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Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society

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July 2016 Newsletter

**Meeting Announcement:
July 17, 2016 at 2 PM
200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford**

Our July meeting will feature an informative and fun presentation by Terrie Bert on *Bromeliad ABC's*.



Terrie Bert

Terrie will bring a large number of plants in as many genera as possible. She will discuss how to grow them and then all the plants will also be available for sale! *Terrie's plant discussions will provide info on the care of each plant.* This presentation should be of great interest to members just beginning with Bromeliads as well as those with a lot more experience.

Terrie cultivates over 2,000 Bromeliads in 30 genera and is even rumored to have started growing some of them on her next door neighbor's property (with permission, of course!).

There will be no member plant sales.

Please bring your plants for Show & Tell and donate your extra ones to the raffle table to benefit our society.

The SBTPS will be providing the refreshments for July's meeting.

Terrie Bert's Bio

Dr. Terrie Bert is a longstanding member of the Sarasota Bromeliad Society (SBS) and the Caloosahatchee Bromeliad Society and has held multiple offices in the SBS. She also served the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies (FCBS) as a representative and officer for eight years and has authored articles for the FCBS Newsletter.

For the Bromeliad Society International, Terrie has been a Florida Director, chaired several international committees and contributed articles to the BSI Journal. Currently, she is Librarian, Curator of the Wally Berg Award of Excellence and a Master Judge.

Terrie has given over 150 presentations on bromeliads to numerous U.S. and international bromeliad societies and other groups and at international bromeliad conferences. She's won multiple top awards in local bromeliad shows and BSI world conferences.

Terrie has a Ph.D. in marine biology and is a research scientist for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.



Terrie's award-winning Tillandsia duratii at the 2016 World Bromeliad Conference in Houston

President's Message

June Meeting

I would like to thank Barbara Whittier for efficiently running the June meeting and George Aldrich for what I heard was a fascinating presentation. (*George: If you will give your presentation again at another nearby Society, I will be there!*).

Heliconia Blooms

Our July meeting will have a display of at least eight Heliconia blooms. The plant names will be covered up for the first part of the meeting and you will be encouraged to try to identify the plants they came from (with a list of the names provided). It's been a great year for Heliconias!

Collector's Corner Auction

At the July meeting, we will once again have a Collector's Corner silent auction with the funds from the sale contributed to the SBTPS. So remember to bring some special plants to contribute (no more than one plant per contributing member).

World Bromeliad Conference in Houston

The conference in Houston was fantastic! Our friendly Houston hosts had great speakers, a wonderful plant show, an excellent plant sale, phenomenal garden tours and a BBQ (at a Bromeliad nursery, of course), an entertaining auction and more. If you ever get a chance to attend a World Bromeliad Conference, you won't regret it. (It will be in San Diego in two years and in Sarasota two years later.)

Business Matters

Two business matters will be discussed and voted on at the July meeting. (It is anticipated that this part of the meeting will take no longer than five minutes.) Members will receive an email discussing the business matters in detail.

--Greg Kolojeski

Business Matters to be Voted On

Refreshment Policy

We are having increasing difficulty finding members to furnish the refreshments at our meetings. There is a proposal to provide two members who sign up \$20 each to defray the costs.

Projection Screen

We need a better projection screen for presentations at monthly meetings. The proposal is to spend up to \$250 for a high quality portable projection screen.

**Our Summer Plant Sale will be held on
August 20th and 21st.**



Another Terrie Bert's award winner at the 2016 Bromeliad World Conference: Tillandsia 'Samantha'



Still another Terrie Bert award winner: Neoregelia 'Chester'



One of member Lisa R.'s award winners at the 2016 Bromeliad World Conference: Cryptanthus 'Pink Starlight'