



Seminole Bromeliad and Tropical Plant Society

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September 2016 Newsletter

Meeting Announcement:
September 18, 2016 at 2 PM
200 Fairmont Dr., Sanford

Our September meeting will feature a presentation on “This and That Lessons Learned from 30 Years of Growing Plants” by Dave Johnston.



Dave Johnston's Bio

Dave started growing Bromeliads in 1985 and joined the [Bromeliad Guild of Tampa Bay](#) shortly thereafter. He was president of the Tampa club five times and served every position there except for secretary. Dave also was a representative to the Florida Council of Bromeliad Societies ([FCBS](#)).

Dave joined the Florida West Coast Bromeliad Society ([FWCBS](#)) in the late 1980's where he was president twice as well as being a director.

Dave's Bromeliad speaking began about 15 years ago as he was the in-house speaker on Bromeliads for [Sunken Gardens](#) in St. Petersburg for over a decade. Dave has given numerous presentations to Bromeliad societies over the last several years.

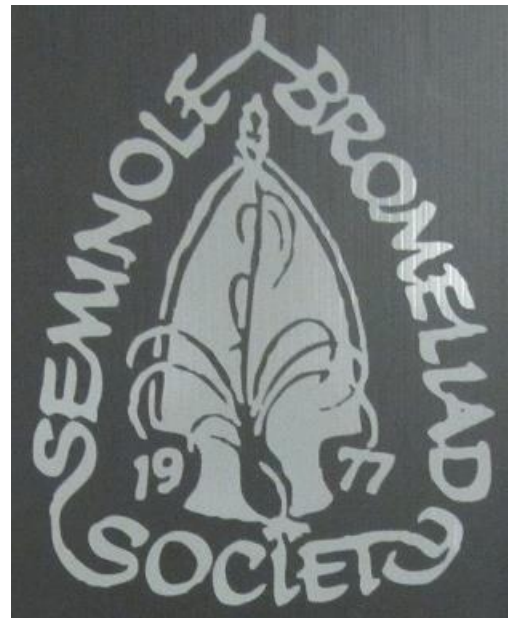
Dave will bring a number of great plants for sale.

There will be no member plant sales at our September meeting.

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

Ginny Fortenese will be providing the refreshments for September's meeting.

Original SBTPS Logo:



Current Logo:



President's Message

Fall Plant Sale

The Fall Plant Sale (held in August) was a great success with even better results than in April. Our newly implemented plant sales changes resulted in fast-moving short lines and a large number of credit card sales. Thank you to everyone who made the Fall Plant Sale such a wonderful success!

New Website

The Sanford Garden Club published a new website at <http://www.sanfordgardenclub.com> this summer.

As the largest society that is part of the Sanford Garden Club, we have a large presence at that site including our home page (enter [bromeliads.club](http://www.sanfordgardenclub.com/bromeliads.club) in a browser to go straight there), a [Plant Sales page](#), and a [Members Only page](#). Also included are links to our Facebook pages and a new SBTPS [Flickr photo page](#).

The Members Only page includes a number of PDF files (Member List with Email Addresses, Current By-Laws, and more) that are only accessible to members using the password that was sent to all members in an email. If you don't have the password, please send an [email request](#) for it.

SBTPS Blog: Bromeliadsblog

The SBTPS now has a blog site called [Bromeliadsblog](#). Anyone can view and comment on the Posts there. Any member who wants to Post can obtain Author status by [emailing](#) us. This would be a great place for members to post plant questions and plant pictures.

Collector's Corner Auction

At the September 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).

SBTPS 40th Anniversary

Our society was founded in 1977 as the Seminole Bromeliad Society which means 2017 will be our 40th anniversary! We are planning some special events to celebrate our 40th anniversary next year. More info to come!

Business Matters

No business matters are scheduled for discussion at the September meeting. Our October meeting will likely have a vote on acquiring a new logo for the SBTPS.

--Greg Kolojeski

Our October meeting will be on Oct. 16th.
Nov. 20th meeting: Brian Marsland from
[Exotica Tropicals](#)



A Great Selection at the Fall Plant Sale



Two Checkout Locations



Saturday Morning Shoppers