



Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society

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November 2018 Newsletter

**Meeting Announcement:
Sunday, November 18th at 2 PM
200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford**

Our November meeting features Greg Spak with his presentation: **Cold Hardy Bromeliads.**



As Greg Spak notes: “The bromeliads that survive our Central Florida conditions are the best ones to grow. Fortunately for us there are many.” Most Central Florida outdoor bromeliad growers have experience with wintering over their plant collection. This workshop is a facilitated discussion to tap into our combined experiences. Greg will also bring Bromeliads for sale. **There will also be a member sale at the November meeting in addition to our Members Silent Auction.**

Please bring your plants to donate to the Door Prize Drawing and Plant Raffle for the benefit of the Society.

Refreshments for the meeting will be provided by Dianne Borde-Sutherland and Gloria Johnson.

**Current Member Count:
SBTPS: 82; SGC: 87**

Greg Spak bio

The bromeliad bug bit me after attending my first Bromeliad Society meeting in 2003. I have tried, succeeded, and failed on many bromeliad specimens through the years leaving me with a practical approach to this hobby.

I have been a member of the [SBTPS](#), [BSCF](#), [BSI](#), and [FCBS](#), where I continue to learn about this fascinating family of plants. I find the real experts as curious as the layman, willing and accessible to discussion, even half a world away.



11/11/18 Plant Picture of the Day: [Aechmea penduliflora](#)



11/09/18 Plant Picture of the Day: [Aechmea 'Yellowstone'](#)

President's Message

October Meeting

We had 44 attendees at the October meeting. Dennis Cathcart had a fascinating presentation on *Succulents in South Africa*. Dennis and Linda also brought a number of great plants for sale including many Bromeliads as well as succulents.

The November meeting will feature elections for both the **Seminole Bromeliad & Tropical Plant Society** and the **Sanford Garden Club**. The current line-up of officers is shown at the top of the first page of this newsletter. You will notice that the comparable positions in both groups have the same names for most of the officers. This arrangement has worked out quite well over the past year; and since 94% of the Sanford Garden Club is now made up of SBTPS members, it makes a lot of sense as well. More information on who is running for 2019 will be emailed to all members this week.

--Greg Kolojeski

Sanford Garden Club News

The SGC Board voted 4-0 to approve \$285.05 for a local moving company to deliver a number of donated furniture items: a refrigerator, 4 large book cases (2 for the office and 2 for the back room), a file cabinet, 3 lockable storage cabinets, 2 tables, and a heavy duty cart. The items were delivered to the SGC on 10/24/18.

Elections

The November meeting features elections of officers for both the **Sanford Garden Club** and the **SBTPS**. Both groups will have elections for one year officer terms for 2019. This is the first time that elections for both will be held at the same time. Also, SGC officers' terms will be for one year rather than two years as previously was the case under the old bylaws. These changes were included in new bylaws that were adopted back in February.

To qualify as a member in good standing in order to vote, you must have attended at least two regular meetings as a member during the previous 12 months.

Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies

An [FCBS](#) meeting is held every four months and October's meeting was hosted by the SBTPS at Greg Kolojeski's house on Oct. 27th. Greg had a short presentation related to mosquitoes in Bromeliads based on updated information furnished by Dr. Howard Frank. By email, Dr. Frank had pointed out several articles to Greg including [Zika has all but disappeared in the Americas.Why?](#) and the CDC's [2018 Case Counts in the US](#) which notes there have been no Zika cases in 2018 (as of 10/3/18) in U.S. States from local mosquito-borne transmission. Based on suggestions by Dr. Frank, Greg will soon be making some additions to his article on the FCBS site: [Bromeliads are Safe](#).



10/22/18 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Beautyberry (Callicarpa Americana)



10/24/18 [Plant Picture of the Day:](#)
Tillandsia ionantha 'Fuego'



Donated Refrigerator

**December 16th Meeting at 1:00 PM:
Annual Holiday Party**