



Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society

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40th Year Anniversary: 1977-2017

January 2017 Newsletter

Meeting Announcement:
January 15, 2017 at 2 PM
200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford

Our January meeting will feature a presentation by Ray Lemieux: *Terrestrial Bromeliads*.



The presentation on **Terrestrial Bromeliads** will be a hands-on type of program where Ray will be discussing a variety of terrestrial genus, growing techniques, soil, watering, sunlight, basic requirements, and container choices. Ray will be happy to field any questions as they arise during his presentation. He will also be bringing some exciting plants to sell.

There will be no member plant sales at January's meeting.

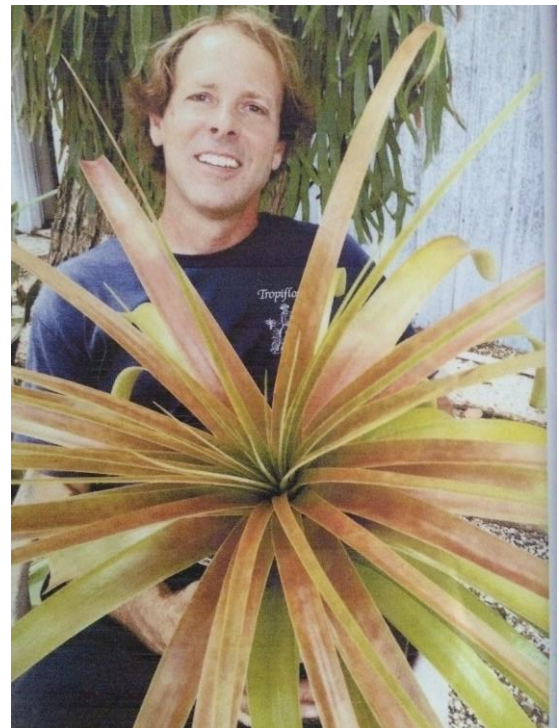
Please bring your plants for Show & Tell and donate your extra ones to the raffle table to benefit our society.

Lani Berry and Jackie Vanhorn will be providing the refreshments for January's meeting. We need volunteers for the March meeting (Each of the two volunteers now receive a \$25 allowance from the SBTPS).

Ray Lemieux Bio

Ray is a long-time succulent and terrestrial bromeliad grower at Tropiflora where he has worked for over 20 years. He is the most knowledgeable person at the nursery in the area of terrestrial bromeliads and succulent plants.

Ray has traveled to Mexico, Venezuela, Madagascar and Singapore for Tropiflora in search of plants. Ray is also a past president of the Sarasota Bromeliad Society where he has also held a number of other officer positions.



Membership Renewal

2017 Membership Dues are \$15 for an individual or \$20 for a dual membership. You can renew your membership at the meeting or mail your check to Sudi Hipsley, SBTPS Treasurer, 6166 Tusawilla Dr, Leesburg, FL 34748-9190. If you joined in October or later in 2016, your 2017 membership is already included. To stay on the membership roster and be able to participate in the April plant sale, payment should be made by the end of February.

President's Message

SBTPS 40th Anniversary

The SBTPS was founded in 1977, so 2017 is our 40th anniversary! We will have a special 40th Anniversary meeting on March 19th.

New *Blast from the Past* newsletter feature

We are combing through old newsletters and postcard meeting notices for interesting material to include in our 2017 newsletters. Happenings from the past at the SBTPS (and its predecessor, the Seminole Bromeliad Society) will be republished monthly during 2017.

December Meeting

I would like to thank Paula White for doing such a great job in putting together the December Holiday Party meeting! She was at the Sanford Garden Club three hours before the meeting to setup for the meeting. Paula also cooked two spiral hams. Thanks also go out to the 34 attendees at the meeting who brought such a great selection of food and presents. Our December Holiday Party is always such a wonderful event.

New Hospitality Chairman

Many thanks to Brunilda Wicker who has stepped-up to become our new Hospitality Chairman! The SBTPS Board has voted to increase the amount provided to reimburse members who bring refreshments to our monthly meetings in 2017 to \$25 per person (or \$50 total per meeting).

Sanford Garden Club

The SBTPS is one of three circles that make up the membership of the Sanford Garden Club. We are the largest circle and comprise about 80% of the total membership of the Sanford Garden Club. There was a change in the officer lineup of the Sanford Garden Club which was triggered when Butch Force resigned as president effective January 1st. The new president for 2017 is Barbara Whittier (formerly secretary) with Lani Berry becoming the new secretary. The complete lineup of members of the Sanford Garden Club Board may be found online at

<http://www.sanfordgardenclub.com/about.html>.

New SBTPS Logo

Design ideas have been submitted to the company we are using to help design a new logo. We will soon have several possible logo designs that will be emailed to all members for review and comments prior to our January meeting.

---Greg Kolojeski

Blast from the Past: Seminole Bromeliad Society

Next Meeting: Sunday, June 16, 1996 (Father's Day)

Program: "How I Grow Nidulariums" by Art Hyland

Postcard Notes by Carol Johnson, 6/9/96:

Business will include planning for August one-day Fantasy in Deland... Anyone who knows Alan Bennett, Please tell him to come to this meeting & pick up show plants he left in April.

Scenes from the December Holiday Party



**Feb. 19th meeting: Field Trip to
[McCrary's Sunny Hill Nursery](#)**

**[Spring Plant Sale](#) (not Easter Weekend):
April 22-23, 9-4 PM each day**