference** is only three months away on June 8-11 in Sarasota. You can still register online at the [BSI website](#). If you are planning to attend, it is recommended that you make your hotel reservations at the Hyatt as soon as possible as some nights have very few rooms left with the hotel having no further availability once those rooms are gone. The BSI adopted a new logo this week as shown below.



3/1/22 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
African Iris (*Diets iridioides*)



2/21/22 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Neoregelia 'Royal Beauty'



3/4/22 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
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